



Fatima

MARIAN SHRINES TOUR VISITING FATIMA AND LOURDES with Monsignor Gregory Parlante

OCTOBER 20-30, 2014

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS - \$3,399 AIR & LAND

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$475



TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip air non-stop from Philadelphia
- 9 nights' accommodations in 4 star hotels
- Buffet breakfast daily
- 9 dinners at local restaurants including wine and mineral water
- Daily Mass
- English speaking Tour Escort for the duration of your trip
- Sightseeing as indicated, including local guide and all entrance fees
- Touring and transfers by luxury air-conditioned coach.
- Porterage of 1 piece of luggage per person at hotels
- Stay Tax included
- Hotel taxes and service charges



Lourdes

Oct 20 Mon Depart USA Depart Philadelphia for flight to Lisbon Portugal.

Oct 21 Tue Lisbon/Santarem/Fatima We arrive in Lisbon and meet your tour director who will remain with you until the end of the tour. We transfer to the city of Lisbon, where we will have Mass at the birthplace of St. Anthony of Padua, followed by a panoramic tour of the city. Continue to Fatima, along the way we will make a stop for a visit at the Church of St. Stephen, or "Church of the Holy Miracle" in Santarem, site of a 13th century Eucharistic miracle. Soon we will arrive in Fatima. Following dinner we participate in the evening's Candlelight Procession. Overnight at your hotel in Fatima. (B,D)

Oct 22 Wed Fatima/Coimbra/Fatima After breakfast, we will tour Fatima where, in 1917, Mary appeared to local children and the "miracle of the sun" occurred. We celebrate Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady, followed by a visit to the House of Lucia and House of Francisco and Jacinta. In the afternoon we depart for the town of Coimbra for a visit to the home of Sister Lucia, one of the three children of Fatima that witnessed the apparitions of Our Lady. Here we visit the Carmelite Convent where Sister Lucia lived and also visit its Museum. After the visit to Coimbra we will return to Fatima. Following dinner we participate in the evening's Candlelight Procession. Overnight at your hotel in Fatima. (B,D)

Oct 23 Thu Fatima/Santiago de Compostela After breakfast we depart Fatima for the home of St. James, Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Upon arrival we will visit the Cathedral of St. James the Apostle, housing the remains of the Saint. The Cathedral's facades display examples of both Romanesque and Baroque architecture. We celebrate Mass in the Cathedral of St. James. Dinner and overnight in Santiago de Compostela. (B,D)

Oct 24 Fri Santiago de Compostela/Burgos/Zaragoza This morning, after breakfast, we depart Santiago de Compostela and travel to Burgos, a city in northern Spain and the historic capital of Castile. While in Burgos we will visit its magnificent cathedral. It is dedicated to the Virgin Mary and is famous for its vast size and unique architecture. Its construction began in 1221 and it was in use as a church nine years later but work continued off and on until 1567. The cathedral was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO on October 31, 1984. It is the only Spanish cathedral that has this distinction independently, without being joined to the historic center of a city. We will now continue to Zaragoza, the capital city of the Zaragoza province situated on the Ebro River. The city is famous for its folklore, a renowned local gastronomy, and landmarks such as the Basilica del Pilar, La Seo Cathedral and the Aljaferia Palace. The Fiestas del Pilar are among the most celebrated festivals in Spain. This evening enjoy dinner and overnight in Zaragoza. (B,D)

Oct 25 Sat Zaragoza This morning's tour of Zaragoza will include, The Basilica-Cathedral of Our Lady of the Pillar, a Roman Catholic Church which venerates the Blessed Virgin Mary, under her title Our Lady of the Pillar praised as Mother of the Hispanic Peoples by Pope John Paul II. It is reputed to be the first church dedicated to Mary in history. Local traditions take the history of this basilica to the dawn of Christianity in Spain attributing to an apparition to Saint James the Great, the apostle who is believed by tradition to have brought Christianity to the country. This is the only reported apparition of Mary to have occurred before her supposed Assumption. We will also visit the Cathedral of the Savior (La Seo Cathedral) located on the Plaza de la Seo and is commonly known as La Seo to distinguish it from the nearby El Pilar Cathedral. The two share co-cathedral status in metropolitan Zaragoza. The balance of the day is at leisure for you to further explore this fascinating city. This evening enjoy dinner and overnight in Zaragoza. (B,D)

Oct 26 Sun Zaragoza/Lourdes This morning we will travel to Lourdes where, in 1858, Mary appeared to a young Bernadette Soubirous. Upon our arrival in Lourdes, we enjoy a walking tour where we visit the places important in the life of Bernadette, including the Grotto and the Spring where Mary appeared to Bernadette numerous times. We will see the nearby Healing Baths where many pilgrims submerge themselves for its healing properties. We also visit the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (Upper Basilica) and the Rosary Basilica (Lower Basilica) as well as the Basilica of Pius X, followed by a visit to Bernadette's home. Following dinner we participate in the evening's Candlelight Procession. Overnight at the hotel in Lourdes. (B,D)



Barcelona

Oct 27 Mon Lourdes/Bartres/St. Savin After breakfast we will celebrate Mass in the Grotto. Next we will explore the countryside known by St. Bernadette with a trip into the snowcapped Pyrenees Mountains. Our first stop will be a visit to Bartres, where Bernadette lived, and then continue to the old Benedictine Abbey in the village of St. Savin. We return to Lourdes and gather together for walking the Stations of the Cross. The remainder of the day is at leisure at the Lourdes Sanctuary where we can explore its holy grounds. This evening offers another opportunity to participate in the Candlelight Procession. Enjoy dinner this evening. Overnight in Lourdes. (B,D)

Oct 28 Tue Lourdes/Barcelona After breakfast we will celebrate Mass in the Rosary Basilica before departing Lourdes for Barcelona, where, upon our arrival, we enjoy a motor coach tour of this cosmopolitan city, including visits to the Gothic Quarter and the 'Spanish Village' with reproductions of the most typical buildings in Spain. Next we will visit the Basilica of the Sagrada Familia, one of the largest churches in Europe. Our city tour ends with our arrival at the famous Las Ramblas Boulevard, one of the most upbeat, striking boulevards in all of Europe, with many cafes and shops. Here we will have plenty of time for shopping and to explore this vibrant city. Dinner and overnight in Barcelona. (B,D)

Oct 29 Wed Barcelona/Manresa/Montserrat/Barcelona After breakfast we will embark on a day trip to the wonderful mountaintop sanctuary of Montserrat. En route we make a stop in the town of Manresa along the River Cardener. It is here that St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, or Society of Jesus, spent some 10 months in prayer and meditation and where St. Ignatius saw a vision and went on to write the "Spiritual Exercises". Next we arrive at Montserrat, where we join in the celebration of Mass and the "Liturgy of the Hours" at the Monastery with the monks of Montserrat. We continue on to a wonderful tour of the Monastery and grounds where we see the Statue of Our Lady of Montserrat or Black Madonna, probably Spain's most fervent devotion to the Blessed Mother. We also observe the Way of the Cross and enjoy some of the most incredible scenery in Spain. Return to Barcelona for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Oct 30 Thu Barcelona/Philadelphia After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our return flight back home. Though our pilgrimage draws to a close, its blessings will last a lifetime and its graces are certain to draw us closer each day to the Lord. (B)

Deposit of \$500 due at time of sign up.

Conditions: Price is per person based on double room occupancy, on a minimum of 30 full paying passengers; includes airfare and all taxes and fees. Price may be subject to change depending on currency exchange fluctuation.

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