

Marian Shrines Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France

12 days/10 nights

October 14-25, 2024

Led by: Fr. Mason Wiggins
Pastor of St. William Catholic Church, Keystone Heights, FL

3 Nights in Paris, the City of Light

Visit Sacré-Cœur Basilica, Saint Chapelle, Miraculous Medal Chapel, Versailles Palace, daytrip to Lisieux and a dinner cruise on the Seine River!

2 Nights in Lourdes, site of St. Bernadette's Apparitions

Pray at Lourdes Grotto, immerse yourself in the holy waters, participate in the processions, and learn about the life of St. Bernadette.

2 Nights in Fatima, where the Miracle of the Sun occurred

Visit the Shrine, Apparition Chapel & Basilica. Visit Aljustrel where the three children were born. Participate in the evening candlelight procession.

1 Night at Parador de Avila,

A restored 16th century Renaissance Palace located within the old city walls.

Plus overnight in Lisbon and Zaragoza!

\$4,995 per person sharing twin room

Cost Includes: 10 nights accommodations as described on itinerary or similar sharing twin bedded rooms with private bath; breakfast & dinner daily; drinks/wine at dinner except on Oct 18, 22 & 23; comprehensive daily sightseeing w/English speaking tour manager & local guides per itinerary on pg. 2; deluxe motor coach; TGV train tickets; entrance fees to sites visited including Versailles Palace; Paris Dinner Cruise on Seine on 10/24; daily liturgy schedule planned; hotel taxes & services; portage of one bag per person; air taxes of \$550, subject to changes until tickets are issued in September 2024.

Not included: Items not specified above, e.g. lunches; drinks/wine at dinner on Oct 18, 22 & 23; travel protection insurance (if purchased at time of deposit, pre-existing conditions are covered); group gratuities (\$150 per person will be pre-collected on final invoice); items of a personal nature, passport fees; visa fees for non U.S. citizens if applicable.

Extend your stay in Paris!

OPTIONAL TRIP EXTENSION: (First come first served! Space is limited)

3 hotel nights in Paris October 25-28 w/ breakfast: Add \$450 per person sharing twin room

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT:

Complete the booking form below and submit with your deposit of \$750 + optional travel insurance payment as soon as possible. (Premium is based on age and trip cost, please see Arch RoamRight travel insurance rates). All checks payable to Far Away Tours. **Final payment due July 15, 2024.**

ANY QUESTIONS? Contact Patti Lombardo

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BOOKING FORM

GRP # 2408 Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France with Fr. Mason Wiggins; October 14-25, 2024.

I (we) give my (our) deposit(s) of \$750 per person due as soon as possible to reserve your spot. If you are purchasing travel insurance, **please add the insurance amount to your deposit check made payable to Far Away Tours.**

Name: (Mr./Mrs./Ms) _____

Please PRINT official, legal first & last name as on passport, no nicknames!

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Tel: Home _____ Mobile: _____

E Mail: _____

Date of Birth (month/day/year): ___/___/___

Dietary Restrictions: ___ Vegetarian ___ Vegan

Check payable to: Far Away Tours

Mail to:

Attn: Patti Lombardo
Holy Family Catholic Church
9800 Baymeadow Rd.
Jacksonville, FL 32256

___ Twin Room ___ Single Room (\$1,150 supplement)

Sharing room with _____

3 Night Hotel Ext. Oct 25-28 ___ (Add \$450 per person)

IMPORTANT: Please include a copy of your Passport valid through January 25, 2025 or beyond.



FAR AWAY TOURS

Religious Group Pilgrimages & Cultural Tours

OCT 14/MON - DEPART JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT TO LISBON.

