

13 Days Marian Shrines Pilgrimage

with Fr Frederick Kutubebi

from 11/02/2024 - 11/14/2024

Day 1

Depart from local USA international airport to board our flights to Paris with meals and beverages served aloft.

Day 2

Upon arrival in Paris, we are met by our guide and transferred by motor coach to the city center, for a panoramic tour which includes the Champs Elysees and the Eiffel Tower

Continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3

This morning we left for Rue de Bac church for Mass, where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Catherine Labouré and requested the creation of the medal which came to be known as the Miraculous Medal. Then we head to St Vincent de Paul church, built in the 19th century on the site of the ancient Saint-Lazare enclosure. The enclosure was occupied by Saint Vincent de Paul and the Congregation de la Mission from 1632 to 1793 - it was here that he had lived and worked.

After lunch, we continued the guided tour with a stunning example of Gothic architecture that took two centuries and armies of medieval workers to complete - The Notre Dame Cathedral. After Mass, we visit Sainte-Chapelle "Holy Chapel", and its

Day 4

This morning we travel about 11 miles southwest of Paris to visit Versailles, best known as the site of the magnificent Palace of Versailles, built by King Louis XIV during the 1600s and was the royal residence for more than 100 years. We then continued to Chartres to visit the Notre-Dame de Chartres (the Cathedral of Our Lady of Chartres). This Cathedral is considered one of the finest examples in all of France of the Gothic style of architecture. Overnight in Paris.

Day 5

After breakfast we depart to Lourdes, birthplace of Bernadette. Once we arrive, we check in at our hotel. After dinner we all join the Candlelight Procession. Dinner and overnight in Lourdes.

Day 6

This day we start with mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, where our Lady appeared to Bernadette in 1858. Later we take our official group photo in front of the Basilica, followed by our guided tour of Lourdes. The sanctuary of the Basilica of St. Pius X, the world's largest underground church. The Basilica, The Baths, where thousands of miraculous cures have taken place is the most respected shrine and sanctuary in France. In the afternoon our group will join the Blessed Sacrament Procession and Blessing of the sick, (if available on that day). Dinner and overnight in Lourdes

Day 7

This morning we depart Lourdes and drive through the Pyrenees Mountains of Loyola, the hometown of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Here you will visit the Basilica and the tower house where he was born and lived. We continue to Santander for dinner and overnight.

Day 8

Depart Santander this morning and drive to Oviedo, the capital of Asturias region. Here we will visit the Cathedral which houses the tombs of Asturian kings and the Camara Santa, a restored 9th century chapel containing expressive statues of Christ and the Apostles. We then head to Santiago de Compostela for dinner and overnight.



Day 9

This morning we begin our visit of Santiago de Compostela, one of the most famous shrines in the world, where the tomb of St. James (brother of St. John the Divine) was discovered. St. James was given the task of spreading Christianity in the distant Hispanic lands and is known as the first pilgrim. Since the discovery of the tomb, numerous miracles have taken place here and every year thousands of faithful gather on July 25 to celebrate the Feast Day. We begin with a visit to the Cathedral of St. James, one of the finest examples of architecture in all of Europe. As pilgrims, we have the opportunity to climb the stairs behind the high altar to visit the crypt where the relics of St. James are preserved, touch the central pillar (Portico de La Gloria), view the 'botafumeiro' and admire the wealth of medieval art inside the Cathedral, before visiting the cloister museum. Enjoy a stroll on our own, though the beautiful streets of Santiago de Compostela, the city of the apostle, full of historical buildings and others. Dinner and overnight in Santiago de Compostela.



Day 10

Today we depart Santiago de Compostela and continue to Porto to see the wine factory and enjoy sampling the best wine. We visit the church of St. Francis before driving to Fatima for dinner and overnight.



Day 11

This morning we visit Fatima, where Our Blessed Mother visited three shepherd children, Lucia Santos and her cousins Bl. Jacinta & Bl. Francisco Marto in 1917. We participate in the Rosary & Candlelight Procession. Dinner and overnight in Fatima.



Day 12

Today is dedicated to religious activities in Fatima on your own. Dinner and overnight in Fatima.

Day 13

Today we bid Spain farewell and board our flights home, carrying with us memories that will last a lifetime.



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Mass/Service will be celebrated daily if possible

\$4,595

per person

on double occupancy basis

***\$899** extra per single room

The price includes:

- Round trip airfare, including all airlines/tax fuel surcharges
- Deluxe Accommodation hotels
- All hotels taxes and portages
- 2 meal daily (Breakfast and Dinner)
- Land transportation by deluxe motor coach
- Comprehensive sightseeing with a bi-lingual licensed guide
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Daily Mass/Service (if requested)
- Tour Brochure

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- Trip cancellation protection (recommended)
- Passport & visa costs, if any
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