

Experience Italy & Ireland

Rome, Sperlonga, Florence, Galway & Dublin - Optional Excursions 2009

Half day Excursion to the Vatican - *Italy*

We will spend a half day visiting the Vatican City, a 109 acre state surrounded by a wall built in the 9th Century and by the colonnade of St. Peter's Square. We will visit St. Peter's Basilica, a majestic building standing over St. Peter's Tomb and the spot where he was martyred. We will also visit the Vatican Museum and see the newly restored ceiling at the Sistine Chapel. Admission fees to sites and museums are included.

\$75.00

Full Day Excursion to Pompeii - *Italy*

Pompeii was a thriving commercial centre when it was destroyed by the devastating eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79. Two-thirds of the city has now been excavated revealing a fascinating example of urban geography. In addition to several private homes and temples, the guided tour includes: House of Caecilius, Forum, Basilica, Baths, Street of Shops, Theatres, and some free time to explore further in Pompeii. Following our visit we will climb to the top of Mt. Vesuvius for a spectacular view over the Bay of Naples. Admission fees to sites and museums are included.

\$135.00

Full day Excursion to Venice - *Italy*

Today we travel to Venice by private coach. Our day will begin with an exploration of Venice, the most romantic of cities whose exceptional position threatens its very existence. We will take a guided walking tour exploring, San Marco, St. Mark's Square, the Bridge of Sighs, St. John's and St. Paul's Square, the Rialto and a fascinating glass factory. We will return to Florence in the evening. Admission fees to sites are included.

\$135.00

Newgrange & Boyne Valley - *Ireland*

Explore this land of legend, mystique, and folklore. Experience some of the most remarkable legacies of the ancient Celtic people on this day trip to the Boyne Valley. See the Hill of Tara, seat of power of the old High Kings of Ireland. In ancient Irish religion and mythology Tara was the sacred place of dwelling for the gods, and was the entrance to the otherworld. Nearby is the Hill of Slane where St. Patrick lit a Paschal Fire in 433 to proclaim Christianity throughout Ireland. Visit the Brú na Boinne Visitor Centre, designed to interpret the rich archaeological heritage of the Boyne Valley, and tour the Neolithic passage tombs of Newgrange.

\$100.00

Glendalough & the Wicklow Mountains - *Ireland*

Glendalough, with its famous round tower and spectacular scenery is located in "the garden of Ireland" in the heart of the Wicklow Mountains National Park. St. Kevin's monastery founded in the sixth century expanded and thrived for 600 years and was destroyed in 1398. We will also visit Avoca (Ballykissangel), home of the hand weavers, Avondale House, home of Charles Stuart Parnell, and visit the beach at Brittas Bay or Bray (weather permitting). Admission fees included.

\$75.00

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