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Fatima

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Holy Shrines of Portugal, France and Spain

On this faith-based vacation, visit revered Marian shrines in Portugal and Spain. Start your trip in Lisbon with a welcome dinner and a guided sightseeing tour featuring visits to Jeronimos Monastery and the Church of St. Anthony. Visit the Church of the Holy Miracle in Santarém; the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, where the Virgin Mary appeared to three children in 1917; and the Chapel of the Apparitions. Consider joining the evening's rosary and candlelight procession.

Next, travel to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, one of the top pilgrimage destinations during the Middle Ages. Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour and visit the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Then travel along the ancient "Way of St. James" to Burgos, the historic capital of Old Castile, and enjoy a guided tour and visit to the magnificent cathedral. Travel along the Basque coast and arrive in Lourdes, France, one of the world's most famous places of pilgrimage. Your guided walking tour includes visits to the Grotto where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858, Our Lady of Lourdes shrine, and St. Bernadette's birthplace and family home. You may wish to bathe in the healing waters and attend the "Blessing of the Sick," or join an optional excursion to the nearby Pyrenees.

Next, cross the Pyrenees Mountains to Zaragoza, where a guided sightseeing tour features Spain's most famous Marian shrine - the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar - home to a miraculous image of the Virgin Mary. Arrive in Madrid, where a guided sightseeing tour, including a visit to the Prado Museum, awaits you. An entire day at leisure in Madrid allows you to relax or to further explore the city. A farewell dinner in Madrid is a perfect way to end your vacation. A trip of a lifetime!

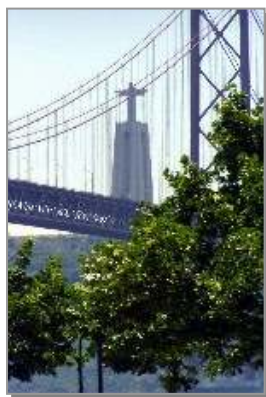


ITINERARY

(Allow one extra day for travel from the U.S. to Lisbon)

DAY 1: Lisbon. Arrive in Lisbon. Transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director, then leave the hotel for a welcome dinner with your traveling companions at a local restaurant. (Dinner)

DAY 2: Lisbon, Santarém, Fatima. Sightseeing with a local guide features visits to the Jeronimos Monastery and the church of St. Anthony. Afterwards, depart for Fatima, and while en route, visit the Church of the Holy Miracle in Santarém, site of a famous eucharistic miracle. Then, visit Our Lady of Fatima Shrine with the tombs of the visionaries, and the Chapel of the Apparitions, where the Virgin Mary appeared to three children in 1917. Join this evening's rosary and candlelight procession at the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine. (Breakfast, Dinner)



DAY 3: Fatima. Morning orientation features the parish church where the visionaries were baptized. Afternoon at leisure. Join this evening's rosary and candlelight procession. (Breakfast)

DAY 4: Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Enjoy guided sightseeing in Santiago de Compostela, one of the top pilgrimage destinations during the Middle Ages, along with Rome and Jerusalem. Visit the cathedral, where behind the high altar lie the relics of St. James the Apostle, the brother of St. John the Evangelist. (Breakfast)

DAY 5: Santiago de Compostela. For over a thousand years pilgrims have been walking the "Way of St. James" (Camino de Santiago). This morning, for those who wish to experience this event, drive to the small village of Arca, and do part of this famous walk accompanied by your expert local guide. Afterwards, back in Santiago, join the pilgrims' mass in the cathedral. (Breakfast)



DAY 6: Santiago de Compostela, Burgos. Travel to Burgos, the historic capital of Old Castile. Sightseeing with a local guide includes a visit to the magnificent Gothic cathedral. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 7: Burgos, Lourdes, France. Continue along the Basque coast and arrive in Lourdes, home to one of the world's most famous places of pilgrimage. Your guided walking tour includes visits to the Grotto where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858, the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, the birthplace of St Bernadette, and her family home during the time of the apparitions. Join this evening's memorable rosary and candlelight procession. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 8: Lourdes. At leisure. Why not bathe in the healing waters and attend the "Blessing of the Sick" or join an optional excursion to the nearby Pyrenees? (Breakfast)

DAY 9: Lourdes, Zaragoza, Spain. Cross the Pyrenees Mountains to Zaragoza. Enjoy sightseeing with a local guide and visit Spain's most famous Marian Shrine, the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar, home to a miraculous image of the Virgin Mary. According to local tradition, on January 2 of the year 40, the Mother of God appeared upon a pillar to the Apostle St. James while he was preaching the Gospel. The pillar is conserved and venerated within the basilica today. (Breakfast)

DAY 10: Zaragoza, Madrid. Journey to Madrid, where guided sightseeing includes the Puerta del Sol, Plaza de España with its monument to Cervantes, the Parliament, the Cibeles Fountain, elegant Calle Alcalá, and Paseo de Castellana. Today's highlight: a visit to the Prado Museum with its priceless art treasures. Balance of the day is at leisure. Tonight you may wish to join an optional dinner excursion. (Breakfast)

DAY 11: Madrid. At leisure. Full day to explore on your own or just to relax. Enjoy this evening's farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 12: Madrid. Your program ends with breakfast this morning. (Breakfast)

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Please note! The following excursions are examples only. They are not guaranteed and different ones may be added. Availability is subject to sufficient participation, weather conditions, seasonal suitability, days of operation, group interests, and general feasibility. The approximate value listed gives you a general idea of what you can expect to pay but the actual price may vary.

