



WORLD YOUTH DAY

- Lisbon, Portugal -

July 29 - August 7, 2023





Lourdes & Spain Pre-Tour

July 24 - 30, 2023 • \$1998

July 24 - Depart USA

Depart the USA on overnight flights to Paris, France.

July 25 - Paris & Lourdes

Transfer by private motor coach from Paris to Lourdes, which is located at the foot of the Pyrenees Mountains in southwest France. Nestled between the spectacular mountain river Gave de Pau, Lourdes has been one of the most important pilgrimage sites for over 140 years. Lourdes is the birthplace of St. Bernadette, to whom Our Lady appeared in 1858 near the Grotto of Massabielle. Dinner en route and overnight in Lourdes. (D)

July 26 - Lourdes

This morning, concelebrate Mass in English at the Grotto followed by a guided tour of Lourdes. Walk in the footsteps of St. Bernadette. See Boly Mill where she was born and the Cachot, an abandoned prison where her impoverished family lived. Join your prayers with those of pilgrims from around the world as you pray for the sick. Drink water from the miraculous spring or submerge yourself in the healing baths. Experience Christ's love as you walk the life-sized Stations of the Cross overlooking the holy Grotto and kneel in the chapel that was built on the rock of the Grotto at the request of the Immaculate Conception. Attend the blessing of the sick and participate in the nightly candlelight procession requested by Our Lady. (B,D)

July 27 - Lourdes, Loyola & Burgos

This morning, depart for Burgos stopping en route in Loyola, the birthplace of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. Visit the 17th-century basilica dedicated to St. Ignatius and his family home, located behind the basilica. See the room where Ignatius, at age 30, experienced his conversion after he was seriously wounded in the Battle of Pamplona. Proceed to Burgos, an important stop for pilgrims along the way to Santiago de Compostela. Tonight, enjoy a group dinner in the "gastronomic capital of Spain". Overnight in Burgos. (B,D)

July 28 - Burgos & Santiago de Compostela

This morning, visit the 13th-century cathedral, which is the third largest in Spain and is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Take a tour of the cathedral which, with its portal the "Puerta del Sarmental," is considered the best example of Gothic sculpture of its century. After the tour, depart Burgos for Santiago de Compostela, the culmination of the famous medieval pilgrimage route, the Way of St. James. Check into your hotel. Dinner and overnight in Santiago de Compostela. (B, D)

July 29 - Santiago de Compostela

This morning, visit the beautiful cathedral in Santiago de Compostela. Take part in the morning Pilgrim Mass with the swinging of the Botafumiero, a three-foot high iron censer suspended by a two hundred-foot rope and swung over the heads of the congregation. See the Portico de la Gloria, located just inside the main entrance. Through the centuries, millions of pilgrims have touched the central pillar, which has left the stone smooth and worn. The relics of St. James the Apostle repose in the high altar. Pilgrims can follow the centuries-old tradition of climbing the stairs behind the altar to kiss the shells that rest on the golden statue of the saint. Below the statue is the crypt where the bones of St. James are contained in a silver reliquary. Free time this afternoon. Dinner on your own and overnight in Santiago de Compostela. (B)

July 30 - Bom Jesus, Coimbra & Lis

After breakfast, travel to the city of Braga. Here, you will visit the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte, Portugal's most photographed church. Climb the Baroque granite staircase and take in the picturesque view of the Braga plain below. Pray the Way of the Cross in the side grottos, culminating inside the church at the Altar of the Crucifixion. Continue to Coimbra. On arrival, visit the Carmelite cloister where Sister Lucia, one the three visionaries of Fatima, lived. Proceed to Fatima for dinner as a group. JOIN THE MAIN GROUP (B,D)

Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

ITINERARY

July 29 – Depart USA

Depart on your overnight international flight.

July 30 - Arrive in Lisbon

Arrive, go through customs and meet your host after collecting your luggage. Depart via private motorcoach to Lisbon, Portugal . Stop en route for dinner on your own/ restrooms. Overnight in Lisbon

July 31 – Fatima half-day excursion (B)

Breakfast

Depart for your tour of Fatima to see the Shrine

Lunch on your own

Return to Lisbon

Overnight in Lisbon

August 1 – WYD Catechesis | WYD Opening Ceremonies (B)

WYD Catechesis

Lunch with WYD tickets

WYD Opening Ceremonies

Overnight in Lisbon

August 2 - WYD Catechesis | Lisbon City Tour (B)

Breakfast and WYD Catechesis

Depart for your day tour of Lisbon

Break for lunch on your own

Continue your tour of Lisbon with a historical walking tour

Overnight in Lisbon

August 3 - WYD Catechesis | Papal Welcome (B)

Breakfast and WYD Events

Papal Welcome

Overnight in Lisbon

August 4 - WYD Catechesis | Stations of the Cross (B)

Breakfast and WYD Events

Youth Festival and Stations of the Cross

Overnight in Lisbon

August 5 – WYD Vigil (B)

Early departure walking to Mass site

Evening prayer with Holy Father at Mass site

Overnight in field

August 6 - Papal Closing Mass (B)

Papal closing Mass

Walk back to the hotel (partial overnight in Lisbon)

August 7 - Return to USA (B)

Depart early through the night for your return flights home

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

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Madrid Extension

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August 7 - Lisbon & Madrid

Depart from Lisbon to Madrid. Upon arrival in Madrid, proceed to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

August 8 - Madrid

After breakfast at our hotel, our guided morning sightseeing tour will first take us along some of Madrid's beautiful main avenues and boulevards to see many of the city's most important landmarks and its monumental fountains (including the Cibeles and Neptuno) as well as the always busy main square, La Plaza Mayor, which was built during the Habsburg Period. Next, we will travel to the Old Town to visit one of the world's great museums, The Prado, which houses one of the best collections of classical painters anywhere! In the afternoon, visit the Royal Palace. (B,D).

August 9 - Madrid & Avila

After breakfast, we will take a full-day guided sightseeing tour in and around the walled city of Ávila, where St. Teresa of Ávila founded the Carmelite Order. Our tour includes the Basilica de San Vincente, the Real Monasterio de Santo Tomas, and the Convento de Santa Teresa (where we can view relics of the saint, including her preserved finger). Then, we will enjoy a walk along the walls surrounding the city of Ávila known as Las Murallas de Ávila. We will also have some free time in Ávila prior to returning to our hotel in Madrid for dinner and overnight at the Hotel. (B,D)

August 10 - Madrid & Toledo

After breakfast, we will head south to the Central Plain of Spain to visit Toledo, the provincial capital and royal residence during the Middle Ages. During this period, Muslims, Jews, and Christians peacefully lived and flourished here in this great cultural and architectural center. As our tour winds its way through Toledo's narrow streets, the history and romance of this city is palpable. Our guided tour includes many of the city's great monuments, including the Spanish-Gothic La Catedral, the Church of Santo Tome (to see El Greco's most renowned work "The Burial of Count Orgaz"), and the Sinagoga de Santa Maria La Blanca (Spain's oldest synagogue). Return to our hotel in Madrid for dinner and overnight at the Hotel. (B,D)

August 11 - Madrid

After breakfast, depart to Madrid Airport. (B)



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