

Tour of St. Peter's Basilica



St. Peter's Basilica is a microcosm of two millennia of Christian history. From the martyrdom and burial of St. Peter, the Prince of the Apostles to his 265th successor, Pope Benedict XVI, this site has witnessed the triumphs and setbacks of the papacy as well as the continuous flood of faithful pilgrims through the centuries. To tour St. Peter's is to experience the roots of Christianity in Europe and appreciate the continuity of the Church over many tumultuous times. This visit, lasting 1.5 hours, explores the history of the Basilica from the inauspicious dirt mound that covered the body of St. Peter, to the glorious Constantinian church built in the 4th century to the spectacular rebuilding project initiated by Pope Julius II that gave the magnificent site we know today. We also look at Michelangelo's first and last works for the Church and how this genius illustrated the essential tenets of the Catholic Church

in his sculpture and architecture. Bernini, the decorative mastermind of the Basilica, is the real star of the church, as his vision and his labor over 55 years tamed the vast space of the Church.

St. Peter's Basilica is an approximately 30-minute walk from the hotels. You may either walk to St. Peter's or take a taxi or 10-minute bus ride.

Elizabeth Lev is an American-born art historian with the good fortune to live and work in Rome. After finishing her studies at University of Chicago 20 years ago, she moved to Northern Italy to do her graduate work at the University of Bologna. Researching her thesis on the Church of San Giovanni and Petronio in Rome, she soon realized that like Queen Christina of Sweden before her, she couldn't live another day if she didn't live it in Rome, and became a denizen of the Eternal City in 1997.



She started giving tours in 1998 for a small cultural association and passed the licensing exam for guides in 2001. That same year she was hired to teach Art History at Duquesne University's Italian campus, and has remained a joyful member of the Rome faculty ever since. After a five-year stint teaching Renaissance Art at John Cabot University, she has also recently joined the teaching staff at the University of St. Thomas' Catholic Studies program in Rome.

Writing opportunities soon followed the coursework, with numerous articles in *Inside the Vatican*, *Sacerdos* and *First Things* magazine, the *College Art Association* on-line as well as a regular column with *Zenit News Agency*. She has just become a contributor to AOL's *Politics Daily* and has recently finished her first biography, *The Tigress of Forlì: The Remarkable Story of Caterina Riario Sforza*, coming out this year from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Press.

Her fifteen minutes of fame have included several television and radio interviews, from ABC's *Nightline* to the *Today Show*. She was recently featured in the History Channel's "Angels and Demons Decoded" and is the host of "Catholic Canvas", a 10-part television series on the art of the Vatican Museums now airing on EWTN.

Cost: \$10 per person, inclusive of tour guide, tips, and personal headsets

Dates and Times: Two different tour times will be offered, pending interest levels:
Monday, March 8, 2010 at 10:45am – 12:15pm and Thursday, March 11 at 1:30pm – 3:00pm.

Maximum Participants: 40 guests per tour

Insider's Tour of The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith



According to Article 48 of the Apostolic Constitution on the Roman Curia, *Pastor Bonus*, promulgated by Pope John Paul II on June 28, 1988: "the duty proper to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is to promote and safeguard the doctrine on the faith and morals throughout the Catholic world: for this reason everything which in any way touches such matter falls within its competence."

Msgr. Brown will lead participants on a guided tour of the Palazzo where the office of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (previously known as the Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Roman and Universal Inquisition) has been located more than 400 years. He will give you his insider's insight into the history and function of the office and be able to answer your questions about the CDF.

The Vatican is approximately a 30-minute walk away from the hotels. You may also take a taxi or a 10-minute bus ride to the Vatican.

Msgr. Charles J. Brown studied History as an undergraduate at the University of Notre Dame, followed by Theology at Oxford University and Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto. His doctorate in Sacramental Theology is from the Pontifical Athenaeum Sant'Anselmo in Rome. He is a priest of the Archdiocese of New York. Since 1994, he has worked as an Official of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Vatican City. He is also the Adjunct Secretary of the International Theological Commission.

