

## EVENTS (4)

## EXPOSITION OF THE SHROUD 2015 - L'AMORE PIÙ GRANDE

19 April - 24 June, Turin, Italy.



The Official Website of the Exposition, [www.sindone.org](http://www.sindone.org), has been given a bit of a makeover, but is still badly out of date and refers mainly to the previous exposition of 2010. Few of the pages have been translated into other languages, and even then only, it seems, by Google. Fortunately, from the Italian home page there is a link to the “PRENOTAZIONE ON-LINE E CALL CENTER” at [www.piemonteitalia.eu/prenotazione/frontoffice/ingresso.do](http://www.piemonteitalia.eu/prenotazione/frontoffice/ingresso.do), where reservations to see the Shroud can be made quickly and efficiently in seven different languages. Reservations are essential, and are for 15-minute slots mostly between 7:30 in the morning and 7:30 at night, although provision has been made to extend these times (to 11:30 pm), presumably in case of demand exceeding supply.

As it is so easy to book air tickets and hotels online, there does not seem to be any great urge to offer package deals just yet, at least not from the UK. However I believe diocesan pilgrimages are being organised, and Pax Travel ([www.paxtravel.co.uk](http://www.paxtravel.co.uk)) are offering tours on the following dates:

20 - 24 April, led by Fr Hugh Allan (£729)

24 - 29 April, led by Fr Michael Lang (£839)

16 - 22 June, led by Bishop Norman Banks (£968 - includes a visit to the Sordevolo Passion Play as well)

Other pilgrimages are being organised by Mancunia Travel ([www.mancunia.com](http://www.mancunia.com)), on 2 - 5 June (£529), and Leisure Time Travel ([www.lourdes-pilgrim.com](http://www.lourdes-pilgrim.com)), on 17 - 20 June (£499).

I can find no other organised pilgrimages yet. A list of 'UK Operators of Religious Tours and Pilgrimages' can be found at [www.travel-lists.co.uk/travel/listings/categories/holiday-types/special-interest-holidays/religious-tours](http://www.travel-lists.co.uk/travel/listings/categories/holiday-types/special-interest-holidays/religious-tours), which might be worth visiting after the New Year in the expectation that something might be organised later.



The nave and high altar of Turin Cathedral, with trompe l'oeil above the reredos and Shroud chapel to the left.



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