

**2016 PILGRIMAGE**

Thank you for your request for information on our pilgrimage to Rome in 2016, staying at the English College's retreat and pilgrimage centre of Palazzola outside of the city of Rome .

**PALAZZOLA** is a former Franciscan monastery, built on the site of a Roman villa, that occupies a dramatically beautiful position high above Lake Albano in the Alban Hills, 18 miles from the centre of Rome. The Cistercians, who formed the first community here, built the Church of Our Lady of the Snows in the 13th century. In 1919, after 500 years as a Franciscan House, the English College bought Palazzola as a summer retreat from the heat of Rome.



The Villa Palazzola stands in 16 acres of mainly wooded land. From the terraced garden, there is a breathtaking view over Lake Albano, with its steep wooded sides, to the Pope's summer residence at Castel Gandolfo and down over the city of Rome and across the countryside to the sea.

The villa has been modernised in a way that retains its simplicity and character. Standard room accommodation in the 13<sup>th</sup> century Old Wing is provided in simply furnished rooms with washbasins providing hot and cold water along with shared modern bathroom and shower facilities. There is a lift in the Old Wing. En-suite rooms are provided in different locations around the Villa including the 17<sup>th</sup> century New Wing annex. Towels and soap are provided.



Main meals are are taken outside (weather permitting) on the terrace or in the 18th century panelled refectory of the Friars. Coffee and tea making facilities are available 24 hours a day and there is a well-stocked bar (with plenty of soft drinks and ice-creams!). For further information and photographs, please see [www.palazzola.it](http://www.palazzola.it).

Palazzola is so beautiful that you can happily stay put for the entire time just enjoying being there! At Palazzola there are many things to do - reading in the garden, enjoying the swimming pool, local walks through the woods, watching the sunset with a drink in hand, sitting quietly in the chapel - or just do nothing! For those more active you can enjoy walks through the woods to nearby villages, play tennis and other games on the court, and take the bus/train into Rome.

## PROGRAMME

(Subject to change)

- Fri 16** Arrival in Rome and transfer to Palazzola. Lunch. Afternoon excursion around the lake to visit the village of Castel Gandolfo for a private tour of the Papal Gardens (or to visit the Papal Palace) followed by free time for a coffee or ice-cream and shopping in the village. Evening Mass. Welcome Reception. Dinner.
- Sat 17** Morning excursion to the Benedictine Monastery of Sacro Speco at **Subiaco** for a tour by one of the monks and Mass. Lunch in a local restaurant. Afternoon return to enjoy Palazzola. Dinner.
- Sun 18** Early morning transfer to the **Vatican** for the *Jubilee of Mercy* walk from Castel San Angelo to the Holy Door and to afterwards to attend the International Pilgrim Mass in **St Peter's Basilica**. Midday *Angelus* with Pope Francis. Lunch. Afternoon visit the **Basilica of St Paul's Outside the Walls** (with its many English connections and also the mosaic portraits of the 266 Popes) and to join the Benedictine monks for vespers. Dinner.
- Mon 19** Morning Mass and free morning to enjoy Palazzola. Lunch. Afternoon excursion to the visit to Cistercian Abbey at **Fossanova** (now run by the Franciscans), where the Dominican St Thomas Aquinas died. Dinner.
- Tue 20** Full-day excursion to the Benedictine Monastery at **Monte Cassino** for a tour and Mass. Lunch in local restaurant. Afternoon return via the Cistercian Monastery at **Casamari** for vespers. Dinner
- Wed 21** Morning excursion to visit the private **Ninfa Gardens** (a superb early 20th century plant collection amongst medieval ruins, now looked after by the World Wide Fund For Nature and now referred to as the *most romantic garden in the world*) and the the Cistercian Abbey of **Valviscolo**. Lunch. Free afternoon to enjoy Palazzola (or to visit Castel Gandolfo). Evening Mass. Dinner.
- Thu 22** Morning departures. Morning excursion around the lake to visit the village of **Castel Gandolfo** for a private tour of the Papal Gardens (or to visit the Papal Palace) followed by free time for a coffee or ice-cream and shopping in the village. Midday Mass. Lunch. Afternoon departures.

