

# Parish of Newtownards and Comber Pilgrimage to Rome, Loreto and Assisi



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## PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, LORETO AND ASSISI



September 12 – 19, 2022

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### HOW TO BOOK:

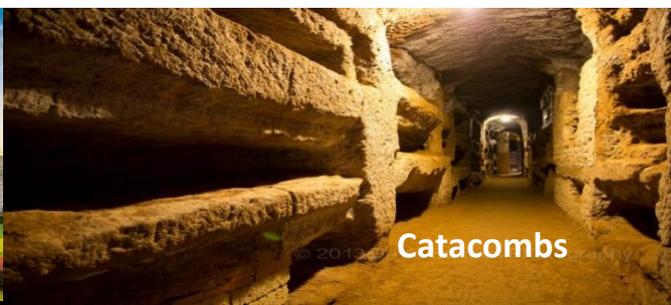
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€995 per person sharing in double/twin room

Please note this itinerary may be modified in the best interest of the group

Coach tour of Rome by night ■ General Audience with Pope Francis ■ St. Peter's Basilica ■ Catacombs  
■ St Paul's Basilica ■ Trevi Fountain ■ Spanish Steps ■ Pantheon ■ Piazza Navona ■ Colosseum ■  
Loreto (House of Our Lady) ■ Assisi (Basilica of St Francis and Basilica of St. Clare)



**PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, LORETO & ASSISI, Sep 12-19, 2022****Your trip includes**

- ❖ Round trip flights with Aer Lingus (Dub-Rome-Dub)
- ❖ All airport taxes and fuel surcharge
- ❖ Local tourist tax
- ❖ 20kg checked-in luggage
- ❖ 10kg hand luggage
- ❖ 4 nights in a 3-star hotel in Rome on a B&B basis
- ❖ 3 nights in 3-star hotel in Alba Adriatica on a HB basis
- ❖ One 4-course dinner while in Rome with wine & music
- ❖ Rome by night coach tour
- ❖ Transfers as per itinerary
- ❖ Transportation by air-conditioned coach
- ❖ Full time accompaniment
- ❖ Sightseeing and admission fees as per itinerary
- ❖ Guided tours of all places visited

**Not included**

- ❖ Lunches
- ❖ Tips for hotel staff and drivers

**Optional**

- ❖ Single room supplement of €280
- ❖ Entrance fee to Catacombs (8 euro p.p.)
- ❖ Travel insurance – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!  
Please see our booking form for Accident & General Travel insurance Gold Cover

**Day One, MONDAY**

Check-in at Dublin Airport by 1.30pm. Our flight departs for Rome at 4pm. On arrival you will be taken by coach to our three star hotel. Check in. Free time for dinner in the area.

**Day Two, TUESDAY****Catacombs, St. Paul's outside the Walls, St. Peter's, Night Tour, Trevi Fountain**

After breakfast our coach will take us to visit the Catacombs of St Callixtus (entrance fee €8 per person). These were the official burial tunnels of the first Christian community in Rome and contain the most ancient examples of Christian art, as well as the tombs of popes and martyrs. Celebration of Mass. We will then visit St Paul's Outside the Walls. This magnificent Basilica was once the largest in the world. The sarcophagus of St Paul is now visible since the 2008 excavations. Free time for lunch upon return to the hotel. At 4.30pm, we will visit St Peter's Basilica and see all the principal sights including the *Pieta* of Michelangelo and the tombs of St Peter and St John Paul II. This evening we will have our night tour of the city by coach including a four-course dinner in a restaurant along the way. The tour will include a visit to the Trevi Fountain.

**Day Three, WEDNESDAY****Papal Audience, St Mary Major, Pantheon, Piazza Navona**

Today we will have a general Audience with the Holy Father (depends on his health/schedule and cannot be guaranteed). Free time for lunch and rest. In the afternoon, we will visit St Mary Major basilica, the most important church in Rome dedicated to Our Lady. Pope Francis lays flowers in front of an icon here before and after every foreign visit. Celebration of Mass. Later, we will visit the Pantheon, ancient Rome's best preserved monument. Once a temple dedicated to all the gods, it is now a church. Free time for dinner in the area around Piazza Navona. Return to the hotel.

**Day Four, THURSDAY****St John Lateran, Irish College, Colosseum, Trastevere, San Paolo alla Regola**

This morning we will have Mass in St John Lateran, Cathedral of Rome and Mother Church of the world. Afterwards, visit the Irish College where men have been trained for priestly ministry in Ireland since the 1600s. Then we will make our way to the Colosseum where we will have a tour from the outside. This amphitheatre was completed in the year 80 AD. Many Christians were martyred in the arena and it is now the setting for Stations of the Cross with the Holy Father every Good Friday. Free time for lunch and return to hotel. At 5pm our bus will drop us along the Tiber. We will then walk to the church of San Paolo alla Regola where St Paul was imprisoned and wrote some of his letters, including Ephesians, Philippians and Timothy. Free time for dinner in the area of Trastevere and return to hotel by 10pm.

**Day Five, FRIDAY****Check out of hotel in Rome, transfer to Adriatic**

Leisurely morning. Check out at 10am. Load coach and transfer to Alba Adriatica on the east coast. This involves one of the most beautiful drives in Italy across the Apennines (motorway all the way). Check in to our three star hotel where we will stay three nights on a half board basis (buffet breakfast, four course dinner with wine included). Our hotel is located on the seafront. There are miles of clean beaches here and a promenade ideal for walking and cycling. The hotel provides bicycles. The location for our Mass celebration today will be decided later. Dinner and overnight.

**Day Six, SATURDAY****The House of Nazareth at Loreto**

After breakfast, excursion to the Marian shrine of Loreto (one hour drive). At the time of the Crusades, the house of Our Lady at Nazareth was dismantled and rebuilt at Loreto. It is believed that in this house the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would become the Mother of Jesus. All the archaeological evidence supports the view that this house once stood in Nazareth. It is one of the most historic and venerable shrines in the world, embellished by popes for many centuries. Mass in the Basilica. Time afterwards for lunch and shopping in the beautiful town of Loreto. Return to hotel. Rest of the afternoon free. Dinner and overnight.

**Day Seven, SUNDAY****Excursion to Assisi, St Francis' Basilica, St Clare's Basilica**

After an early breakfast, two hour drive to Assisi. First we will visit the Basilica of St Clare, which contains the tomb of this great saint and spiritual friend of St Francis. Continue to the central square of Assisi, studded with ancient monuments such as the ancient Temple of Minerva (now a church) and the beautiful medieval town hall. Free time for lunch. During this time, people can visit the Cathedral of St Rufino where St Francis and St Clare were baptised. We will then walk to the other end of Assisi and visit the Basilica of St Francis, adorned with the frescoes of Giotto and containing the tomb of St Francis. Celebration of Mass. Return to our hotel by 8pm. Dinner at the hotel.

**Day Eight, MONDAY****Return to Ireland**

A leisurely breakfast and check out this morning. A suitable (and interesting!) itinerary will be planned for today. Transfer to Rome airport (two and a half hours) for return flight with Aer Lingus to Dublin. Flight arrives in Dublin at 11pm.

