

St Peter's Parish Pilgrimage - May 2022

We are planning a Parish Pilgrimage after the end of the Covid Lockdown, in thanksgiving for being spared, and to pray for those whom we have lost or who are still suffering the after-effects of this Pandemic. Travel restrictions prevent us doing this just now, so we plan to go in May 2022. We have narrowed choices down to two locations, Lourdes or Rome, but we need you help to decide which to choose.

Here is some information on both venues (based on this year's information). Prices (**approximate** at this stage) are for a party of 20. Please look at both, and if you are interested fill in and return (or email) the slip at the bottom as soon as you can so we can make a choice. We will then get full details before we ask you for a commitment in August (deposit £250pp). Balance 10 weeks before departure.



Lourdes - 4 Nights, Flights Heathrow or Stansted

Hotel Beau Site - Full board
£670pp incl flights (£120 Single room supplement)
Travel Ins £39pp (or your own)
Lourdes airport transfers included
Possible itinerary to include:
Daily Mass
Guided tour of Lourdes
Eucharistic Procession
Candlelight Procession
International Mass (Underground Basilica)
Grotto Mass in English
Way of the Cross
Baths
Optional excursion to Bartres (E11)
English speaking courier



Rome – 5 Nights, Flights Heathrow

Hotel Emmaus (Near St Peter's): £881
Hotel Atlante Garden (Near Castel St Angelo): £957
Both hotels: Half Board (incl evening meals at local restaurants) £185 Single Supplement. Flights included
Travel Ins £39pp (or your own)
Rome Airport Transfers included
Possible itinerary to include:
Half day tour of local area (incl. coach)
Visit historic and religious sites in the city (e.g. Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, the Forum, Parthenon, Colosseum, Spanish Steps)
(Very central hotels - most city sites walkable)
Daily Mass (St Peter's or local churches)
English speaking courier
Supplementary charges:
Tour of St Peter's Basilica (£18)
Vatican Museums tour (£38)

Comparison:

Rome is clearly substantially more expensive than Lourdes: but it is a full day and night extra, and Rome is a big city with higher prices. But there is so much more to see in Rome we would need the extra day. More detailed itineraries will come when we decide which city to go for. But to get these prices we do need 20 pilgrims, so your support is vital. We need to **decide which venue in the next 2 weeks** so please reply quickly for your vote to count!
Note: COVID Cancellation - Full refund if flights cancelled and destination hotels closed due to COVID.

Reply to Terry Kinsman: Email kinsman@macrolevel.co.uk Phone 01622 730119, **or to Father Geoff**

We are interested in the Parish Pilgrimage. Number of people: (.....)

Please indicate which options you would support in order of your preference (1st, 2nd, 3rd or No):

a) Lourdes - Bel Site Hotel (.....) b) Rome - Hotel Emmaus (.....) c) Rome - Hotel Atlante Garden (.....)

Name, Address, Phone Number and Email:

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..... (see over for more Hotel details)

Lourdes or Rome?

The two very different locations are reflected in the respective prices. Lourdes hotels are mainly aimed at the touring pilgrims, whereas Rome hotels are much more aimed at the international tourist. General prices are also likely to be higher in Rome.

Hotel Beau Site, Lourdes ***

36, Avenue Peyramale, 65100 Lourdes, Website: <http://www.lourdeshotelbeausite.com>

We stayed in this hotel on our Lourdes pilgrimage in 2014. It was a very pleasant tourist hotel, we had no complaints and would be happy to go there again. All of Lourdes is within easy walking distance.

Rome

Both hotels are quite central as Rome is a big city. But even so, most of the main attractions in Rome are within walking distance of each other. A large part of the centre of Rome is fully pedestrianised - even busses and taxis are not allowed in, but there are good bus services which route round the centre to make access easier.

Though we have a choice of hotels, we would not want to split the pilgrimage so would only go to the more expensive 4 star one if everyone supported it.

In both the Rome hotels, the main evening meal will be at a restaurant, not in the hotel.

Hotel Emmaus ***

Via Delle Fornaci 23/25, 00165 Rome Website: booking.com then search for Hotel Emmaus Rome.

Very central - just 100 yds from south side of St Peter's Square (0.6 miles to Castel St Angelo, 0.9m to Piazza Navona, 1.4m to Trevi Fountain).

Hotel Atlante Gardens ****

Via Crescenzo 78, 00193 Rome, Website: booking.com then search for Hotel Atlante Gardens Rome.

Small 4 star hotel with spectacular rooftop garden view of Vatican. (0.3m to Vatican, 0.4m to Castel St Angelo, 0.8m to Piazza Navona, 1.2 m to Trevi Fountain).

Note: the choices you indicate are just to help us make a decision, and will remain confidential.

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