## FLIGHTS

Please find attached a general summer 2016 schedule of UK & Eire/Rome flights for information.

There are also flights from many UK airports with *Air France*, *KLM*, *Lufthansa* and *Swiss* via their European hubs.

Rome Ciampino (served by *Ryanair*) is the nearest airport. Rome Fiumicino is used by all other airlines.

If booking your own flights, please advise me of your flight details if you would like me to arrange airport transfers in Rome.

**UK & EIRE/ROME DIRECT FLIGHTS**  
(as at 8 October 2015 - subject to change)

**SUMMER SEASON 2016**  
Key: CIA = Rome Ciampino / FCO = Rome Fiumicino

From <b>Belfast</b> (BFS) with <i>Jet2</i> ( <a href="http://www.jet2.com">www.jet2.com</a> )					
LS359	BFS 07.45 - FCO 11.55	LS360	FCO 12.40 - BFS 15.00		(Thu)
LS359	BFS 14.35 - FCO 18.40	LS360	FCO 19.25 - BFS 21.55		(Sun)
From <b>Birmingham</b> (BHX) with <i>Monarch</i> ( <a href="http://www.monarch.co.uk">www.monarch.co.uk</a> ) -					
ZB5408	BHX 06.45 - FCO 10.30	ZB5409	FCO 11.20 - BHX 13.00		(Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri/Sat)
ZB5408	BHX 16.25 - FCO 20.10	ZB5403	FCO 21.00 - BHX 22.45		(Sun)
From <b>Bristol</b> (BRS) with <i>Easyjet</i> ( <a href="http://www.easyjet.com">www.easyjet.com</a> )					
EZ6183	BRS 12.10 - FCO 15.45	EZ6184	FCO 16.20 - BRS 18.05		(Daily)
From <b>Dublin</b> (DUB) with <i>Aer Lingus</i> ( <a href="http://www.aerlingus.com">www.aerlingus.com</a> )					
EI402	DUB 07.10 - FCO 11.05	EI403	FCO 11.50 - DUB 14.10		(Daily)
EI406	DUB 15.45 - FCO 19.45	EI407	FCO 20.35 - DUB 22.55		(Mon/Wed/Fri/Sun)
From <b>Dublin</b> (DUB) with <i>Ryanair</i> ( <a href="http://www.ryanair.com">www.ryanair.com</a> )					
FR9342	DUB 06.25 - CIA 10.20	FR9343	CIA 10.55 - DUB 13.05		(Daily)
FR9344	DUB 16.30 - CIA 20.35	FR9345	CIA 21.00 - DUB 23.15		(Sun)
From <b>East Midlands</b> (EMA) with <i>Ryanair</i> ( <a href="http://www.ryanair.com">www.ryanair.com</a> )					
FR9652	EMA 14.05 - CIA 17.45	FR9651	CIA 18.10 - EMA 20.00		(Sun/Tue/Thu)
From <b>Edinburgh</b> (EDI) with <i>Ryanair</i> ( <a href="http://www.ryanair.com">www.ryanair.com</a> )					
FR6681	EDI 07.00 - CIA 11.10	FR6682	CIA 11.35 - EDI 13.50		(Mon/Wed/Fri/Sun)
From <b>Gatwick - North Terminal</b> (LGW) with <i>British Airways</i> ( <a href="http://www.ba.com">www.ba.com</a> ) -					
BA2542	LGW 07.20 - FCO 10.55	BA2543	FCO 11.55 - LGW 13.40		(Daily)
BA2540	LGW 15.40 - FCO 19.00	BA2541	FCO 20.00 - LGW 21.30		(Daily)
From <b>Gatwick - North Terminal</b> (LGW) with <i>Vueling</i> ( <a href="http://www.vueling.com">www.vueling.com</a> )					
VY6225	LGW 09.45 - FCO 13.05	VY6224	FCO 07.25 - LGW 09.05		(Daily)
VY6227	LGW 20.00 - FCO 23.30	VY6228	FCO 17.40 - LGW 19.20		(Mon/Wed/Thu/Sun)
