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**ST COLUMBA'S PARISH, CULLODEN - PILGRIMAGE TO ROME
SUNDAY 08 - THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 2017
GROUP LEADER – FATHER DOMENICO ZANRE**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

VERY IMPORTANT NOTES – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- 1. THE MAXIMUM HOLD BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE PER PERSON IS 15 KG OUTBOUND/22KG RETURN JET2**
- 2. 10KG HAND LUGGAGE. ONE PIECE OF HAND LUGGAGE MEASURING 55x40x20cm IS PERMITTED AND ALL EXCESS WEIGHT WILL BE PENALISED/CHARGED**
- 3. OUTBOUND, YOU ARE ALSO PERMITTED ONE HANDBAG WITH RYANAIR MEASURING 35x20x20cm. ON THE RETURN, YOUR HANDBAG MUST GO INSIDE YOUR ONE PIECE OF HAND LUGGAGE.**
- 4. ANY LIQUIDS CARRIED IN YOUR HAND LUGGAGE MUST NOT EXCEED 100ML PER ITEM AND MUST BE CARRIED THROUGH IN CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS. YOU ARE ADVISED TO PUT TOILETRIES IN YOUR MAIN CASE**
- 5. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE A VALID 10 YEAR PASSPORT AND ALL ESSENTIAL MEDICATION IS IN YOUR HAND LUGGAGE**
- 6. ALL ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT MUST BE FULLY CHARGED OR IT MAY BE CONFISCATED BY SECURITY AT THE AIRPORT**

SATURDAY 07 OCTOBER - EVENING

2315 Coach arrives at St Columba's Catholic Church, Murray Rd, Culloden, Inverness IV2 7PW (Tel: 01463 794619) to pick up group. Load coach and depart for Edinburgh.

Coach supplied by Park's of Hamilton Tel: 01698 303733

DAY ONE – SUNDAY 08 OCTOBER – TRAVEL DAY/ST PETER'S/HEART OF ROME

0425 Check in at Ryanair Check In area at Edinburgh Airport. The check in is done with self serve electronic stations but a Ryanair representative will supervise.

0625 Departure of Ryanair FR6681 to Rome Ciampino Airport. No in-flight meal but light refreshments and snacks can be purchased on board the aircraft.

1030 Arrival at Rome Ciampino Airport (local time). Your transfer coach will meet you outside the Arrivals Hall for your transfer to the **CASA AUXILIUM** where you will stay for **4 nights** on a bed and breakfast basis.

COACH COMPANY

The coach company for your pilgrimage is **MORICONI COACHES – CONTACT LUIGI VERDECCHIA** Office Telephone – 00 39 0633623345 or Mobile.00 39 3469402258

DAY ONE – SUNDAY 08 OCTOBER – TRAVEL DAY/ST PETER’S/HEART OF ROME

The coach will do a short panoramic city tour on the coach en route to the Residence to introduce you to some of the most famous landmarks – Coliseum, Forum, Papal Basilica, Castel Sant’Angelo and St Peter’s.

The contact details for the Residence are as follows:

CASA AUXILIUM PONTIFICIO ISTITUTO MAESTRE PIE FILIPPINI
Via Giuseppe Missori 19, 00165 Rome. Tel: 00 39 06 63 52 01 (from the UK).

The Casa Auxilium is a Religious Residence located just a 10 – 15 minute walk from St Peter’s Square. All bedrooms have en suite facilities and there is a breakfast/lounge room where you can relax. They also have a private Chapel which you are free to use for morning/evening prayer or for private meditation and pleasant gardens.

The Residence is run by an Order of Religious Sisters and they request that you return to the Residence each night before 2300h.

1300 Approximate time of arrival at the Casa. Free time to settle in and unpack.

1400 Mass will be celebrated in the Residence chapel and then you will stroll down to St Peter’s Square and Basilica for an orientation visit.

Continue by metro from Ottaviano Metro Station to Flaminio Station, for a leisurely introduction on foot to the historic centre of this magnificent city. This will include:

Piazza del Popolo – Spanish Steps – Trevi Fountain – Gregoriana – Pantheon – San Luigi dei Francesi – Piazza Navona

Dinner together in the evening at ‘Da Vito e Dina’, Via degli Scipioni, 50
– Tel. +39 06 3972 3293. **To be paid by pilgrims.**

DAY TWO – MONDAY 09 OCTOBER – ST PETER’S/VATICAN GARDENS AND MUSEUMS/ST PAUL’S OUTSIDE THE WALLS

St Peter and St Paul: “The Pillars of the Church”

0700 Early breakfast at the Residence.

0740 Depart Residence to walk to St Peter’s Basilica. Opportunity to visit the Basilica before Mass (Altar/ Chair of St Peter/ Pietà Statue, etc).

