

# MARIAN SHRINES

A JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

*You are invited to a Pilgrimage*

**FATIMA | SPAIN | LOURDES | LA SALETTE**

**May 05-18, 2025 (14 days)**

**Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Fred Ofredo**

**With Daily Mass at Holy Sites**

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Lisbon (St. Anthony) · Santarem (Eucharistic Miracle) · Fatima (Mary's Apparitions) · Alba de Tormes (St. Teresa of Avila) · Avila (St. Teresa of Avila) · Madrid · Zaragoza (Our Lady of the Pilar) · Barcelona (Sagrada de Família) · Monserrat (Black Madonna) · Manresa (St. Ignatius de Loyola) · Lourdes (St. Bernadette) · La Salette (Our Lady of La Salette)

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## A MARIAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, SPAIN, LOURDES & LA SALETTE

### **DAY 1 (May 05): FLIGHTS FROM US/MNL TO LISBON**

Depart for your overnight flight to Lisbon. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board.

### **Day 2 (May 06): ARRIVE LISBON / SANTAREM / FATIMA**

Today we arrive in Lisbon and meet our Tour Director who will accompany us until the end of our tour in Paris. We transfer to the city center of Lisbon, Portugal's capital, and celebrate Mass at the birthplace of St. Anthony of Padua. Following Mass, we will have a motor-coach panoramic city tour of the city, visit the Tagus River and see the Tower of Belem and the Discoveries Monument, displaying statues of many Portuguese explorers. We also visit inside the Jeronimos Monastery, an impressive symbol of Portugal's power and wealth during the "Age of Discovery". After lunch, we depart Lisbon for Fatima. Enroute, we visit Santarem and the Church of St. Stephen, or "Church of the Holy Miracle" in Santarem, site of a 13th century Eucharistic miracle. We continue on to Fatima where in 1917, Mary appeared to the local children and the "miracle of the sun" occurred.

We check-in to our hotel in Fatima and enjoy dinner. We will have the option to join this evening's International Rosary at 9:30 PM at the Chapel of Apparitions attended by thousands of pilgrims world-wide, followed by the Candlelight Procession. (**Note:** One of you will lead the the Rosary in Tagalog, they will have delegates from different countries to lead the International Rosary. The leader of the Rosary should be at the Chapel of Apparitions by 9:10 PM).

### **Day 3 (May 07): FATIMA/ ALJUSTREL / VALINHOS**

After an early breakfast, we walk to the Chapel of Apparitions to celebrate English mass at 9:00 AM with our priest, as the main celebrant. Following the Holy Mass, we will have a guided tour of the Shrine and the Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima, visit the tombs of the children, followed by a visit of the shrine's museum, visit the museum and see the bullet that pierced through St. John Paull II and other items of historical significance. Spend free time to explore the sanctuary's grounds. After lunch, we continue on to Aljustrel to visit the House of Lucia and House of Francisco and Jacinta and also stop for a visit to the pasture in Valinhos where Our Lady once appeared to the children.

### **DAY 3 (May 07): continued.**

We return to Fatima for personal free time and dinner. We will join again this evening's International Rosary at 9:30 PM at the Chapel of Apparitions followed by the Candlelight Procession. Stay in Fatima for the night.

The Miracle of the Sun that took place in Fatima, Portugal on October 13, 1917, has been considered the greatest miracle performed by God in the history of mankind since the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. As in the Resurrection, the miracle was announced several months prior to (it's fulfillment and occurred at the exact time and place and witnessed by more than 70,000 people.

### **Day 4 (May 08) : FATIMA / COVA DA IRA**

Mass in the morning; Then we participate in the Stations of the Cross along the path that the shepherd children used to tend to their flock en-route to the Cova da Iria, where Our Lady appeared to them. The rest of the day is for personal prayers and devotions & souvenir shopping. Dinner at our hotel, we will join again in this evening's International Rosary at 9:30 PM. Overnight at Fatima.

### **Day 5 (May 09): FATIMA / ALBA de TORMES / AVILA**

This morning, we check-out from our hotel and depart Fatima, for a long journey to Alba de Tormes (about 4 hours) where St. Teresa of Avila died in 1582. We celebrate Mass inside the Church of the Annunciation, where St. Teresa's body is entombed under the main altar and relics of the saint are stored above the altar in a glass reliquary. Following Mass, visit the small museum dedicated to St. Teresa of Ávila, which also holds her incorrupt heart and left arm. After lunch, we continue on to Avila (about 1 hr. drive), the best-preserved walled city in the world and home to St. Teresa. It is here, with her spiritual director, St. John of the Cross, that St. Teresa reformed the Carmelite Order. We will enjoy a short walking tour of Avila, the ancient city inside its walls, including a visit to the Church of St. Teresa.

### **Day 5 (May 09): continued...**

We will visit these sites: Catedral de Ávila, whose artwork and architecture encompasses the Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance styles; la Basilica de San Vicente, of which stands on the site of the martyrdom of St. Vincent; Monastery of the Incarnation, where St. Teresa became a nun and most interestingly, received advice from St. John of the Cross to reform the Carmelite order; El Convento de Santa Teresa, built upon the home of St. Teresa and contains the relics of hers and of St. John of the Cross; El Convento de San Jose, the first monastery created by St. Teresa. Check-in at hotel in Avila; Dinner & overnight in Avila.

