

Pilgrimage to Rome: Monday 26th to Thursday 29th October 2009

Day 1 We fly to Rome, where we are met by a representative. To start our pilgrimage we visit the Basilica of St Paul's Outside the Walls (for an hour's visit). Following this visit we will have a light lunch (not



included) and then visit the ancient Christian Catacomb of San Callixtus where we will celebrate Mass. We then make our way to our hotel. Upon arrival at the hotel we check in and enjoy some free time (depending on flight time). Evening dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 3 After breakfast we may be transported by bus (depending on the location of our accommodation) to attend the Papal General Audience in St Peter's Square (if the Pope is in Rome). For those who are up to the walking and who would instead like to see more of Rome Fr Allen will lead a walking tour of the central area of Rome – beginning in St Peter's Square taking in the Castel San Angelo, the Pantheon, Piazza Navonne, and the Trevi Fountain. After lunch (not provided) those who have attended the General Audience have the opportunity to join the group on the walking tour for a visit to the Coliseum (entrance fees not included) and the Forum. The afternoon will end with a celebration of Mass at the church of the Carceri where, by tradition, St Paul was imprisoned. Alternatively the afternoon is free to relax, to explore or to do some shopping in the local area. Evening dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 2 After breakfast, we are joined by a guide with bus transportation for the day (09.00), and start by visiting the Catacombs. and start by visiting the Basilica of St John Lateran and the nearby



We then continue on to visit the Scala Sancta. We will then visit the basilica of San Clemente and the excavations under it, which reveal a Christian basilica of the 6th Century and under this a still more ancient Christian 'domus' We will celebrate Mass at San Clemente. After a break for lunch, we take our final visit of the day to the Basilica of St Mary Major. Evening dinner and overnight in Rome.



Day 4 After an early light breakfast, we are met by a courier and maybe transported by bus first for an early morning Mass in St Peter's basilica. This will be followed by (depending on location of accommodation) for a guided visit of the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Gardens. (Our courier will introduce us to an official Vatican guide for the morning and leave us here). We then have free time to spend in the Vatican Museum. (There is a restaurant in the Vatican Museum if group members wish to stay all day rather than going out for lunch). Evening dinner and overnight in Rome. After lunch our visit to Rome will end with a visit to Santa Sabina and the nearby gardens with fine views over the river Tiber. We then travel to Rome airport where we are assisted with check-in for our return flight.

