
D1 – Arrive Lisbon

Upon arrival in Lisbon we will be greeted by our tour escort and visit Saint Anthony's Church (the patron saint of lost objects) to celebrate Mass Day Then we depart for Santarem, one of the oldest cities in the world. We will walk through its narrow streets to the Church of St. Stephen, containing the oldest recorded) Eucharist's miracle. This miracle has been on continuous display since 1269 A.D. We then continue on to Fatima, where the blessed mother appeared in 1917 to three simple shepherd children. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (D)

D2 – Fatima

After breakfast, we begin our day celebrating Mass at the Little Chapel of the Apparitions. After mass we begin our tour of Fatima where we will experience the beauty of this spiritual town. We will see the Basilica, the site of Francesco and Jacinta's graves, the Hamlet of Aljustrel, where the children lived, and Valinhos, the site of Our Lady's appearance after the children's return from prison. Experience Christ's love as you walk and follow the Stations of the Cross along the Sacred Way culminating in the Chapel of Calvary which overlooks all of Fatima. Attend the blessing of the sick and participate in nightly candlelight processions requested by Our Lady. Dinner at our hotel and afterward we join the Rosary and candlelight procession. (B, D)

D3 – Fatima – Santiago de Compostela

We celebrate Mass this morning and board our motor coach for our scenic drive to the University Town of Coimbra. We will visit the monastery where Sr. Lucy still lives, the sole surviving visionary. We continue to Santiago de Compostela. Upon arrival we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

D4 – Santiago de Compostela

We will have a full day of sightseeing in the city of Spain's patron Saint. The name "Compostela" from the Latin "field of the Star" A was named after the tradition of St. James (Santiago), the Patron Saint of Spain. This city has been the third major site visited by Christian pilgrims and visitors (after Jerusalem and Rome) and is the present capital of Galicia. We will delight in our walking tour of this medieval city on labyrinthine cobbled streets. Santiago remains virtually intact, since no man or natural upheavals have produced any damage to the city. It's a true national monument with its buildings built with practically indestructible granite stone. We will visit the Plaza del bradoiro and the great Cathedral that dominates the town. Its main entrance is two stories above the plaza. The statue of St. James smiles benignly down upon the faithful. The towers soar into the sky. The Portico de la Gloria, designed by Maestro Mateo and completed in 1188, is the finest example of a Romanesque sculpture and where we will celebrate Mass. inside the Cathedral are more pieces of priceless architecture, statues and religious treasures. A statue of St. James towers above and is surrounded by an elaborate display of drapery and sculpture. There will be time to browse through the quaint narrow streets and plazas, admiring such buildings as the Neoclassical Rajoy Palace, now the city hall, the Romanesque Colegio de San Jeronimo, and the utterly stunning Parador de Los Reyes Católicos – all buildings which surround the other three sides of this magnificent plaza. Dinner is at our hotel. (B, D)

D5 – Santiago de Compostela – Salamanca

After breakfast we depart through Spain to the city of Salamanca, considered the most graceful city in Spain and for four centuries it was the seat of one of the most prestigious universities in the world. We will have a chance to see many of the city's sights including the grand Plaza Mayor and the vast Baroque church of La Clerecía to celebrate Mass. Then we visit the Casa de las Conchas (House of Shells), the University, the cathedrals and the Roman bridge which dates from the 1st century. We will enjoy a delicious dinner in a local restaurant before continuing to our hotel for a restful overnight. (B, D)

D6 – Salamanca – Alba de Tormes - Avila – Burgos

After breakfast, we will depart to the quaint village of Alba de Tormes and celebrate Mass at the Carmelite Monastery where Saint Teresa is buried. In the little museum of the Carmelite Monastery we will be able to see the incorrupt heart of the St. Teresa. Continue to Avila, the walled medieval city, to visit the Convent of St. Teresa, erected where she was born. Also the Cathedral dedicated to San Salvador. The Ávila Cathedral is truly a cathedral-castle with battlements and sentry walks incorporated into the structure. Then visit the Incarnation Convent, where St. Teresa became a nun and home to the very inclusive museum dedicated to her life. We also visit La Santa Monastery, built on the site of the house where she was born, and San José Convent, the first monastery founded by the Saint. Continue to Burgos, the historic capital of Old Castle to see the magnificent limestone cathedral. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

D7 – Burgos – Loyola – Lourdes

After breakfast, we depart Burgos for Loyola, the birthplace of St. Ignatius, founder of the Jesuits and the 17th century Basilica dedicated to him. Celebrate Mass. We will also visit his family home behind the sanctuary and the room he was cared for after his serious wounds at the Battle of Pamplona. Then we drive to Lourdes in France. Time is at leisure for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

D8 – Lourdes

We begin this morning with Mass. Afterward, we enjoy a walking tour "In the footsteps of Bernadette. We visit the Cachot (former jail cell that once served as the Soubirous family's home); the parish church; Fr. Peyramale's Presbytery; the Hospice and the Holy Mill. This afternoon we are welcome to participate in the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed of the Sick. After dinner at the hotel, we return to the Sanctuary this evening for the Rosary and Torchlight Procession, (subject to availability). Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

D9 – Lourdes / Toulouse – USA

This morning we transfer to the Toulouse airport for our return flight home – the end of a memorable pilgrimage. (B)