

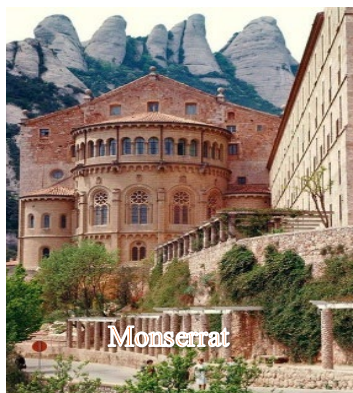
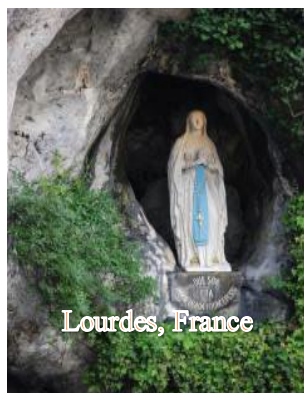
MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

TO THE SHRINES OF PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE
and MEDJUGORJE

August 12-25, 2024

FEATURES:

Lisbon, Fatima, Avila, Zaragosa, Barcelona
Lourdes, Paris, Lisieux, Medjugorje



Cost: Total \$5,255

A deposit of \$500.00 guarantees you a spot!!

Included in cost:

- Round trip air fare from Toronto.
- TGV Express train Lourdes - Paris.
- Superior tourist accommodation based on twin or triple occupancy. Daily breakfast & dinner.
- Tours as per itinerary. All taxes.
- Services of professional English-speaking guides.
- All entrance fees to places of interest.

Not included in cost:

- Tips to drivers/guides - Euros 100.00

Optional all-inclusive insurance:

cancellation/medical/baggage/flight, accident:
Ages 0-59 \$275; 60-64 \$385; 65-69 \$495; 70-74 \$535

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ITINERARY

At times due to reasons beyond our control the sequence of the itinerary may be altered.

We will have daily Masses subject to the churches being open and being able in time for the Mass.

Monday, August 12 - Toronto - Lisbon

Depart Toronto Intl. airport at 2130 hrs for Lisbon.

Tuesday, August 13. Fatima

Arrive Lisbon at 0935 hrs. Met on arrival. by our rep. A panoramic tour of this fascinating city follows including the Church of St Anthony. On to Fatima. En route we visit St Stephen's Church of the Holy Miracle in Santarem home of the 13th century Eucharistic Miracle. Dinner and overnight in Fatima.

Wednesday, August 14 - Fatima

After Mass at the Shrine and breakfast, we will have the opportunity to visit the Sanctuary and the Basilica. During our stay in Fatima we will visit the site of Bl. Francisco and Bl. Jacinta's graves. Visit the hamlet of Adjustrel where the children lived, the Valinhos site of the appearance of Our Lady to the children. Participate in the celebrations commemorating the Apparition of Our Lady to Jacinta, Lucia and Francisco. This includes Holy Mass, Procession, Blessing of the sick, Way of the Cross. Dinner and overnight.

Thursday, August 15 – Avila

After breakfast leave for the world heritage walled town of Avila. Avila is one of the finest remnants of Europe's medieval era, the walled town of Avila was sacred to an ancient Celtiberian culture long before the arrival of the Romans or Christians. The city was captured by the Arab Moors in 714 AD, recaptured by the Christians in 1088, and had its protective walls built in the 12th century. Extending for 2,500 meters and encircling the old town, the massive walls are punctuated by ninety, heavily fortified stone towers. Avila is much visited by tourists today, yet in the late medieval ages its visitors were pilgrims coming to the church in the centre of the walled city. The current church, begun in 1091 and completed in the 13th century, is where the mystic St. Teresa (1515-1582) had frequent visions and ecstatic experiences. Nearby the church stands the house where St. Teresa lived. Dinner/overnight in Avila.

Friday, August 16 - Zaragoza

This morning drive to Zaragoza one of the major cities of Spain. Tour of this beautiful city with its 2,000 years of history. You will find a stunning legacy of monuments in the streets of the city, vestiges of the Roman, Moorish, Jewish and Christian communities who left their mark on the place: Roman ruins such as the Circus; Aljafería Palace; Mudéjar-style churches, with the UNESCO World Heritage designation; Baroque gems like the Pilar Basilica; the work of brilliant artist Francisco de Goya... also the Expo 2008 site. Visit the Basilica de Nuestra Señora del Pilar. Dinner and overnight in Zaragoza.

Saturday, August 17 - Barcelona

After breakfast, proceed to Barcelona for a panoramic tour of this spectacular city. Visit the famed Cathedral Sagrada di Familia designed by the renowned architect Antoni Gaudi. Continue on to Montserrat for dinner/overnight.

Sunday, August 18 - Montserrat - Lourdes

After breakfast visit the breathtaking Benedictine Monastery, that houses the famed Black Madonna. Leaving Spain enjoy a relaxed drive to Lourdes passing through the scenic Pyrenees. Lourdes is the most famous Catholic pilgrimage centre in the world. This evening join thousands of other pilgrims from all over the world in the Torchlight Procession. Dinner/overnight.

Monday, August 19 – Lourdes

Breakfast. Tour of Lourdes including the Grottes de Betharram, St Bernadette's birthplace, the Sanctuary, the Holy Baths. Evening Blessed Sacrament Procession & Torchlight Procession. Dinner and overnight.

Tuesday, August 20 – Paris

After breakfast, we take the TGV Express train to Paris departing at 0900 hrs. Met by our guide around 1 pm for a visit of the Church of St Vincent de Paul and the nearby Church of Miraculous Medal. We will also visit the Basilica of the Sacred Heart commonly known as Sacre-Coeur Basilica. After a panoramic tour of this beautiful city including a photo stop at the famous Eiffel Tower we continue to our hotel for dinner/overnight.

Wednesday, August 21 - Lisieux

After breakfast, proceed to Lisieux. Arrive this afternoon. Tour of Lisieux including a visit to the Basilica of St. Therese. Dinner and overnight in Lisieux.

Thursday, August 22 - 24 Medjugorje

Early morning after breakfast drive to Paris CDG airport to catch our flight to Dubrovnic departing at 1205 hrs. Met by our guide and transferred by coach to our hotel/pansion in Medjugorje for dinner and overnight. In Medjugorje you will visit Bijakovic home of the visionaries and meditate at the Blue Cross. Morning climb will be scheduled for our group for Mt. Podbrdo (Apparition Hill and Mt. Krizevac (Mountain of the Cross). Each evening we will join other pilgrims and the parish community of St. James Church for the recitation of the Rosary, the celebration of the Eucharist and prayers for the sick in the local language.

Friday, August 25 - Zagreb - Toronto

After breakfast transfer to Zagreb airport for our flight to Toronto departing at 1400 hrs. Arrival Toronto 1720 hrs.