### **Day 6 (May 10): AVILA / MADRID / ZARAGOZA / BARCELONA**

After breakfast, we drive to Madrid & enjoy an orientation tour of Spain's capital that will include a visit and celebration of Mass in the Almudena Cathedral. Following Mass, we arrive at the Plaza Mayor, the main square in Madrid, and also stop at the Royal Palace. Both sites are iconic to Madrid as the Palace holds state ceremonies and events; and the Plaza Mayor is the geographic center of Madrid, as well as the social center. We will also visit Retiro Park and a motor coach panoramic city tour of Madrid with short stops at major sites for photo opp. Later in the afternoon, we bid farewell to Madrid and continue on to the town of Zaragoza. Upon arrival, we visit the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar, the place where Mary appeared to the Apostle James before her Assumption into heaven. The church was built upon the site of where Our Lady appeared to St. James. In 44 A.D. St. James, the Greater was spreading the Gospel in Spain but making very little progress and questioning his mission. According to Catholic Tradition, the Virgin Mary, who was still living in Jerusalem, bi-located and appeared to St. James the Greater to boost his morale. While inside the Basilica, we will view the pillar that was carried by angels and from atop where Our Lady appeared. We will continue on to Barcelona for dinner and overnight.

### **Day 7 (May 11): BARCELONA**

After breakfast, we will celebrate Holy Mass at Sagrada Familia at the Crypt and then have a guided group tour inside the beautiful Basilica. It is the most iconic symbol of Barcelona and the most visited landmark in the whole of Spain. The construction of the structure began in 1882. It was designed initially in a Neo-Gothic style. A year later it was commissioned to a genius Spanish Catalan architect, Antoni Gaudi, who redesigned it entirely. Today, more than 140 years after the laying of the cornerstone, the construction continues on the Basilica.

After lunch, we proceed with a sightseeing tour of the city, including the stunning panoramic views of the Port of Barcelona, Montjuic Hill, Plaza de España, and Plaza de Catalunya. Plaza de España is right outside the center of town and was formerly known for its old bull-fighting ring. Plaza de Catalunya is located in central Barcelona and is known for its fountains and statues. We continue our panoramic city tour

to the city center's Plaza de Catalunya and Paseo de Gracia to admire Gaudi's eccentric Casa Batlló and Milà. Our day of touring will continue with a guided walking tour through the Gothic Quarter that contains remains from an ancient Roman village, including the Cathedral of Barcelona, then to the Mercat de la Boqueria. It is a municipal market located on Las Ramblas in Barcelona.

Return to our hotel for a restful night.

### **Day 8 (May 12): BARCELONA / MANRESA / MONSERRAT/ BARCELONA**

We depart this morning for Manresa, a place of profound conversion for St. Ignatius of Loyola. At Manresa, we have an audiovisual presentation and a tour of the museum and visit the cave on the banks of the Cardener River where Ignatius received a vision that provided him with insights into the spiritual life and altered the course of his own life. From the initial insights he received here, Ignatius went on to compose the Spiritual Exercises. Ignatius remained in Manresa for about a year and a half before continuing his journey. We then follow Ignatius' path to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Montserrat (located on a rugged mountainside) and take the funicular up the Basilica. The Sanctuary is the spiritual heart of Catalonia and home to a dramatically set Benedictine monastery. For 700 years, this Marian shrine has attracted thousands of pilgrims from around the world. We will celebrate Mass here and visit the Black Madonna of Montserrat, probably Spain's most fervent devotion to the Blessed Mother. According to Catholic tradition, St. Luke carved the statue of the Black Madonna around 50 A.D. and brought it to Spain. While in Spain, it was hidden from the Moors and then, was later rediscovered by shepherds. In 880 A.D., the shepherds and the Bishop of Manresa were drawn to a grotto by a bright light and heavenly music. Upon discovery of the statue of the Black Madonna in the grotto, the Bishop of Manresa suggested that it be moved to Manresa. However, the statue was too heavy that it could not be lifted. As a result, the Virgin remained in Montserrat and continued to be venerated there for centuries. Watch a video about Our Lady of Montserrat and spend time for prayers and devotion. Return to Barcelona, the rest of the afternoon is at your own leisure. Dinner and a restful night in our hotel.

*Sagrada Familia (Interior)*



*Black Madonna of Montserrat*



**Day 9 (May 13): BARCELONA /CARCASSONNE /LOURDES**

After breakfast, we depart Barcelona, drive over the Pyrenees to Lourdes. Enroute we will stop by Carcassonne for lunch, a hilltop town in southern France. It is famous for its medieval citadel, La Cité, with numerous watchtowers and double-walled fortifications which were built in Gallo-Roman times, in the 13th and 14th centuries. After lunch, we proceed our way to Lourdes for another 3 hours. Depending on how tired you are or not, you will have the opportunity to attend the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the Candlelight Procession at 9PM. Dinner and a restful night at our hotel in Lourdes.