Cost: Free

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Time: 5:00p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Maximum Participants: 20 guests

Tour of S. Andrea al Quirinale and S. Carlino alle Quattro Fontane



This walking tour with Professor David Mayernik will take you to the two Baroque churches of S. Andrea al Quirinale and S. Carlino alle Quattro Fontane, just down the road from each other. As Professor Mayernik will explain, these two churches offer fruitful points of comparison between the work of Borromini and Bernini.

Professor David Mayernik is a professor in Notre Dame's School of Architecture, and teaches in their Rome program. He is the author of *Timeless Cities: An Architect's Reflections on Renaissance Italy*.

The sites are approximately a 20-30 -minute walk from the hotels. Alternatively, you may arrange to take a taxi and meet the group at the churches.



Cost: Free, though you will be responsible for paying any nominal entrance fees to religious or historical sites.

Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Maximum Participants: 20 guests

Tour of Famous Dominican Sites



Fr. Michael Sherwin, O.P., will take you on a tour of the famous Dominican sites of Basilica di Santa Maria sopra Minerva, Basilica di S. Clemente, and Santa Sabina.

The Basilica di Santa Maria sopra Minerva is a 3-minute walk from the hotels and was built directly above an ancient temple dedicated to the Egyptian goddess Isis (though mistakenly attributed to Minerva). Considered one of the only Gothic churches in Rome, it houses the tombs of St. Catherine of Siena and Fra Angelico.

Dedicated to Pope Clement I, the minor basilica of S. Clemente is a three-tiered complex of buildings: the current church, built just before the year 1100, was built upon a 4th century basilica, which in turn was built upon an ancient pagan temple. Here you will see not only the excavations of the foundations of the current basilica, but also one of the largest collections of Early Medieval wall paintings, and its 12th-Century mosaic of the Tree of Life.

Santa Sabina, built on top of the site of the Temple of Juno Regina, was founded around 425 AD and is the headquarters for the Dominicans. The church is noted for its large windows which fills the church with light, the marble columns reused from the Temple of Juno, and the 5th Century carved door with 18 panels of narrative wood carvings. St. Dominic, Pope Saint Pius V, and St. Thomas Aquinas are some of the few who have lived in the monastery adjacent to the church.

The modes of transportation on this tour include walking and public buses. You will be responsible for paying for your own public bus tickets and for any nominal fees to excavation and religious sites.

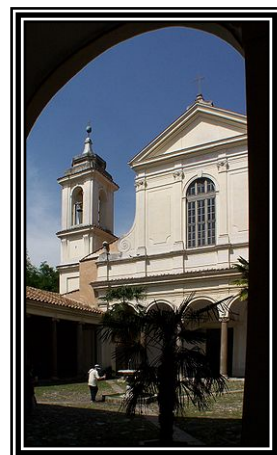
Fr. Michael Sherwin is Associate Professor of Fundamental Moral Theology at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. He received his Ph.D. in Moral Theology from the University of Notre Dame and was the 2007-2008 Myser Fellow of the Center for Ethics and Culture.

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Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 12:30p.m. – 3:30p.m.

Maximum Participants: 20 guests



Tour of Famous Jesuit Sites

The walking tour, led by Fr. Kevin Flannery, S.J., will take you to the Pontifical Gregorian University, the Church of the Gesù (burial site of Saints Ignatius Loyola and Francis Xavier), the rooms where St. Ignatius lived while serving as founding General of the Society of Jesus, the Church of St. Ignatius (burial site of St. Robert Bellarmine and a jewel of baroque art), and possibly (if we can get permission) the Roman College, original site of the Gregorian University.

This tour will involve an approximate 20-minute walk on city streets.

Fr. Kevin L. Flannery was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and entered the Society of Jesus in 1977; he was ordained a priest in 1987. He holds both a master's and a doctoral degree in philosophy from the University of Oxford. In 1992 he began teaching at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, serving as Dean of the Philosophy Faculty from 1999 until September of 2005; he continues now as Professor of the History of Ancient Philosophy. In 2002 John Paul II appointed him a Consultor of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; in 2005 he was appointed Ordinary Member of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas. During the academic year 2006-2007, he was the Mary Ann Remick Senior Visiting Fellow at the Center for Ethics and Culture at Notre Dame University.



Cost: Free, though you will be responsible for paying for any nominal entrance fees.

