A PILGRIMAGE
TO
ASSISI & ROME

11 - 21 September 2017
With the Revd Canon Tom Bill

Four nights in Assisi and six in Rome combining worship and sightseeing, departing from Manchester.
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‘After I have been to Jerusalem, I must also see Rome’ (Acts of the Apostles).

In this pilgrimage we encounter some of the great saints who have shaped western Christianity. We begin in Assisi where we stay for four nights in the medieval walled city, home of St Francis, set amidst the peace and tranquillity of the Umbrian countryside. Our visits include the famous Basilica of St Francis, the church of St Clare, Santa Maria degli Angeli and other pilgrimage sites in and around the town as well as a day out to Lake Trasimeno.

We drive to Rome, stopping en route to visit the beautiful hilltop town of Orvieto. We have six nights in the Eternal City where we focus on the city’s patron saints, Peter and Paul. A comprehensive programme of sightseeing is included featuring the major sites of ancient and imperial Rome and the Vatican City and we will have the opportunity to participate in the weekly papal audience.

TOUR INFORMATION

The cost of this 11 day tour is £1,895 per person sharing a twin or double room and includes many items normally extra on a holiday.

In Assisi we stay at the Monastero San Giuseppe guest house and in Rome at the three star Tra Noi guest house not far from St Peter’s Basilica. All rooms have private facilities. The tour is on a half board basis with continental breakfast and evening meal taken at the guest houses.

We will travel in our own air-conditioned coach and our Italian tour manager will meet us on arrival and stay with us throughout our journey. All entrance fees are included as well as British air passenger duty and all other airport taxes. Flights are with Jet2 from Manchester Airport to Rome.

The only extra that will be added to your invoice is the insurance premium of £39. Any special requests should be printed on the booking form.

You should also budget on an amount of approximately €55 for the group gratuity fund, to be collected in Italy by the tour leader.

A limited number of single rooms are available at a supplement of £225 (please read our note 'Travelling Alone' overleaf).

A deposit is payable now with the balance due eight weeks prior to departure.

Final departure information will be sent two weeks prior to departure.

TO MAKE A RESERVATION

To reserve your place on this tour please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with a deposit of £200 plus the insurance premium of £39, to the tour leader at the address opposite. Please make cheques payable to ‘McCabe Pilgrimages’.

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Monday 11 September | ASSISI
Fly from Manchester to Rome with Jet2. Flight LS791 departs at 07:15 and arrives at 11:10. Transfer to our guest house in Assisi for four nights.

Tuesday | ST FRANCIS’ BASILICA
Our walking tour of Assisi includes St Francis’ Basilica (Eucharist) with its famous Giotto frescoes, the Basilica of St Clare and the Church of Santa Maria degli Angeli.

Wednesday | THE HERMITAGE
We visit the monastic complex of St Damian where St Francis heard the words ‘Rebuild my Church’. After a break for lunch we drive up to St Francis’ hermitage where we spend time in the peace and solitude of his retreat. The rest of the day is free to explore Assisi at our leisure.

Thursday | ISOLA MAGGIORE
This morning we drive to Lake Trasimeno and sail to Isola Maggiore, its only inhabited island, where in 1211 St Francis spent the 40 days of Lent. We have time to relax and reflect in this peaceful location with an opportunity to walk around the island as well as spend some time on the beach. In the afternoon we sail back to the mainland and return to Assisi.

Friday | ORVIETO
We drive through the beautiful Umbrian countryside to the city of Orvieto, perched high on a cliff edge and once a major centre of Etruscan civilisation. Take the funicular railway up to this medieval city to visit its impressive Gothic cathedral. After a lunch break we continue to Rome. Six night stay at our guest house close to St Peter’s.

Saturday | CLASSICAL ROME
Our walking tour of Rome starts with the church of San Clemente with its magnificent frescoes. Its 12th century basilica is built on top of a 4th century church which was built right next to a 3rd century temple, providing a fascinating insight into early Christian Rome. Walk down to the Colosseum set beside the Palatine Hill, the Via Sacra, the Roman Forum and the Arch of Titus; the heart of Ancient Rome. After a lunch break we walk to the baths of Trajan and the Pantheon, ending our afternoon at the Piazza Navona.

