

In the Footsteps of the Saints: A Pilgrimage to Portugal, France, & Spain

Suggested Pilgrimage #3 (10 nights/12 days)

Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service to Lisbon, Portugal

Day 2

Lisbon

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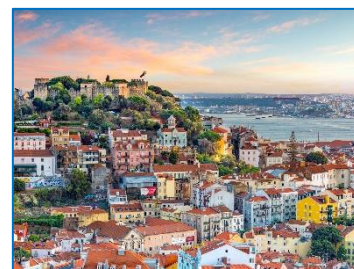
Arrive in Lisbon

Meet your Faith Journeys Tour Manager who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a panoramic tour of Lisbon. We will take a brief tour of this city rich in art, architecture, spirit, and home to many saints

Visit St. Anthony's Church. St. Anthony is known in Portugal as a marriage saint, because legend has him as a conciliator of couples

Late afternoon check-in at the hotel

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight



Day 3

Santarem / Fatima

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Travel 45 miles north to Santarem (Portugal's third largest city), site of many notable churches including the Church of the Holy Miracle, which contains a 13th century Eucharistic miracle on continuous display since 1269

Lunch, on own

Continue to Fatima, home of one of the most well-known Marian shrines in the world, the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Each year as many as 4 million people visit here because they are drawn by the reports of three local shepherd children who in 1917 saw the Virgin Mary

Evening dinner and overnight



Day 4

Fatima

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

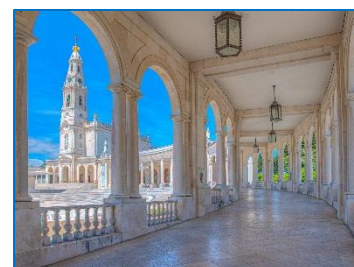
Celebrate Mass and visit the Tombs of Francisco and Jacinta as well as other sites related to the miraculous appearances of Mary to the children

Lunch, on own

We will have time in Fatima for our own devotions and prayers at the Hungarian Stations of the Cross, consisting of fourteen small chapels along walkways leading to a marble monument of Christ on the cross

Enjoy dinner and show (show of the ancient kings and queens) at Ourém Castle originally built between 12th and 13th centuries situated at the top of the hill overlooking the city. The castle is also known as the "Castle of the Queen of the World" because the light that transported Our Lady to her apparitions at Fatima in 1917 was seen to form directly above the castle mount

Overnight at hotel



Day 5

Alba de Tormes / Teresa of Avila

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Travel to Salamanca in western Spain by way of Alba de Tormes, the burial place of St. Teresa of Avila. Many miracles have been associated with St. Teresa including the "odor of sanctity"



Lunch, on own
Enjoy time at leisure in Salamanca for additional sightseeing, reflection, or activities
Evening dinner and overnight

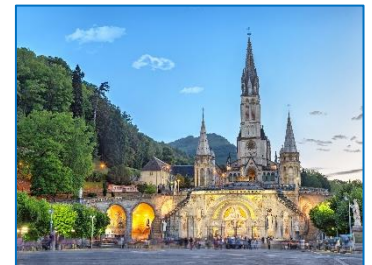
Day 6 **Salamanca / Avila / Burgos** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Tour Salamanca, also known as the Golden City and for its monumental sights and great University. Founded in 1218, it is the oldest university in Spain and fifth oldest in the western world
Celebrate Mass in the famous old Romanesque Cathedral
Lunch, on own
Travel to Avila, birth place of St. Teresa of Avila and known for its medieval city walls constructed of brown granite. Visit the church where St. Teresa had frequent visions and ecstatic experiences. We will also see the Convent of St. Teresa, one of the main destinations for Catholic pilgrims to this city
Continue to Burgos for evening dinner and overnight



Day 7 **St. Ignatius of Loyola / Lourdes** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
En route to Lourdes, we'll stop in Loyola, the birthplace of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. We will visit the home of St. Ignatius and the 17th century Basilica dedicated to him
Lunch, on own
Continue to the foothills of the Pyrenees mountains to picturesque Lourdes, site of the largest Catholic pilgrimage destination in France. It is here that St. Bernadette to whom Our Lady appeared in 1858 near the Grotto of Massabielle, was born
Evening dinner
Return to the Sanctuary for the Rosary and Torchlight Procession (beginning at about 8:30pm depending on seasonal schedules)
Overnight at hotel



Day 8 **Lourdes** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Begin the morning with Mass. After which, we will walk in the footsteps of Bernadette as we visit the Grotto of Massabielle, the site of St. Bernadette's visions of the Virgin Mary, the home in which St. Bernadette and her family lived, the parish church, and other holy shrines related to these visions
Lunch, on own
Participate in the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessing of the Sick (depending on seasonal schedules)
Evening dinner
Return to the Sanctuary for the Rosary and Torchlight Procession (beginning at about 8:30pm depending on seasonal schedules)
Overnight at hotel



Day 9 **Zaragoza** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
This morning we will leave for Zaragoza, linked to the beginnings of Christianity in Spain. As we make our way through the area, we'll see a variety of landscapes from desert to forest and meadows to mountains
Lunch, on own
Visit the Basilica-Cathedral of Our Lady of the Pillar whose history stems



from the dawn of Christianity in Spain attributing to the blessed virgin Mary appearing to St. James the apostle who brought Christianity to the country
Evening dinner and overnight

Day 10 **Montserrat / Barcelona** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

This morning we will visit Montserrat, one of the most popular pilgrimage destinations in Spain. We will journey to the Monastery, located near the top of the 4,000-foot mountain and home to about 80 monks

Visit the Basilica which houses the reverend *La Moreneta*, or Black Virgin, a small Romanesque statue made of wood, with the child Jesus on her lap

Lunch, on own

Continue to Barcelona, Spain's second largest city, where we will have time at leisure for additional sightseeing, reflection, or other activities

Evening dinner and overnight



Day 11 **Barcelona** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Begin the day by visiting the cutting-edge Art Nouveau *Sagrada Familia* Church, designed by Antoni Gaudí. Gaudí devoted his later years to Catholicism and his *Sagrada Familia*

Visit the Gothic Saint Eulalia Cathedral and its IV Century Roman Wall, see the Columbus Statue on the well-known Ramblas Blvd, and Catalunya Square to the Enxample where we will admire the architecture styles of Catalan's most famous architects, Batllò, Milá, and Gaudí

Lunch, on own

Celebrate Mass at the Basilica of Santa Maria del Mar, a beautiful 14th century church dedicated to Our Lady

Visit Tibidabo Hill where a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with his extended arms overlooks Barcelona below

Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure for additional sightseeing, reflection, or other activities

Farewell Dinner and overnight



Day 11 **Depart for home** **(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Barcelona airport for return flight

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable

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