

Rahan, Mucklagh & the Island

Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi, Loreto & the Adriatic Coast

MYRIAM
Tours

Sep 24-30, 2024

€ 995 p.p.s.

Led by Fr Michael Whittaker and Fr Frank Guinan

- The Holy House of Our Lady - **Loreto**
- Shrine of the Holy Face in **Manoppello**
- The beautiful city of **Ascoli Piceno**
- St Francis' and St Clare's Basilicas in **Assisi**
- All coaching and tours
- 6 nights on the sea in **Alba Adriatica**
- 10 kg checked-in luggage
- Bed, breakfast & dinner daily

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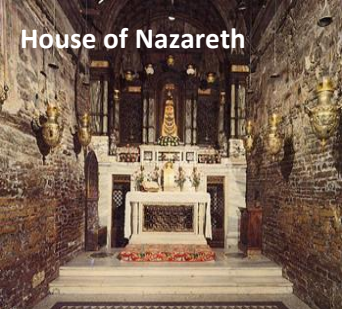
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INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF €995 p.p.s.

- Return Aer Lingus flight (Dub-Rome; Rome-Dub)
- 10kg check-in luggage
- 6 nights in 4-star hotel in Alba Adriatica, HB
- Water and wine included at all meals
- Full time accompaniment & religious programme
- All coaching & guided tours as per itinerary.
- Transfers to/from Dublin airport from Rahan.
- Assisi, Ascoli Piceno, Loreto and more!

EXTRA COSTS

- Single room supplement of €240, if applicable.
- Lunches

OPTIONAL

- Travel Insurance – strongly recommended
- 20kg checked luggage: €84

BOOKINGS

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1. Phone us to pay a deposit of €300 per person (debit card only), or send a cheque made out to MYRIAM, to Newtown, Rahan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, R35 XC86.
2. Those who did not travel with us in 2023 will need to fill out a booking form.
3. If you are requesting a single room, or travel insurance, please include the appropriate supplements with your deposit.
4. Accident & General offers travel insurance at the following rates:
Under 70 years old: 20 euro; Ages 70 -74: 50 euro;
Ages 75-79: 60 euro; 80 and over: 75 euro

This is a sample itinerary. Some modifications may be made for the benefit of the group.

Day One, Tuesday

Arrival in Italy

Afternoon departure from Dublin airport on direct flight to Rome with Aer Lingus. Transfer to Alba Adriatica (2 ½ hour drive) on the Adriatic coast. Check in at our 4-star hotel on the seafront where we will stay for 6 nights on a half-board basis (drinks included). Dinner.

Day Two, Wednesday

Alba Adriatica

This morning we will have an orientation tour of the town, followed by Mass in the parish church of Santa Maria in Villa Fiore near the hotel. Rest of the day free to enjoy the beautiful beach (one of the cleanest and longest in Italy), go shopping, or use the bikes supplied free of charge by the hotel. Alba Adriatica has an exclusive cycle path that follows the sandy coastline for miles. Dinner and overnight.

Day Three, Thursday

House of our Lady of Nazareth of Loreto

Excursion to the Marian shrine of Loreto (just over one hour drive). At the time of the Crusades, the house of Our Lady at Nazareth was dismantled and rebuilt at Loreto. It was in this house that the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would become the Mother of Jesus. All the archaeological evidence supports the belief that this house once stood in Nazareth. Celebration of Mass. Time afterwards for lunch and shopping in the beautiful town of Loreto. People will have time to go back into the basilica which has many ornate chapels decorated by well-known artists from the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Return to hotel. Rest of the afternoon free. Dinner and overnight.

Day Four, Friday

Ascoli Piceno

This morning we will visit the beautiful and historic town of Ascoli Piceno. This Roman city stood at the end of the famous Via Salaria, the salt route from the Adriatic. One of the largest Franciscan churches in Italy stands in the heart of the town. The central square is considered one of the most beautiful in Italy. Return to Alba Adriatica by about 3pm. Rest of the afternoon free. Dinner in the hotel.

Day Five, Saturday

Assisi

Day trip to Assisi, one of the most beautiful and historic places in Italy. Our visit will include the basilica of St Clare with her tomb and the famous crucifix that spoke to St Francis. Free time in the central square of Piazza del Comune, filled with ancient buildings including a Roman temple from the time of Christ (now a church). Mass in the basilica of St Francis, a church adorned with some of the most important artworks in the country, including Giotto's frescoes on the life of the Saint. The tomb of St Francis, patron of Italy, is in the crypt. Return to the hotel for a late dinner.

Day Six, Sunday

Free Day

Day at leisure. We will celebrate Mass in the parish church near the hotel. Rest of the day free. For those interested, there will be an optional excursion by coach to a nearby shopping centre. This has a self-service restaurant, large supermarket and other shops. For those who remain in Alba Adriatica, there are many restaurants on the seafront available for lunch. Dinner at the hotel.

Day Seven, Monday

Manoppello, Departure

Breakfast. Check out at 10am. Visit the Church of the Holy Face in Manoppello, a beautiful shrine in the care of the Capuchins. It houses a veil that many believe was one of the two burial cloths of Jesus (the other is the Shroud of Turin). Scientific analysis has shown many correspondences between the veil and the Shroud. Continue to Rome Airport for our evening flight to Dublin with Aer Lingus (flight times to be confirmed later).