Sunday | ROME
We join the Anglican church of All Saints for worship and then drive to Castel Gandolfo, the pope’s 17th century summer palace. Continue to the 16th century Villa d’Este in Tivoli, famous for its terraced hillside Italian Renaissance gardens and prolific fountains.

Monday | THE VATICAN
This morning we visit the Vatican museums and the Sistine Chapel, Michelangelo’s masterpiece. After a lunch break, we visit the great Basilica of St Peter and the crypt, burial place of the Popes.

Tuesday | EARLY CHRISTIANS
We travel along the Appian Way, the route Peter and Paul would have taken entering Rome, to visit the Catacombs, originally the burial chambers of early Christians. We drive back to Rome, past the church of Domine Quo Vadis to the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls. Join the lunchtime Eucharist at the Anglican Centre and remain here for lunch (donation of €15). Our afternoon visit is to the Basilica and Baptistry of St John Lateran. Tonight we enjoy a scenic drive round floodlit Rome stopping at the Trevi fountain. Dinner will be at a local trattoria.

Wednesday | PAPAL AUDIENCE
In the morning we join the Papal Audience. Afternoon free.

Thursday 21 September | HOME
We depart after breakfast for our return flight: Jet2 flight LS792 departs at 12:00 and arrives back into Manchester at 14:05.

There will be a fair amount of walking involved but we are planning this pilgrimage to be accessible to everyone. If this is a concern, please speak to the tour leader or call the McCabe office.
McCABE PILGRIMAGES

Our pilgrimage is being organised in association with McCabe Pilgrimages, a company well-known in church circles and recognised as Britain’s foremost religious tour operator. McCabe has been responsible for organising hundreds of pilgrimages to the Bible Lands with churches from all over Britain for more than 30 years. The company is a member of AITO and is fully bonded with the Civil Aviation Authority.

TRAVELLING ALONE

Many of our passengers travel alone and object to expensive single room supplements. McCabe Pilgrimages will accept individual bookings on a ‘guaranteed share’ basis. We charge the basic price and accommodate you with a person of the same sex also requesting shared accommodation. If we do not find someone to share with you, you will be accommodated in a single room at only 50% of the usual single room supplement. For single travellers who do require single accommodation this should be requested when booking and, if available, the normal supplement will be payable.

PASSPORTS, VISAS AND HEALTH

Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months after the time of this pilgrimage. If you need a new passport apply early as there can be considerable backlogs at the passport offices. Visas are not required for British or other EEC passport holders. No inoculations are required. We do, however, advise you to consult your doctor regarding your own personal requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

A unique feature of the McCabe recommended policy is that you will not need to call a medical help line to discuss health issues. Most pre-existing health conditions are covered as long as your doctor agrees that you are fit to travel.

Travel insurance is arranged by Global Travel Insurance Services Ltd for McCabe Travel Ltd who are an Appointed Representative of Global Travel Insurance Services Ltd, authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Our status can be checked on the FCA Register by visiting www.fca.org.uk or by contacting the FCA on 0845 606 9966. This Insurance is underwritten by ERV. ERV is authorised by the Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht (BAFIN – www.bafin.de) and the Prudential Regulation Authority and subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority.

It has been specifically designed so that it covers all McCabe holidays; protecting you in full if you have to cancel and providing you with the very best and most effective protection if you are unfortunate enough to require medical attention whilst away. Standard exclusions apply and are listed on the summary document. Please check that you are not affected by the Main Health Exclusions. You will not be covered for any ongoing tests or treatment of an undiagnosed condition, or for any terminal illness, or if you claim as a result of a condition arising within the past twelve months.

Note that you will pay an excess of £1,000 on any claim that results directly from a pre-existing medical condition. In our experience a very few claims result from pre-existing medical conditions. With this policy you are covered with no declaration of health required.

A full policy wording will be sent to you with confirmation of your booking, or ask us and we will send you a copy now. Full details are also on our website. If you would like more information or are unsure of any details, please call Global Travel Insurance Services Ltd for further advice on 01903 235042. This insurance is only available to persons who are permanently resident in the UK.

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