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Time: 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Maximum Participants: 20 guests

Papal Audience

Experience an emotional meeting with His Holiness Pope Benedetto XVI, among a large crowd of people from all over the world, and pertaining to all different religions. The Audience is held in a large hall built by architect Nervi, in winter; in summer, in St. Peter's Square. The Pope's entrance is accompanied by the Swiss Guards wearing their colorful uniforms designed by Michelangelo. After his brief address in several languages, a Papal Blessing will conclude this touching experience. Currently this tour can be offered **only on Wednesdays** and subject to confirmation, since depending on His Holiness' schedule. The site is approximately a 20-30 minute walk from the hotels. Alternately, you may arrange to take a taxi and meet the group at the site.

Cost: Complimentary tickets will be provided on behalf of the University

Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Maximum Participants: N/A

Important: All churches & religious monuments require specific attire guidelines: ladies attire must cover knees and shoulders, while gentlemen's attire must include pants/slacks or jeans only (no shorts). Comfortable shoes recommended

City Tour Descriptions – Tours Provided by Anthony Travel

Cost: \$365.00 per person

Included: 2 half day tours – Includes the Basilica of St. Paul's and Catacombs & the Three Basilicas. Private group transfers, tour guides & taxes and gratuities included.

Basilica of St Paul's and Catacombs



This tour takes you to some interesting sights of Rome, outside its city walls. Drive by the Aventine Hill as you pass by the strange Pyramid of Caius Cestus and the St. Paul's Gate to finally reach the Basilica of St. Paul's outside the Wall. The Basilica was Rome's largest Church until the rebuilding of St. Peter's in the 16th century. St. Paul's was built on the spot where St. Paul was supposedly buried after his martyrdom in 67 AD. St Paul's Basilica was superbly decorated until the night of July 15, 1823, when it was devastated by a terrible fire. A public appeal was then launched to raise the money to finance the restoration works and in return gifts in kind were received such as the alabaster columns sent by the Viceroy of Egypt, and the blocks of malachite sent by Tsar Nicholas II. The restoration works lasted for more than a century and was completed with the building of a huge quadriportico. After this visit, proceed on to the Catacombs, the most famous Christian cemeteries along the Old Appian Way. In use from the 2nd century AD, Catacombs were rediscovered in the 16th century. They consist of long galleries radiating from an underground burial chamber which belonged to noble Roman families of the Christian faith, who allowed fellow-Christians permission to use the galleries. The decorations of the

catacombs (carvings or paintings of symbolic motifs) are precious examples of early Christian art.

Date: Monday, March 8, 2010

Time: 1:30pm – 4:30pm

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The Three Basilicas Tour

Rome, the cradle of Christianity, claims more than one thousand churches. You will have the chance to enjoy a visit to the 3 major Basilicas of Rome, other than St Peter's: St. Mary Major's, St John's in Lateran and St Paul's outside the Walls. A short motor coach ride will transfer you to Mary Major Basilica, the first stop of your tour. Built by Pope Sixtus III, it has a magnificent 18th century facade and a 14th century bell tower: the impressive interior contains remarkable mosaics, some of them among the most ancient Christian mosaics in Rome (5th century). Then it's on to St. John's in Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome and the titular seat of the Pope in his role as Bishop of Rome. The first Christian Basilica was founded by Constantine prior to St. Peter's in the Vatican and rebuilt several times with major restoration to the interior in 1646 by Borromini, and the later addition of the main facade in the 18th century. Our last stop, the Basilica of St. Paul outside the Walls, was built by Constantine in the 4th century on the site of St. Paul's tomb. The Middle Ages saw many splendid additions in the form of mosaics and frescoes and St Paul's became the most finely decorated church in Rome. It was decorated with superb mosaics, frescoes and paintings, but on the night of July 15 to 16, 1823, a terrible fire devastated the Basilica. An appeal was made to the public to finance the work; and as well as money, gifts in kind were received such as the alabaster columns sent by the Viceroy of Egypt and the blocks of malachite sent by Tsar Nicholas II.

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Important: All churches & religious monuments require specific attire guidelines: ladies attire must cover knees and shoulders, while gentlemen's attire must include pants/slacks or jeans only (no shorts). Comfortable shoes recommended. Moderate walking involved – featuring underground steps.



***All tour times and sites are subject to change or cancellation.*