



proudly presents a travel package to the

Beatification of Pope John Paul II

Wed, April 27 - Tue, May 3, 2011

Day 1: Toronto to Rome Wed, April 27, 2011 We will be meeting all of our group participants in Toronto today. We will join Alitalia for our non-stop flight to Rome. Meals will be served in flight. Upon arrival in Rome, our coach and driver will meet us.

Day 2: Rome Thu, April 28, 2011 Welcome to Rome! Meet with your Tour Design Tour Manager who will assist the group to the waiting chartered motor coach for a transfer into Rome. Enjoy a panoramic tour of Rome's highlights, stopping at sights such as the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and Piazza Navona. This evening we will celebrate Mass with our fellow pilgrims and enjoy a welcome dinner together at our hotel or Religious House. (Dinner)

Day 3: Rome Fri, April 29, 2011 This morning we will first tour the Vatican Museums which house what can be described as the most important collections of art in the world. The history and awe surrounding the galleries and all the treasures they contain will truly transfix us. Highlights include -The Tapestry Gallery, The Raphael Rooms, and The Sistine Chapel where we will gaze on Michelangelo's incredible masterpiece. We will also enter St. Peter's Basilica which has the largest interior of any Christian church in the world and which has been described as the reason Rome is still the center of the civilized world. Tradition and historical evidence hold that St. Peter's tomb is directly below the altar of this basilica, which American Ralph Waldo Emerson described as an ornament of the earth... the sublime of the beautiful. Next we will have the chance to marvel at Bernini's beautiful bronze canopy and Michelangelo's Blessed Mother holding her crucified son, known as the Pieta.

This afternoon we'll have the opportunity to celebrate Mass together at one of the Major Basilica's and will have a chance to tour St Mary Major, St John in Lateran and St Paul Outside the Walls. Dinner will be together as a group at our hotel or Religious House tonight. (Breakfast and dinner) **Note that daily breakfast at hotel is buffet style, at religious house is continental)*

Day 4 Rome Sat, April 30, 2011 Today we'll have the opportunity to visit some of the ancient sights of Rome including the Forum and Coliseum. Its real name was the Flavian amphitheatre, after the emperor who built it in the first century after Christ. "Coliseum" refers to the colossal statue of Nero that once stood at its entrance. Originally, on this spot was a pool, around which was built Emperor Nero's famous "Golden House". The Coliseum served as the center for violent sports and traditionally as the site of martyrdom of many Christians. Also view the Pantheon, Baths of Caracalla, and Palatine Hill. This afternoon you'll be free to explore Rome independently. Some might want to sit quietly at an outside café to take it all in while others will want to shop and savor the flavor of the "Eternal City". We'll celebrate Mass together this evening before dinner at our hotel or Religious House. (Breakfast and dinner)

Days 5 Rome Sun, May 1, 2011 This morning Pope Benedict XVI will preside over the beatification rite for John Paul II at the Vatican which we have come to Rome to attend. The process of beatification, or declaring the late pontiff to be "blessed", is a crucial step towards making him a saint. John Paul II died in 2005 after a papacy of nearly 27 years. The Vatican credits him with the

miraculous cure of a nun said to have had Parkinson's disease. Church officials believe that the Polish pope, who himself suffered from the condition, interceded for the miraculous cure of Sister Marie Simon-Pierre, a Frenchwoman in her late forties. She has said her illness inexplicably disappeared two months after John Paul II's death, after she and her fellow nuns had prayed to him. Church-appointed doctors agreed that there was no medical explanation for the curing of the nun. Up to a million people are expected to gather in Rome for the beatification. This afternoon we'll have a chance to visit one of the Catacombs, the underground burial site of many early Christians. The Catacombs are south of Rome beside the Via Appia Antica. Owing to laws forbidding burials within the city of Rome, the Appian Way became lined with many tombs. Until the middle of the 2nd century there were no ceremonies for Christians so pro Christian families would make land available for burial of their fellow Christians and relatives. Due to the lack of space and the need for secrecy, when there was no more room on one level, excavation began on a lower level. The Pope strongly urged the faithful to pray at the Martyrs tombs, so they also became meeting places for the faithful. Dinner and overnight together at our hotel or religious house this evening. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 6: Rome to Assisi Monday May 2, 2011 Assisi, the site of many a pilgrimage, lies in the Umbria region of Italy on the eastern flank of Monte Subasio. It is a very special spot on earth linked in legend with its native son, St. Francis, a gentle saint who founded the Franciscan order and is remembered as a great lover of nature (his sermon to an audience of birds is one of the best-loved sermons of his life). While in Assisi, we celebrate mass and explore the huge 13-century basilica which contains many of the possessions of St. Francis and a series of frescoes depicting his life. We will also visit the church of Santa Mary Of Angels, as well as the Basilica of Santa Chiara (St. Clare), where St. Clare who founded the Order of Poor Clares, followed in the humble ways of St. Francis. We end our tour of Assisi by visiting the tombs of St. Francis and St. Clare before heading back to Rome for our evening meal and our last night's stay. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 7: Rome to Toronto Tuesday May 3, 2011 Having celebrated the Beatification of Pope John Paul 11 and savoring our love for Christ and Church, we go back to our homeland with renewed faith and readiness. We leave our hotel and head to the airport for our return flight to Canada. (Breakfast and meals in flight)

Package Price

Choice of 2 accommodation : Hotel Parco Tirenno or Religious House Ancelle Della Carita

Parco Tirenno	\$2,679	Two to room.
Ancelle Della Carita	\$2,579	Cost per person In Canadian Dollars

Included in the tour cost:

- Round trip non-stop airfare with Alitalia Airlines -Toronto-Rome-Toronto
- Beautification of Pope John Paul 11
- 5 nights accommodation at the Parco Tirenno or Religious House Ancelle Della Carita in Rome
- 5 breakfasts and 5 dinners
- Round trip transfer by private coach from Rome to Assisi
- All transfers
- Full guided tour in Assisi – includes St Francis Basilica, St Clare Basilica and church of Santa Mary of Angel.
- Guided city tour of Historic Rome includes admission to the Coliseum and the Roman Forum
- Guided tour and admission to the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel and Catacombs.
- Daily Mass
- Tour Manager

Not Included in the tour cost:

- Airport Taxes – approximately \$350
 - Optional Travel Insurance - RBC Travel Insurance Deluxe Package
- Pricing: inclusive of taxes.
 Ages 50-59: \$181.44 Ages 60-64: \$211.68, Ages 65-69: \$259.20
 Ages 70-74: \$342.36. Over age 74 available upon request.

Deposit

- Deposit of \$300 per person + insurance upon booking NON REFUNDABLE
- Final Payment due by March 11, 2011

Cancellation Charges

- Between date of booking and March 11, 2011 \$300 deposit non refundable
- Between March 12, 2011 and date of departure 100% of the tour cost
- Deviation fee: If you wish to alter your air arrangements and extend your stay, deviation fee of \$200 per person applies plus any additional charges for airfare.
- Revisions: \$50 handling fee per transaction for alterations and revisions after initial confirmation. Spelling corrections to client's names after tickets have been issued will be subject to airline change fees. When booking, names must be as per your passport.

Passport

You require a valid passport to travel on this tour. It must be valid for six months after your departure date from the last destination.



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