

# Newtownards & Comber Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi Apr 2-9, 2024



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## PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

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### Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

€1050 per person in a double/twin room

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#### HOW TO BOOK:

We can take your booking over the phone. Please have passport and debit card at hand when you ring. To book we will need a non-refundable deposit of 300 euro per person (plus single room supplement if applicable).

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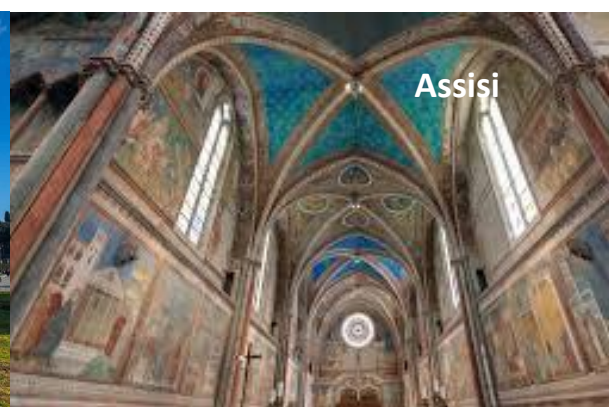
**Rome** Some highlights and night tour by coach ■ **Assisi** (St Francis, St Claire, Blessed Carlo Acutis) ■ **Orvieto** (Eucharistic Miracle) ■ **Spoletto** (stunning Cathedral of the Assumption of Mary) ■ Full religious programme ■ Full time accompaniment ■ ... **and much more**



Spoletto



Rome



Assisi

## 8-day pilgrimage to ROME and UMBRIA, Apr 2-9, 2024

### Your trip includes

- Round trip flights with Aer Lingus (Dub-Rome-Dub)
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharge
- Italian tourist tax
- 10kg checked-in luggage
- Small on-board item such as backpack/handbag
- 2 nights in 3\* hotel – Rome
- 5 nights in 3\* hotel in Assisi-S.M. d. Angeli
- Breakfast daily
- 5 dinners included in Assisi
- Transfers by private coach as per itinerary
- Full time accompaniment
- Sightseeing and admission fees as per itinerary
- Organization of full religious programme

### Not included

- Lunches
- Dinners while in Rome
- Tips for hotel staff and driver
- Single room supplement – (280 euro)

### Optional

- Travel Insurance – STRONGLY RECOMMENDED! Please contact a Northern Ireland travel insurance provider.
- Additional 20kg checked luggage – 84 euro

### Day One, Tuesday

### Arrival in Rome

Check-in at Dublin Airport for our afternoon flight to Rome. On arrival you will be taken by coach to our 3-star hotel in Rome city centre. Check-in and free time for dinner in the area of the hotel.

### Day Two, Wednesday

### Some highlights of Rome

After breakfast we will visit some of the sights of Rome, including a number of basilicas and baroque squares. Given that our time in Rome is short, we wish to avoid places that involve long queues. As the time of travel approaches, today's itinerary and venue for Mass will be worked out in detail. In the evening we will have a night coach-tour which will include some of the most famous landmarks of Rome, such as the Colosseum, Tiber Island and the Ghetto, St Mary Major and St John Lateran, the Holy Stairs and much more. Free time for dinner.

### Day Three, Thursday

### Departure from Rome, Arrival in Assisi

After breakfast we will check-out of hotel and load the coach. We will proceed to our three-star hotel in the town just below Assisi, not far from the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli. Inside the basilica is located the little chapel of the "Porziuncola". This was the first permanent home of the Franciscans and the place where St Francis died. After checking in at the hotel and a little rest, we will have a walking tour of the area followed by Mass in the nearby Basilica. Dinner at the hotel. Excursion to the high part of Assisi after dinner.

### Day Four, Friday

### Full day in Assisi, Basilica of St Francis, Basilica of St Clare, Blessed Carlo Acutis

Full day in Assisi. Assisi is renowned as the birthplace of Saint Francis and St Clare. The Basilica of St Francis houses the saint's tomb and is adorned by the frescoes of Giotto. We will also visit the Basilica of St Clare, and the church of St Mary Major with the body of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Mass will be celebrated in this church, which is also the place where St Francis renounced his father's inheritance and began living by the providence of his heavenly Father. Back to our hotel for dinner.

### Day Five, Saturday

### Spoletto

After breakfast we will visit one of the best-known Italian towns in Umbria, Spoleto. Once a Roman town, it has many archaeological remains. The Cathedral of Spoleto is a wonderful example of Romanesque architecture. Fresco masterpieces by Filippo Lippi (late 1400s) on the life of the Virgin Mary adorn the central apse. Mass in the Cathedral. Return to Assisi in the early afternoon. Dinner at the hotel.

### Day Six, Sunday

### Cascia

This morning, after breakfast we will board our coach for Cascia. Here we will visit the **tomb and monastery of St Rita**. St Rita was a wife and mother before entering the Augustinian convent. Her beautiful shrine is one of the most popular in central Italy. Mass. Free time for lunch. Return to Assisi. Dinner.

### Day Seven, Monday

### Day at leisure

Day at leisure. There is a weekly market in Santa Maria degli Angeli every Monday. Excursion to the high part of Assisi after dinner.

### Day Eight, Tuesday

### Departure

After breakfast we will check out of our hotel, load our coach and make our way to Orvieto. Orvieto is famous for the **Eucharistic Miracle** that prompted the Pope to introduce the feast of Corpus Christi. The relics of the miracle are conserved in a splendidly frescoed chapel of Orvieto Cathedral. Mass. Free time for lunch. We will then board our coach again and head to Rome airport for our evening flight.

*\*It is our intention to follow the itinerary as outlined above. However, due to factors like local holidays, traffic or weather conditions, it may be necessary to change the order of events or even the cancellation of certain events.*

