

23rd January 2018

Fr D Seward The Oratory 25 Woodstock Road Oxford OX2 6HA

Dear Fr Seward

# Re: Pilgrimage to Rome, Cascia, Assisi and Loreto

With reference to your recent request, I am now able to quote as follows:

I have held rooms at the Hotel Domus Carmelitana in Rome, this hotel is very central and has a very good roof terrace where you can relax in the evenings. They are holding 4 x singles and 18 x twins on option until 13th February.

Hotel delle Rose, San Giovanni - rooms held

Hotel in Assisi - awaiting confirmation Hotel in Loreto - awaiting confirmation

#### Monday 17th September

Depart from either Manchester or London Heathrow:

London:

Dep	art	07.00	Arrive Rome	10.30
Dep	art Rome	18.45	Arrive LHR	20.25

Manchester:

Depart	07.15	Arrive Rome	11.10
Depart Rome	12.10	Arrive Man	14.15

Upon arrival in Rome meet with coach driver and transfer to Hotel in Rome for 3 nights' accommodation on half board basis at Hotel Domus Carmelitana.

### Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th September

A full programme will be organised for you whilst in Rome including a local walking tour, a half day tour of Rome to visit such sites as St John Lateran, St Mary Major and Catacombs, and tickets included for the Papal Audience.



### Thursday 20th September

Breakfast and check out of hotel.

Transfer by coach to Cascia for one night stay on half board basis.

On arrival in Cascia visit the Shrine of St Rita – inside the Basilica of Saint Rita lies her body as well as relics of hers including the Crucifix from which she received the Stigmata.

## Friday 21st September

Breakfast in Hotel.

Transfer to Assisi for 2 night stay on half board basis.

Enroute to Assisi visit Norcia - birthplace of St Benedict.

Upon arrival visit the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli which houses the Porziuncola. Lunch locally,

Check in to hotel for evening meal.

# Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Breakfast at hotel.

Visit to historical centre of Assisi, with guided tour and Mass at either St Francis or St Clare Basilica. Lunch in local area.

Afternoon visit to Church and Convent at San Damiano, where St. Francis first received his miraculous calling and where St Clare died in 1253.

Return to Hotel for evening meal.

## Sunday 23rd September

Breakfast and Check out of hotel.

Celebrate mass in Assisi before departing or upon arrival in Loreto.

Upon arrival in Assisi visit the Holy House.

The Holy House of Loreto is alleged to be the house where Mary was born and raised, and where an angel told her she would be the mother of Jesus. The first historical mention of the 'Santa Casa' appears when Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, learned of its existence and had a church built around the house in order to protect it

Evening meal at Hotel

### Monday 24th September

Breakfast at Hotel.

Transfer to Isola del Gran Sasso – 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour transfer South to visit the Sanctuary San Gabriele.

At the end of the day transfer back to Loreto for evening meal.

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#### Tuesday 25th September

Breakfast and transfer to airport for return flights to UK.

Please note we would have to transfer whole group together – otherwise it would necessitate a second coach. However the Manchester flight is much earlier than The Jet 2 flight so we would have to look at possible options here which may incur extra costs. We could look into an earlier BA flights.

PRICE: GROUND PACKAGE ONLY - not including flight price

Minimum 30 paying passengers £792 per person based on 2 people sharing £745 per person based on 2 people sharing

Single Room Supplement: £210 per person (first 3 rooms)

Maximum no of singles at this price: 9
Travel Insurance £37 per person

Above prices to include Airport transfer on arrival in Rome plus 1 x half day coach tour and then full coaching for the remainder of the tour once the group leaves Rome, half-board accommodation based on shared rooms with private facilities, 1 x ½ day tour in Rome with local guide, 1 x ½ day tour in Assisi and San Giovanni with local guide. Tangney Tours Pilgrimage badge and assistance from a courier throughout the Pilgrimage.

The price also includes two free places based on single room, but not including travel insurance.

The prices calculated are for ground package only and the relevant flight price should be added.

Please note I have obtained a group quote from Jet for £185 per seat – I cannot hold these seats and once booked we have to pay an immediate £30 per person deposit and final payment and any reduction in numbers will be 10 weeks prior to departure.

For those travelling from London I can currently quote a group price of £175 per seat – once held BA groups agents will allow approx 6 weeks before a deposit is payment – normally around £50 - £60 per seat for this route, with balance payment due 8 weeks prior to departure.

The Hotel Domus Carmelitana would require a €750 deposit by 13<sup>th</sup> February, as mentioned above. We are of course happy to pay this on your behalf provided you are aware that you are liable for this should the tour not proceed.

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We would then require from each passenger a £200 deposit and full balances would be due 10 weeks prior to departure (to coincide with Jet 2 requirements) I am able to supply booking forms, terms and conditions and advertising posters should you so require.

I do hope the above is of interest to you and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

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