From <b>Gatwick - South Terminal</b> (LGW) with <i>Easyjet</i> ( <a href="http://www.easyjet.com">www.easyjet.com</a> )					
EZ5253	LGW 06.50 - FCO 10.20	EZ5252	FCO 07.00 - LGW 08.35		(Daily)
EZ5255	LGW 09.05 - FCO 12.35	EZ5254	FCO 10.55 - LGW 12.30		(Daily)
EZ5257	LGW 12.00 - FCO 15.30	EZ5256	FCO 16.05 - LGW 17.40		(Sun)
EZ5259	LGW 17.10 - FCO 20.40	EZ5258	FCO 17.15 - LGW 18.55		(Sun to Fri)
EZ5261	LGW 19.25 - FCO 22.55	EZ5260	FCO 21.15 - LGW 22.55		(Sun to Fri)
From <b>Gatwick - South Terminal</b> (LGW) with <i>Norwegian</i> ( <a href="http://www.norwegian.com">www.norwegian.com</a> )					
DY2500	LGW 17.40 - FCO 21.05	DY2501	FCO 21.45 - LGW 23.10		(Daily, except Thu/Sun)
From <b>Glasgow</b> (GLA) with <i>Jet2</i> ( <a href="http://www.jet2.com">www.jet2.com</a> ) -					
LS135	GLA 07.30 - FCO 11.40	LS136	FCO 12.30 - GLA 14.40		(Thu)
LS135	GLA 15.30 - FCO 19.40	LS136	FCO 20.25 - GLA 21.35		(Sun)
From <b>Glasgow Prestwick</b> (PIK) with <i>Ryanair</i> ( <a href="http://www.ryanair.com">www.ryanair.com</a> )					
FR7342	PIK 17.05 - CIA 21.00	FR7343	CIA 21.25 - PIK 23.35		(Tue/Sat)
From <b>Heathrow - Terminal 4</b> (LHR) with <i>Alitalia</i> ( <a href="http://www.alitalia.co.uk">www.alitalia.co.uk</a> )					
AZ201	LHR 06.45 - FCO 10.15	AZ204	FCO 13.25 - LHR 15.20		(Daily)
AZ207	LHR 16.25 - FCO 20.00	AZ208	FCO 17.20 - LHR 19.10		(Daily)
AZ209	LHR 20.00 - FCO 23.35	AZ210	FCO 21.15 - LHR 23.05		(Daily)
From <b>Heathrow - Terminal 5</b> (LHR) with <i>British Airways</i> ( <a href="http://www.ba.com">www.ba.com</a> ) -					
BA552	LHR 07.00 - FCO 10.30	BA571	FCO 07.15 - LHR 09.00		(Daily)
BA548	LHR 08.30 - FCO 12.00	BA551	FCO 08.10 - LHR 09.50		(Daily)
BA546	LHR 10.50 - FCO 14.20	BA553	FCO 11.45 - LHR 13.25		(Daily)
BA560	LHR 12.45 - FCO 16.10	BA549	FCO 13.15 - LHR 14.55		(Daily)
BA556	LHR 14.20 - FCO 17.50	BA547	FCO 15.20 - LHR 16.50		(Daily)
BA554	LHR 15.40 - FCO 19.10	BA559	FCO 17.20 - LHR 19.00		(Daily)
BA558	LHR 18.25 - FCO 21.55	BA557	FCO 18.45 - LHR 20.20		(Daily)
BA550	LHR 19.40 - FCO 23.10	BA555	FCO 20.15 - LHR 21.50		(Daily)
From <b>Leeds/Bradford</b> (LBA) with <i>Jet2</i> ( <a href="http://www.jet2.com">www.jet2.com</a> ) -					
LS331	LBA 08.15 - FCO 12.05	LS332	FCO 12.50 - LBA 14.55		(Thu)
LS331	LBA 15.10 - FCO 19.00	LS332	FCO 19.45 - LBA 21.50		(Sun)
From <b>London City</b> (LCY) with <i>Alitalia</i> ( <a href="http://www.alitalia.co.uk">www.alitalia.co.uk</a> ) -					
AZ211	LCY 10.45 - FCO 14.25	AZ212	FCO 08.35 - LCY 10.15		(Daily)
AZ213	LCY 19.10 - FCO 22.50	AZ214	FCO 17.20 - LCY 19.10		(Daily)
From <b>Luton</b> (LTN) with <i>Easyjet</i> ( <a href="http://www.easyjet.com">www.easyjet.com</a> ) -					
EZ4918	LTN 17.00 - FCO 20.35	EZ4917	FCO 21.25 - LTN 23.15		(Daily)
