

HLW/ANA

20 July 2022

Re: Religious Studies Tour to Rome – July 2023

We are delighted to announce that the Religious Education department intend to run a trip to Rome. The trip will be an unforgettable opportunity for students to experience subject first-hand, supporting their classroom learning and bringing the subject to life. This trip is for year 10 students taking RE as one of their GCSE options.

The trip is being organised by specialist group tour operator Rayburn Tours who has been operating educational trips for schools since 1965. Rayburn Tours is ABTA bonded and ATOL protected, as well as being accredited by 'Learning Outside the Classroom and the School Travel Forum'.

We aim to travel to the heart of Rome, where students will have a chance to walk around the Jewish Quarter of the city and visit the Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Palatine Hill and Forum, among other places of interest. Students will also have the opportunity to visit St Peter's Basilica and experience the pinnacle of Renaissance art & sculpture, as well as touring the Colosseum and Catacombs. There will also be a number of other excursions, such as a museum visits and evening meals in local restaurants.

There will only be space for 32 students to attend this trip, on a first come first served basis, and the trip is conditional upon good behaviour during the school year. We reserve the right to withdraw your son from the trip if their behaviour around school does not meet the expected standard.

The trip price will be inclusive of breakfast with our hotel, lunches elsewhere with the exception of lunch on the first day (travel day) whereby students would need to bring food with them, and dinner at local restaurants. We fly from a London airport with the trip lasting for 4 nights and 5 full days. With the rising costs of travel the tour is not cheap, with all food included and our excursions the likely cost of the trip is around £890 per student. This is a competitively priced trip to one of the most beautiful destinations Europe has to offer.

If at all possible, I would request that payments are made through the school's ParentPay system. You will have been sent your login details and instructions previously and can access the system through the school website or via www.parentpay.com. If you are unable to pay through this system, payments can be made by cash or cheque at the school's Finance Office. Such payments should be enclosed in an envelope marked Rome Trip - 2023, with your son's name and form written clearly beneath. Cheques are payable to Northampton School *for Boys*. Please also write your son's name and form on the reverse of the cheque together with 'Rome Trip - 2023'.

I must stress that this trip is not certain to run, we need to hit a certain number of students to ensure current costings, but we would like to secure the provisional booking with Rayburn based on the costings provided to make certain we pay the best possible price. The initial deposit of £350 per student will be used to secure flights at the quoted price, as these can increase in cost over time.

Therefore, I would be extremely grateful if you could return the reply slip below or email to Miss Lindsay-White hlindsay-white@nsb.northants.sch.uk at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your support of RE@NSB and we look forward to confirming the trip launch by the start of the autumn term.

Yours sincerely

Miss Lindsay-White
Teacher of Religious Education

	Proposed Tour Details
Dates:	24 th – 28 th July 2023 (inclusive)
Tour Inclusions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Return airport coach transfers from NSB to a London airport• Return flights to Rome• 4 nights' accommodation• Morning and evening meals on a half board basis; lunch from local cafes• Resort coaching• Programme of activities and excursions to complement the subject requirements• English speaking tour guide for various excursions throughout the trip
Estimated cost based on 32 pupils. (Price may vary depending on uptake and flights).	£890.00 per person
Payments and due dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial deposit of £350.00 required to reserve a place, due 1st August 2022• Second deposit of £220.00 due 26th September 2022• Third instalment of £220 due 1st February 2023• Final instalment of £100 due 1st May 2023
Travel requirements:	All pupils require a current passport and Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). Please ensure passport is valid for six months after date of return. Non-EU passport holders may require a visa to enter Italy and you should check on the Italy government website to see whether this is applicable for your child. Passport applications: https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports GHIC applications: www.ghic.org.uk

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Please complete and return to hlindsay-white@nsb.northants.sch.uk by 1st August 2022.

I would like my son:

Tutor group: to participate in the Religious Studies trip to Rome.

I have transferred a non-returnable deposit of £350

Name:

Signed: Date:
(Parent/Guardian)