



Notre Dame Catholic College

Information Pack

for parents/carers/pupils.



2019- The Year of the Saint

Trip to Rome 20th June-24th June 2019.

Company your child will be going with:

Voyager School Travel,
Verulam House 142 Old Shoreham Road, Hove, East Sussex. BN3 7BD
01273 827 327

Educational Tour Co-ordinator – Sin Hue Tan
<http://www.voyagerschooltravel.com/>

Insurance details:

Pupils are insured under the Voyager School Travel policy with Fogg Travel Insurance Services Ltd. Parents/carers are referred to the Insurance Policy available at:
<http://www.voyagerschooltravel.com/safety/>

Staff accompanying the trip

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(Acting Head Teacher)

50 years ago this year, Julie Billiart S.N.D. (founder of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur) was canonised **St. Julie**.

This trip is an opportunity to mark this event in Rome on **22nd June 2019**, the 50th Anniversary, with fellow Notre Dame schools from around the United Kingdom.

Flight details (Jet2)

LS 791

Depart Manchester Airport 20.06.19 – 07:15

Arrive Rome Fiumicino Airport 20.06.19- 11:10

LS 792

Depart Rome Fiumicino Airport 24.06.19 – 12:10

Arrive Manchester Airport 24.06.19 – 14:15

Coach details:

Oakwards Travel

Address: 27 Harbreck Grove Liverpool, Liverpool L9 6GB

Phone: 07913 175219

Medication:

Pupils have been asked if they are happy to pass their medication to staff or if they would like to carry it themselves.

Accommodation details:

Hotel Marco Polo

Via Magenta, 39 00185 Roma - Italy

Tel. +39 06 4474091 - Fax. +39 06 44704478

info@hotelmarcopoloroma.com.

- Rooms accommodate 4 or 5 pupils.
- All rooms are air-conditioned and have wi-fi!
- Each has an en-suite toilet, hair drier and bath/shower.

Documents

Pupils should bring their passports and EHIC cards with them and keep them safe while travelling. They will be collected after they have cleared customs in Rome. They will be locked in a safe at the hotel. They will be returned to them on the coach on the way to the airport in Rome.

Responsibility

Pupils will be responsible for looking after their own money (*a money belt would be a good idea*) and devices (*phones etc*). Charges for data and phone use overseas can be prohibitive. Parents are advised to make enquiries with their own providers and advise their children appropriately.

A backpack is essential and it is advisable to wear them on the front as opposed to back in crowds. We will be using the metro daily to move around the city of Rome so pupils should follow the instructions clearly.

Pupils need to be vigilant and certainly should not have phones in back pockets for example.

Rome is a big and busy city. In some areas, there are street hawkers trying to sell items. You are advised to sidestep these. You will get better bargains in the shops and the street markets. There is no shortage of shopping opportunities.

ITINERARY

Thursday 20th June, 2019

Pupils need to bring money to buy breakfast and drink (pounds) and lunch (euros).

3:30 Arrive at Notre Dame.

4:00 Depart from Notre Dame for Manchester Airport

07:15 Plane departs

11:10 Arrive in Rome, clear immigration, collect bags.

13:40 Approx arrival at the hotel. Locate room and have lunch.

15:30-18:30 Meet your guide and enjoy a guided walk into the city centre to explore the amazing Ancient sites - see the Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Pantheon

19:00 Evening meal at local restaurant **Ristorante la Nuova Stella, Via Daniele Manin**

19:30 Back to Hotel (*via supermarket*) for briefing re-arrangements for next day

21:00 Settle in rooms (**We will all be tired!**)

Friday 21st June 2019

7:30 Breakfast at hotel, daily briefing/reflection

Morning - Walk to Termini Station, take Metro (linea A) to Ottaviano Station – nearest to Vatican.

Vatican Museum including Sistine Chapel – booked for 10:30.

After Sistine Chapel transfer to **St. Peter's Basilica.**

Climbing to top of Dome (551 steps)

Lunch in vicinity of Vatican.

Afternoon – Riverside walk to Castell St Angello, Piazza Del Popolo, Borghese Gardens, Spanish Steps, Chiesa della Trinita dei Monti. (**Take Metro (linea A) from Spagna to Termini then walk back to hotel.**)

19:00 Evening Meal – Ristorante la Nuova Stella. Return to hotel for a debrief/night reflection.

21:00 Settle in rooms

Saturday 22nd June 2019 - 50th Anniversary of the Canonisation of St. Julie

8:00 Breakfast at hotel, daily briefing/reflection

(San Giovanni metro)

9:30 Arrive at San Alfonso Church for Celebration with other ND schools

10:30 Celebration starts (to finish by 11:30 – followed by photo opportunities)

11:45 Visit to S Giovanni Laterano, which is close by.

2pm: Catacombs

– then Termini Shopping Mall

19:00: Evening Meal Ristorante la Nuova Stella. Return to hotel for a debrief/night reflection.