**Day 10 (May 14): LOURDES**

Today, you will wake up in a small town that is nestled within the Pyrenees Mountains. Famous for its healing waters and miracles, Lourdes is a remarkable place to visit. Pilgrims come here to be cured. After breakfast, our group will have Mass at the Grotto, concelebrated with other priests. After Mass, our group will have a private guided history tour to see Boly Mill, the birthplace of St. Bernadette, and the "Cachot," an abandoned prison where Bernadette's impoverished family lived. Not only will you learn some of the religious history, but you will also see both the Basilica of Saint Pius and the newer Basilica of the Domain. And there are more stories as you visit the Grotto where Bernadette Soubirous experienced 18 apparitions, as well as the fountain and the Healing Baths. After lunch, we will queue for the healing baths. The rest of the afternoon is your free time. During your time in Lourdes, you will have the opportunity to pray and meditate in yet another site of Our Lady's apparitions. Our Lady first appeared to a young Bernadette Soubirous in 1858, and announced herself as "The Immaculate Conception", near the Grotto of Massabielle.

Tonight, following dinner, you will have another opportunity to attend the candlelight procession and the Rosary before a restful overnight.

**Day 11 (May 15): LOURDES**

After Breakfast & Eucharistic Mass, we gather together and walk up the Hill to experience Christ's unconditional love as we meditate upon the "life size" Stations of the Cross that overlook the Grotto of Masabielle; Free time for personal & Spiritual Exploration at the Lourdes Sanctuary; time for souvenir shopping; Join the rosary and torchlight procession in the evening; Dinner & overnight in Hotel, Lourdes.

**Day 12 (May 16): LOURDES / LA SALETTE**

After breakfast, we depart Lourdes and drive to La Salette (8 hrs.). Upon arrival, celebrate Mass. Check-in at Pilgrim's Guest House at La Salette. After dinner attend the Rosary Candlelight Procession at night. Return to hotel for a restful night stay.

**Day 13 (May 17): LA SALETTE**

After breakfast, we celebrate Mass. Take a guided tour of the Apparition sites of Our Lady of La Salette where she appeared to 2 young shepherds. La Salette is located in a high alpine pasture in the French Alps. La Salette is the site where the Virgin Mary appeared in 1846 to two shepherds, Melanie Matthew and Maximin Gird. Our Lady appeared to these shepherds crying, lamenting over the lack of observance of Sundays and the profaning of her Son's holy name. A spring forever marks the spot where the Virgin appeared and where millions of pilgrims come, to drink the fresh spring water and to pray. The stunning mountain scenery and lush mountain trails make La Salette one of the most spectacular pilgrimage sites in France, with a beautiful Basilica built to honor the Virgin Mary. After the tour, there will be time for personal prayers and meditation. Dinner and overnight in La Salette.

**Day 14 (May 18): LA SALETTE / ROME OR HOMEBOUND**

We celebrate Mass and have breakfast. After breakfast, we check out and transfer to Lyon International airport for our respective flight departures in the afternoon. Some pilgrims will continue their pilgrimage to Italy while others fly home.

\*\*\*\*\* END OF MARIAN PILGRIMAGE \*\*\*\*\*

**For those flying to Rome**, the rest of the afternoon will be free at your own time/personal tour after your transfer from the airport to your hotel in Rome.

*Lourdes Grotto*



# MARIAN PILGRIMAGE-LAND PRICE ONLY: \$3,715/pp (based on DBL occupancy, 25 min. pilgrims)

**AIR from JFK-Lisbon/Rome-JFK: \$915**

**AIR from SFO-Lisbon/Rome-SFO: \$975**

**AIR from JFK-Lisbon/Venice-JFK: \$900**

**AIR from SFO-Lisbon/Venice-SFO: \$1145**

Air Fares as of January 15, 2025. Book flights immediately as fares are not guaranteed until ticketed.

## INCLUDED

- Hotel accommodations in 4\* hotels
- Breakfast Buffet Daily & Dinner
- Tour escort throughout the entire tour until departure
- Sightseeing & Admission fees per itinerary
- Experienced & English-Speaking Local Guides
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Airport Transfers to/from hotel
- Free Wi-Fi at hotels
- Whispers for entire tour
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Private Mass daily with our priest & spiritual guidance

## NOT INCLUDED

- Roundtrip International & US domestic flights
- Gratuities for tour guide, tour director, bus driver, hotel dining servers (\$13/day x13=\$169/pp)
- If continuing to Italy: Flights (from Lyon to Rome: \$125)
- Lunch meals daily (\$15/day x12=\$180/pp)
- Travel Insurance (Highly Encouraged)
- Schengen Visa where applicable
- The new visa for Europe (ETIAS: \$7.00)
- Mass donations (\$1-\$5/day) goes to church, not to the priest
- Love offering for priest (recommended \$20/pp)
- Personal needs, phone calls, extra luggage, etc.

**OPTIONAL:** We offer Travel Insurance Policies providing you coverage for both pre-existing conditions and those that may arise during your trip, including medical and dental emergencies, loss of luggage, trip delay, and so much more. Please call Xenia for details.

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