0845 Mass at the altar of St John Paul II in St Peter’s Basilica. Immediately after Mass, continue to the Vatican Museums entrance for pre-booked visit to the Museums and Gardens with an official Vatican Museums guide (Middle entrance).

1000 Pre-booked visit to the Vatican Gardens and Museums.

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Free time for lunch nearby (Green Bar / Bar opposite the CDF).

After lunch, continue by metro to visit the magnificent Papal Basilica of St Paul’s outside the Walls.

Free time for dinner and remainder of evening at leisure.

DAY THREE – TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER – CATACOMBS/OWN SIGHTSEEING

The Early Christians

- 0830 Breakfast at the Residence.
0915 Depart by public transport to the Catacombs.
- 1100 Mass in the Garden Chapel at the Catacombs of San Callisto, the ancient Christian burial grounds on the Via Appia.
- 1145 Guided visit in English by one of the official Guides.
The contact details are:
Anna Bulfon, Catacombe San Callisto, Via Appia Antica, 126, 00179 Rome Tel: 0039 06 5130151
- 1245 Return by public bus to the Piazza San Giovanni in Laterano.

Free time for lunch and shopping.
- 1500 Meet at agreed meeting point for afternoon tour with Fr Domenico around the ancient part of Rome. Visits this afternoon will include:

Coliseum

This was the first permanent amphitheatre to be built in Rome, and is one of the great architectural monuments built by the ancient Romans.

Roman Forum

The most important public forum in ancient Rome.

Basilica of San Clemente

The 12th century Basilica of San Clemente is administered now by the Dominican Order. Centuries of Christian faith are explored in the *scavi* (excavations under the Basilica) as well as through the magnificent frescoes and art contained in the Basilica itself.

Remainder of later afternoon is free for own sightseeing, and to have dinner.

DAY FOUR – WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER – PAPAL AUDIENCE/PAPAL BASILICAS/FINAL DINNER

PAPAL AUDIENCE TICKETS TO BE COLLECTED BY FR DOMENICO FROM THE BRONZE DOOR AT ST PETER'S EITHER AFTER 3PM ON TUESDAY OR BEFORE THE AUDIENCE

- 0645 Early breakfast at the Residence.
0715 Depart to walk to St Peter's Square.
0900 Papal Audience in St Peter's Square led by Pope Francis.

Free time for an early lunch and shopping after the Audience in the Borgo Pio, close to the Vatican, and then transfer by public transport across Rome for an afternoon visit to the Papal Basilicas.

- 1515 Mass together in the Cappella Sistina in St Mary Major's Basilica, the largest Marian church in Rome. The contact details are:

Fr Gregory, Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore, Piazza di S. Maria Maggiore, 42, 00100 Rome. Tel: 00 39 06 698 8680

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1630 Continue to the Basilica of St John Lateran (Rome's Cathedral) and the Scala Sancta.

1930 Final dinner together in La Cabana, close to Piazza Venezia.

**The contact details are: Ristorante "La Cabana", Via del Mancino 7/9 00187 Rome.
Tel 00 39 6 6791190**

Own arrangements to return to the Residence.

DAY FIVE – THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER – RETURN HOME

0645 Depart to walk to St Peter's Basilica.

0715 Final Mass together in the Vatican Grottos near the Tomb of St Peter (Cappella Irlandese). This is a very special experience and complete silence is requested on entry.

0800 Return to the Residence for breakfast.

0900 Join coach at Residence for transfer to Rome Fiumicino Airport

1015 Check in to Jet2 Desk for return flight to Glasgow Airport. You are advised to have something to eat at the airport.

1215 Departure of flight LS136 to Glasgow.

1440 Arrival at Glasgow. Collect luggage and rejoin coach for transfer to Culloden with en route stop in consultation with the driver.

2100 Approximate return time to St Columba's Culloden.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Please ensure that you have the following documents in your hand luggage:

- **Valid 10 year passport**
- **Current EHIC card**
- **Travel Insurance Policy supplied by Alba Tours or other**
- **All essential medications which you will need for the journey**