21:00 Settle in rooms

Sunday 23rd June 2019

8:00 Breakfast at hotel

Morning – 10AM Mass in the Irish College (Termini to San Giovanni metro)

Angelus in St Peter's Square

Walk to **St. Peter's Piazza** for ANGELUS at noon – **Pope Francis** is timetabled to be there (*at present*).

Possible alternative if Pope is not going to be there.

Walk to Termini Station, take Metro (**linea B**) to Circus Maximus. Walk to **La Bocca Verite** (*Mouth of Truth*), **Jewish Quarter**, **Turtle fountain**, **Portico of Octavia**

Afternoon

3pm: Colosseum and Roman Forum/Palatine Hill visit

Walk to Piazza Navona, French Church of San Luigi (Caravaggio), Pantheon, Elephant Statue, S. Maria Minerva, Church of St. Ignatius, shopping then back to Hotel

7pm Evening Meal - Re Basilico (10 mins walk from the hotel)

Rome at night in staff groups.

Packing.

Monday 24th June 2019

07:30 *Breakfast at hotel*

08:30 Leave hotel for airport

12:10 Depart Rome

14:15 Arrive Manchester Airport

15:00 Pick up by coach and return to Notre Dame for **16:00**.

We will get pupils to contact parents/carers on the journey back to give an update on progress.

Please note: pupils have been allocated to a staff team group, pupils will be in this group while moving to the metro and the next location. Pupils will also have a Notre Dame lanyard/hat that will identify them as belonging to our group.

Clothes:

- Footwear should be sensible – **there will be a lot of walking!** Worn in trainers would be good for the main daily activities.
- Clothes should be appropriate for visiting places of worship. At some venues, the authorities do not permit bare shoulders, knees or midriffs. A light button up shirt, blouse or wrap can be carried in a bag and put on as appropriate. Skirts/shorts are also discouraged in some venues and entrance can be refused.
- Suncream most definitely is required as June is a very hot month generally.
- Pupils need to bring a bottle so they can fill it with water to remain hydrated.

- A cap or hat will help to protect your daughter from the sun – one will be provided **which must be worn on instruction in crowded areas**, particularly when using the Metro. Pupils must **always** wear lanyard with contact details of staff on.
- A small shoulder bag/backpack to carry water, suncream and other items would be useful but bear in mind that security at various locations will search these so stuffing such a bag with all sorts will slow down the whole procedure. It should be worn on the front in crowded places. It can be packed in case on the way out.
- A money belt with a zip which can be concealed will help keep items safe.
- Pupils should bring sleepwear, toiletries and towel.

Please note: we are staying in a hotel with other members of the public. Pupils should **always** wear appropriate clothing!



LUGGAGE

Jet2 - 22kg baggage allowance.

- Suitcases will be checked in at the airport. If a pupils luggage weighs more than 22kg it costs £50 per kilo so please be very careful.
- Hand baggage must be no bigger than 56 x 45 x 25 and any liquids must be in a clear bag and under 100 ml.

Any **phone/I pad/kindle** etc must be fully charged and switched on to go through Security.

You can buy a drink when you get through security. Any liquids including medicines (plus things like lip balm) must be less than 100ml and put in a **single re-sealable clear bag** which you can pick up at the airport.

You will need your passport with you. (**Do not put it in your suitcase!**)

Make sure you, the participant, packs whatever you are taking the suitcase along with anyone else who helps. You may be asked if you packed the suitcase. You need to be able to say 'yes' to this.

As you go through Security, do **NOT** make any comments/jokes about bombs, liquids, terrorism etc.

Code of Conduct and Behaviour

In order to ensure safety and enjoyment, pupils are reminded that they are expected to behave as they do in school, following instructions and being courteous.

Safety

They will be assigned to teams under the leadership of a member of staff. Teams will have **caps** and **lanyards** with emergency details on. When we are moving about in crowds, if the instruction to wear the cap is given, it must be followed.

At no point are pupils to wander off from the main party without permission.

Spending Money – How much will I need?

Breakfast at the hotel is covered. Evening meals are covered at our restaurant for the trip which is 10 minutes walk from our hotel.

However, pupils will need to bring enough money to get lunch and drinks throughout the day. There is a supermarket **within 2 minutes of the hotel** and it is the intention to give pupils the opportunity to buy water and provisions if they wish. This is a very cheap and convenient option. There will be the opportunity to use cafes and restaurants at some point during the day. Pupils need to look at menus carefully before choosing to go in as

prices are very variable. Basically, restaurants on main thoroughfares are much more expensive (*particularly as regards drinks*) than those in side streets.

Pupils also need to bring sufficient money to get food on the journey. We recommend that **120 Euros and £15** would be plenty for food and drinks across the four days and only need any additional money if they wish to buy souvenirs. **Pupils will need to look after their own money and budget accordingly.**

Feel free to contact Mrs Ronan at school if you have any questions.

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