OCT 15/TUE - LISBON. On arrival to Lisbon Airport, meet your English speaking tour manager and coach and depart towards the stunning capital city center of Lisbon for a guided tour. Visit St. Anthony Church and celebrate Mass. Free time for lunch followed by a guided walking tour of the historic quarter of Belem. Admire St. Jerome Monastery, Belem Tower and the Monument of Discoveries. Free time for lunch on your own before transferring to your hotel for check-in, dinner (drinks included) and overnight. (B,D) **Hotel Mundial 4* or similar**

OCT 16/WED - LISBON/SANTAREM/FATIMA. After breakfast, we will visit the famous Alfama neighborhood. Visit St. George's Castle, admire St. Vincent Outside the Walls, Lisbon's striking Cathedral, and the National Pantheon. Walk through the winding hilly streets, some of the oldest in Lisbon. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes. After, we will depart to Fatima, stopping en-route in Santarem to visit the church of the Holy Miracle of the Bleeding Host. Celebrate Mass here and witness the Eucharistic Miracle. Continue to Fatima, site where the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children monthly from May 13 to October 13, 1917. Check-in to your hotel for dinner (drinks included) and overnight. You will have an opportunity tonight to participate in the evening candlelight procession with pilgrims from around the world! (B,D) **Hotel Cinquentenário 4* or similar**

OCT 17/THU – FATIMA. After breakfast, depart to Aljustrel where the three children were born. We will also visit Valinhos, site of the 4th Apparition. Follow the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacra, ending in the Chapel of Calvary, which overlooks all of Fatima. Enjoy free time for lunch, then celebrate Mass in the Chapel of the Apparitions. After, visit the spectacular Shrine and the new Church of the Santíssima Trindade (Holy Trinity Church). Free time for prayer and relaxation before dinner and overnight at your hotel. After dinner (drinks included), you may wish to participate once more in the evening candlelight procession. (B,D) **Hotel Cinquentenário 4* or similar**

OCT 18/FRI - FATIMA/SALAMANCA/AVILA. After an early breakfast, we depart to Avila, Spain. En -route, we will make a short stop in the lovely university town of Salamanca for lunch on our own. Continue on to Avila, the beautiful walled 11th century city and birthplace of St. Teresa, reformer and founder of the Discalced Carmelites; the great mystic and doctor of the Church. Meet your local guide and visit Incarnation Convent, the Cathedral and the sites associated with the Saint's life. Celebrate Mass. Check-in to your hotel for dinner (without drinks) and overnight. (B,D) **Hotel Parador de Ávila 4* or similar**

OCT 19/SAT - AVILA/BURGOS/ZARAGOZA. Morning departure to Zaragoza, stopping en-route in Burgos for lunch on your own. Arrive to Zaragoza, meet your local guide and visit the Basilica del Pilar dedicated to Our Lady of Zaragoza and the second most famous pilgrimage site in Spain. Tour the magnificent Basilica, 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, making very little progress and questioning his mission. According to Catholic Tradition, the Virgin Mary, who was still living in Jerusalem, bilocated and appeared to St. James the Greater to boost his moral. Inside, see the pillar carried by angels where Our Lady appeared. Celebrate Mass. Time permitting, we will visit Aljafería Palace, a Moorish castle/palace from the 11th century. The remains of its fortified enclosure are still preserved. It is currently the seat of the Parliament of Aragon. Check-in to your hotel in Zaragoza for dinner (drinks included) and overnight. (B,D) **Hotel Zenit Don Yo 4* or similar**

OCT 20/SUN - ZARAGOZA/TORRECIUDAD/LOURDES. After breakfast, depart towards Lourdes. En-route, we will visit the Sanctuary of Torreciudad with a local guide, one of the important sites along the Marian Route and one of the most famous pilgrimage sites in Aragon. Built by the founder of Opus Dei, the modern shrine is located amongst natural beauty, set atop a mountain with panoramic views of the Grado Reservoir. See the image of the Virgin of Torreciudad, a carving of the Black Madonna dating to the 11th century. Celebrate Mass and also visit the original hermitage where the carving was originally kept. You will have the opportunity to watch two videos about village's fascinating history. Lunch on your own, then continue on to the small town of Lourdes, one of the most moving Shrines to Our Lady in the world. Check-in to your hotel for dinner (drinks included) and overnight. After dinner, you may wish to join pilgrims from around the world in the evening candlelight procession. (B,D) **Hotel La Solitude 4* or similar**

OCT 21/MON - LOURDES. Celebrate morning Mass in the Sanctuary. After Mass, meet your local guide and visit the Basilica of St. Pius X and the Church of the Rosary. You will take a walking tour to see the sites associated with Bernadette's life in Lourdes. The rest of the day is yours free to pray, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and experience the healing spring water of Lourdes. You will have another opportunity to participate in the daily processions. Dinner (drinks included) and overnight at your hotel.