Lourdes: Gavarnie and the Pyrenees. With its historic 12th-century church and Heas Chapel, Gavarnie is a picturesque rural mountain village set in the natural landscape of the Pyrenees and is a World Heritage site. Approximate value: \$90 per person.

Madrid: Excursion to El Escorial, a Renaissance style quadrangular complex of white-grey stone, which houses the Mausoleum of the Spanish Monarchs and is listed as World Heritage site. Built under the order of King Phillip II, it is considered the eighth wonder of the world. Approximate value: \$70 per person.

Madrid: Panoramic tour and dinner. Dine Spanish-style at one of Madrid's favorite restaurants. Drinks included. After dinner drive through the capital's boulevards and by beautiful fountains. Approximate value: \$80 per person.

Madrid: Excursion to Avila. Drive to Avila, built on the flat summit of a rocky hill (3,665 feet above sea level), known for its well-preserved medieval city walls, counting 88 towers and 9 gateways. Together with your local guide visit the famous Monastery of Santa



Teresa built between 1515 and 1582 over the house where the saint was born and which still contains her relics. Later, stroll through the beautiful Plaza Mayor and enjoy time for shopping or have lunch in one of the many restaurants. Approximate value: \$75 per person.

Madrid: Flamenco Show. Experience the excitement of a flamenco show. Madrid's Torre Bermejas stages one of the best in the country. One drink is included. Approximate value: \$70 per person.

HIGHLIGHTS



Lisbon: Welcome dinner at a local restaurant by the Tagus; guided sightseeing, visit Jeronimos Monastery and the Church of St. Anthony

Santarém: Visit the Church of the Holy Miracle

Fatima: Orientation including visits to the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, the Chapel of the Apparitions, the Basilica, Parish Church, and Valinhos

Santiago de Compostela: Guided sightseeing; visit the cathedral; walk part of the famous Camino

Burgos: Guided sightseeing, visit the cathedral

Lourdes: Guided walking tour, visit the grotto, the Our Lady of Lourdes

Shrine and St. Bernadette's birthplace and family home

Zaragoza: Guided sightseeing, visit the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar

Madrid: Guided sightseeing, visit the Prado Museum; farewell dinner at a local restaurant

INCLUDED: 11 hotel nights (see list below) with buffet breakfast; tours, visits, excursions as listed above; meals as specified; entrance fees when applicable

NOT INCLUDED (air-inclusive, land-only or cruise-only): Federal inspection fees for the Federal U.S. Customs and Immigrations; International Air Transportation tax; agricultural tax; other per person taxes imposed by government entities: port taxes; passports; visas and vaccinations; tips to your Tour or Cruise Director, Local Host, driver, Local Guides, and/or ships' crew; gratuities on ferries, trains, and cruise ships; laundry; telephone; minibar; alcohol, beverages, and food outside of the contracted menu as presented at a hotel or restaurant (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel, ship, or restaurant); additional excursions and activities not listed as 'included' in the itinerary; airport transfers on non-qualifying flights; portage at airports and train stations; Travel Protection premiums; excess baggage fees; and all other items of a personal nature.

HOTELS: **Lisbon:** Mundial, **Fatima:** Fatima, **Santiago De Compostela:** Hesperia Peregrino, **Burgos:** Almirante Bonifaz, **Lourdes:** Grand Hotel Moderne, **Zaragoza:** Silken Reino de Aragon, **Madrid:** Husa Moncloa. If there is no availability, similar hotels will be substituted.

DATES AND PRICES, per person, in U.S. dollars (subject to change at any time)

U.S. Departure	Tour Start	Return	Price (land only)
2011¹			
Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 31	\$2,099
2012²			
Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 26	\$2,199
Apr 4	Apr 5	Apr 16	\$2,189
May 10	May 11	May 22	\$2,199
Jun 13	Jun 14	Jun 25	\$2,229
Jun 27	Jun 28	Jul 9	\$2,229
Jul 25	Jul 26	Aug 6	\$2,199
Sep 19	Sep 20	Oct 1	\$2,249
Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 29	\$2,249

¹ 2011

Single room supplement: Add \$543

Extra nights per person in Lisbon: in single room \$154, in twin room \$87

Extra nights per person in Madrid: in single room \$172, in twin room \$105

² 2012

Single room supplement: Add \$536

Extra nights per person in Lisbon: in single room \$148, in twin room \$84

Extra nights per person in Madrid: in single room \$176, in twin room \$106

Please Note!

- April 4 Departure - Good Friday in Fatima and Easter Sunday in Santiago de Compostela
- May 10 Departure starts on Friday in Lisbon instead of Thursday
- May 10 Departure - Feast day of Our Lady of Fatima (May 13)
- May 10 Departure - Possible overnight in Tomar

Guaranteed air-inclusive prices: Air is only available to passengers traveling from the United States and only available when booked in conjunction with a land vacation. An additional \$250 non-refundable deposit is required for air booked in conjunction with any land vacation (i.e., air-inclusive vacation.) Once your airfare is confirmed and the tour operator has received your full air and land deposit, your air-inclusive vacation price is guaranteed.

Additional Information:

- Taxes and fees are subject to change and are not guaranteed until full land and air deposit are received.
- Departures, itineraries and prices are subject to change.