From <b>Luton</b> (LTN) with <i>Monarch</i> ( <a href="http://www.monarch.co.uk">www.monarch.co.uk</a> ) -					
ZB3566	LTN 07.55 - FCO 11.35	ZB3567	FCO 12.25 - LTN 14.10		(Mon)
ZB3566	LTN 16.00 - FCO 19.40	ZB3567	FCO 20.30 - LTN 22.55		(Thu/Sun)
ZB3566	LTN 16.30 - FCO 20.10	ZB3567	FCO 21.00 - LTN 20.50		(Fri)
From <b>Manchester</b> (MAN) with <i>Jet2</i> ( <a href="http://www.jet2.com">www.jet2.com</a> ) -					
LS791	MAN 07.15 - FCO 11.10	LS792	FCO 12.00 - MAN 14.05		(Daily, except Wed)
From <b>Manchester</b> (MAN) with <i>Ryanair</i> ( <a href="http://www.ryanair.com">www.ryanair.com</a> )					
FR3204	MAN 06.30 - CIA 10.10	FR3405	CIA 10.35 - MAN 12.35		(Daily)
From <b>Newcastle</b> (NCL) with <i>Jet2</i> ( <a href="http://www.jet2.com">www.jet2.com</a> ) -					
LS537	NCL 07.15 - FCO 11.30	LS538	FCO 12.15 - LBA 14.30		(Thu)
LS537	NCL 07.45 - FCO 12.00	LS538	FCO 12.45 - LBA 15.00		(Sun)
From <b>Stansted</b> (STN) with <i>Ryanair</i> ( <a href="http://www.ryanair.com">www.ryanair.com</a> )					
FR2672	STN 06.25 - CIA 09.55	FR3005	CIA 06.35 - STN 08.20		(Daily)
FR3002	STN 08.45 - CIA 12.15	FR2673	CIA 10.20 - STN 12.05		(Daily)
FR3072	STN 13.25 - CIA 16.55	FR3073	CIA 11.15 - STN 13.00		(Daily)
FR3014	STN 16.10 - CIA 19.40	FR3015	CIA 14.00 - STN 15.45		(Daily)
FR3004	STN 19.40 - CIA 23.10	FR3003	CIA 17.25 - STN 19.15		(Daily)

**COST: £695** in standard accommodation (single and twin availability)

**£795** in en-suite accommodation (double, twin and single availability)

inclusive of:

- 6 nights accommodation at Palazzola
- simple continental buffet breakfasts
- 6 lunches (as per the programme) and 6 dinners
- water and wine with main meals
- full programme of excursions
- all entry charges
- Mass offerings and coach driver tips

The following items are not included:

- travel insurance
- air or train travel to Italy
- airport/station transfers in Italy
- entry and transport in free time.
- personal expenditure.

Additional nights after 22 September may be available at £90 pppn (all meals included) for those wishing to spend further time at Palazzola.

## **FITNESS**

Please note that Rome, the environs and the area around Palazzola are best discovered on foot, therefore a reasonable level of fitness is required for walking around the hillside sights and the steps and distances involved in the places to be visited.

## **HOW TO BOOK**

Please complete (all sections) of the booking form and send this with your deposit (of £100 per person) to **Anthony Coles, 18 Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 5SX** (Tel: 020 7431 3414).

The balance of the cost of this pilgrimage is then due eight weeks prior to departure. All cheques made payable to: *Anthony R Coles Travel and Conferences*.

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