OCT 22/TUE- LOURDES/PARIS. Take the morning high speed TGV train to Paris. On arrival, meet your local guide, visit the Shrine of St. Catherine Laboure where the tradition of the Miraculous Medal began and where we will celebrate Mass. Just around the corner, view the sights of the repose of St. Louise de Marillac and St. Vincent de Paul. After lunch on your own, take a panoramic city tour of Paris; we will walk through the historic Latin quarter to see the Cathedral of Notre Dame (*admire from a distance due to reconstruction*), and Saint Chappelle. Time permitting, take a guided tour visiting the Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triumph and the Eiffel Tower. Check-in to your hotel for dinner (without drinks) and overnight. (B,D) **Hotel Mercure Gare de Lyon TGV 4* or similar**

OCT 23/ WED- PARIS (LISIEUX). After an early breakfast, meet your local guide and depart to Lisieux for a full day excursion. Upon arrival, visit the sites associated with the life of St. Therese of the Little Flower, Patroness of the Missions, whose motto was "Love is repaid by love alone." Visit the Carmelite Convent, where St. Therese lived from 1888 until 1897. Celebrate afternoon Mass at St. Therese Basilica, followed by some free time for lunch on your own, to stroll the streets and to spend time in prayer and reflection. Return to your hotel in Paris for dinner (without drinks) and overnight. (B,D)

OCT 24/THU—PARIS. After breakfast, meet your local guide and enjoy a morning excursion to the Palace of Versailles, one of the largest and most opulent castles in the world. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, it is one of the most visited attractions in France. Tour the grand apartments, beautiful gardens and stunning Hall of Mirrors. Return back to Paris to celebrate Mass at Sacré Coeur Basilica. In the evening, enjoy an enchanting Dinner Cruise on the River Seine! Enjoy first class service in the front seats of the boat (the best). Take in the spectacular views of the major Paris landmarks lit up at night. (B,D)

OCT 25/FRI - TRANSFER TO PARIS (CDG) AIRPORT FOR YOUR RETURN FLIGHT BACK TO JACKSONVILLE.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

TARIFF & EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS: All tour prices herein are quoted in U.S. dollars and are based on tariffs and exchange levels in effect December 2023. Rates are subject to adjustment in the event of any changes in these tariffs and exchange levels.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Rooms with two beds and private facilities throughout.

DOCUMENTS: Carry valid U.S. passport valid through January 25, 2025 or beyond and another photo ID.

CANCELLATIONS: Upon deposit, a non-refundable fee of \$350 will secure your spot on the trip. After that, cancellations fees are as follows: 190-150 days \$750; 149-120 days prior: \$1,500; 119-60 days prior; \$2,000; 59-40 days prior; \$3,000 ;39-0 days prior: up to total cost. In addition, airline tickets are non-refundable from the day they are issued, which is sometimes several months before departure. Refunds will be handled promptly and will be made for cancellations received in writing. **Optional cancellation/travel protection insurance is highly recommended at time of deposit to protect your travel investment.**

GROUP SIZE: Rates herein are based on a minimum of 38 passengers.

RESPONSIBILITY: The travel agent and the tour operator, Far Away Tours of Higganum, CT 06441, Tel: 860-740-0325, or their agents act(s) only as agent(s) in all matters connected with the making and securing of reservations for transportation, accommodations, tours and/or other arrangements and assumes no responsibility for liability in connection with the service of any train, vessel carriage, aircraft or other conveyance which is used, either wholly or in part, in the performance of its duty to the passengers; neither this travel agency nor any of its representatives shall be, or become liable for any act, error or omission, or for any injury, loss accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any vehicle or through neglect or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out the purpose for which ticket or coupons have been issued. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable, for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made. Additional expenses if any, shall be borne by the passengers; conversely, refund will be made to the passengers if any saving is effected thereby. Also, in the event that sufficient persons are not secured for a particular tour, we reserve the right to cancel said tour, and a refund of monies paid will release the company of any further obligation. All arrangements for accommodations, transportation and sightseeing are made by the tour operator and/or their agents. The passage contract in use by companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchase of these tours and/or passage by the airlines concerned and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance.

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