

Our Lady of Fatima

Portugal & Spain Catholic Pilgrimage

escorted by
Fr. Arlan Parenteau

April 25 - May 6 , 2017 | 10 nights, 12 days

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\$**4285**/person*

* based on double occupancy

* Single supplement \$595

** minimum of 20 travelers

Price includes:

Return airfare from Edmonton
transportation & taxes
meals and tours (as per itinerary)

*See reverse for daily Itinerary

Pilgrimage Highlights Include: Numerous cathedral visits (Lisbon Cathedral - oldest in Lisbon, Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima, Carmelite Monastery, St Anthony's Church, Cathedral of Zaragoza, La Sagrada Familia); numerous Marians apparition sites (Fatima, Lourdes, Zaragoza, Barcelona); UNESCO World Heritage Site (Santiago de Compostela); stunning architecture and art; the miraculous springs in Lourdes and the beautiful city of Barcelona

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Tues, April 25, 2017 ~ Depart Canada for Lisbon. Overnight: En Route | Meals – In flight

Wed, April 26, 2017 ~ Arrive Lisbon. Meet guide & depart for the hotel to check in. Afternoon at leisure.

Thurs, April 27, 2017 ~ Lisbon – Santarem – Fatima Morning - Lisbon tour: Lisbon Cathedral; St. Jerome's Monastery; St. Anthony's Church; the Belem Quarter; view the "25th of April Bridge" (inspired by San Francisco's bridge); visit the Discoveries Monument (commemorating Great Explorers who brought Portugal to wealth & power). Walk the old city of Santarem's narrow streets to the Church of St. Stephen. Mass follows. Depart for Fatima (one of the most important Marian shrines in the World).

Fri, April 28, 2017 ~ Fatima Mass at the Little Chapel of the Apparitions - One of Our Blessed Mother's apparition sites.

Our Lady appeared to 3 shepherd children; Lucia (10), Jacinta Marto (7) & Francisco Marto (9). These apparitions occurred monthly from May to October of 1917. The entire world was in true turmoil, Our Lady's most prominent message during this time was to pray for world peace.

The Virgin Mary first appeared here on May 13, 1917. Tour Fatima: visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima (contains tombs of Francisco & Jacinta Marto and a Monument commemorating the Sacred Heart of Jesus). Visit the Basilica features altars dedicated to the 15 mysteries of the Rosary; the Hamlet of Aljustrel (home of the children) and Valinhos, site of Our Lady's August 1917 apparition; participate in the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacre (the "Sacred Way"). A candlelight procession completes the day.

Sat, April 29, 2017 ~ Fatima - Santiago de Compostela Cross the border of Portugal & Spain to arrive at Santiago de Compostela (UNESCO World Heritage Site - among the top pilgrimage destinations during the Middle Ages including Rome & Jerusalem); visit some of Europe's finest examples of architectural splendour including the Cathedral of St. James; visit the cloister museum; stroll through picturesque & narrow streets outlined by the resplendent urban Manor Houses. Mass at St. James Cathedral.

Sun, April 30, 2017 ~ Santiago de Compostela - Avila Depart for Avila, (ancient city whose architecture & culture remain virtually unchanged for centuries). Stop in Albe de Tormes (where St. Teresa died in 1582). Inside the Carmelite convent of the Annunciation is the tomb of St. Teresa & her remains in a reliquary above the altar. Visit the best-preserved walled city in the world, home of St. Teresa of Avila who, with St. John of the Cross, reformed the Carmelite Order. Celebrate Mass at the Carmelite Monastery.

Mon, May 1, 2017 ~ Avila – Madrid – Zaragoza Depart for Madrid (a city built by order of Felipe II to be the center of a great empire). Tour Madrid: go through avenues such as Castellana Visita panorâmica da cidade; the Gran via, full of theaters; the monument of Cervantes; the Plaza Major and other landmarks which make this capital one of the most elegant in Europe. Journey to Zaragoza, the capital of Aragon. The remainder of the day is free. Mass arranged at the Basilica del Pilar.

Tues, May 2, 2017 ~ Zaragoza – Lourdes Visit the magnificent Basilica del Pilar (built where Our Lady appeared to Saint James). *In the early days of the Church, Saint James The Greater, was spreading the Gospel in Spain, but making very little progress. He was dejected & questioning his mission, until the Virgin Mary, still living in Jerusalem, bi-located & appeared to him in a vision to boost his morale. In it, she was atop a column or pillar carried by angels - believed to be the same pillar venerated inside the Basilica.*

Visit Cathedral of Zaragoza & take a walking tour. Drive to Lourdes (birthplace of St. Bernadette to whom Our Lady appeared in 1858). After dinner, join an optional candlelight procession in the evening. Mass to be arranged.

Wed, May 3, 2017 ~ Lourdes Time for prayer/reflection with fellow pilgrims; attend Mass at the Grotto; see a video of the story of Lourdes & walk the footsteps of St. Bernadette; drink water from the miraculous spring or submerge yourself in the healing baths; walk the life-sized Stations of the Cross overlooking the holy Grotto. Afternoon at leisure.

Thurs, May 4, 2017 ~ Lourdes - Monserrat – Barcelona Depart Lourdes for Spanish territory. Visit Monserrat (home to the Benedictine monastery set dramatically on a mountainside); visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Monserrat (since the 12th century, pilgrims are drawn here to venerate the miraculous statue of the Black Madonna).

According to Catholic tradition, the statue of the Black Virgin of Monserrat was carved by St. Luke around 50 AD & brought to Spain. It was rediscovered after being hidden, by shepherds in 880 AD. The Bishop of Manresa, present at the discovery, suggested it be moved to Manresa, but the small statue was so heavy it could not be lifted. Thus the Virgin indicated her will to be venerated on Monserrat.

Continue through beautiful scenery to the exciting city of Barcelona. Mass to be arranged.

Fri, May 5, 2017 ~ Barcelona Visit of one of the most artistic cities in Spain (& Europe). Visit works like La Sagrada Família - "The Holy family church". Climbing up to Mont Juic for a panoramic overview of the city and its harbour. The harbour is home to contemporary restaurants & shops, due to a major development push during the 1992 Olympics. Afternoon at leisure. Mass to be arranged.

Sat, May 6, 2017 ~ Depart Barcelona Check out & transfer to the airport for journey home.

Accommodation: 3 - 4 star hotels throughout | Meals included daily – Breakfast & Dinner (incl bottled water & 1 glass of wine)