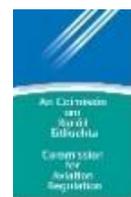


Parish of Rahan, Mucklagh & The Island Pilgrimage to Rome & San Giovanni



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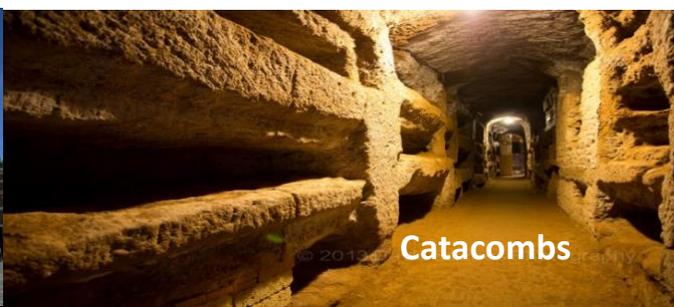
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San Giovanni Rotondo



Catacombs



Colosseum



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- ❖ Round trip flights with Ryanair (Dub-Rome-Dub)
- ❖ All airport taxes
- ❖ Local tourist tax
- ❖ 20kg checked-in luggage
- ❖ 4 nights in a 3-star hotel in Rome on a B&B basis
- ❖ 3 nights in 3-star hotel in San Giovanni on a HB basis
- ❖ One 4-course dinner while in Rome with wine
- ❖ 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 (apart from 2)
- ❖ Tips for hotel staff and drivers

Optional

- ❖ Single room supplement of €245
- ❖ Entrance fee to Catacombs (10 euro p.p.)
- ❖ Travel insurance – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!
Please see our booking form for Accident & General Travel insurance Gold Cover

Day One, SATURDAY

Check-in at Dublin Airport by 9.10 am. Our Ryanair flight departs Terminal 1 for Rome at 12.10pm. On arrival you will be taken by coach to our three-star hotel near the Vatican. Check in. Orientation tour of the area, including a walk to St Peter's Square. Free time for dinner in the area.

Day Two, SUNDAY**Papal Angelus, St Mary Major, Pantheon, Piazza Navona**

Today we will have the Angelus 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 Three, MONDAY**Catacombs, St. Paul's outside the Walls, St. Peter's, Night Tour**

After breakfast our coach will take us to visit the Catacombs of St Callixtus (entrance fee €10 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 *Pietà* 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.

Day Four, TUESDAY**St John Lateran, 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. The heads of Saints Peter and Paul are conserved in the canopy above the main altar. 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, WEDNESDAY**Transfer to San Giovanni, Eucharistic Miracle at Lanciano**

Check out at 10am. Load coach and transfer to San Giovanni on the south-east coast. This involves a beautiful drive across the Apennines (motorway nearly all the way). Lunch along the way. We will visit the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano. 1200 years ago, a priest who doubted the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist found that the elements of bread and wine had changed into real flesh and blood. The relics of the miracle are still preserved – a fact that defies scientific explanation. Check in to our three-star hotel where we will stay three nights on a half board basis (buffet breakfast, three course dinner with wine included). The location for our Mass celebration today will be decided later. Dinner and overnight.

Day Two, THURSDAY**Tour of the Sanctuary, The tomb of Padre Pio**

This morning we will visit the English Office where we will watch a video on Padre Pio and have a cup of tea. Blessing with one of his mittens. Tour of the sanctuary, including the cell where he died and the Cross in front of which he received the stigmata. Lunch at the hotel (included). In the afternoon we will have Mass in the Old Church where Padre Pio celebrated Mass and heard confessions. We will also visit the new church with the body of Padre Pio and the impressive mosaics of Fr Rupnik which depict biblical scenes, as well as events from the lives of St Francis and Padre Pio. Dinner at the hotel.

Day Three, FRIDAY**The Shrine of St Michael at Monte Sant'Angelo**

After breakfast, we will visit the shrine of St Michael Archangel by coach (45-minute drive). St Michael appeared in a cave here a number of times over the centuries. The beautiful chapel of the cave has been visited by popes and saints over the centuries, including St Francis of Assisi. Lunch at the hotel (included). In the afternoon, for those interested we will do the high stations of the cross in the hill above the church of Our Lady of Graces. Dinner. Overnight.

Day Eight, SATURDAY**Return to Ireland**

Check-out at about 8am. Transfer to Rome airport for return flight with Ryanair to Dublin. Flight arrives in Dublin at 7pm.

This itinerary is a sample and may be changed in the interest of the group

