SEPTEMBER 2027

11 DAYS

Graces of France

Pilgrimage on the Footsteps of the Saints, from Lourdes to Paris.

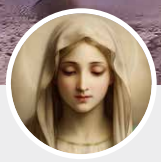
Watch your faith come alive during this absorbing time of pilgrimage beginning with a reflective stay in Lourdes, the City of Mary. Journey on through mountainous villages and holy shrines, weaving a pilgrim trail through the glorious French countryside and the sacred villages of our faith.

Accompanied by
Fr Patrick Vaughan

COMMENCES SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2027 • 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS
Lourdes (3 nights) • Toulouse • Rocamadour (1) • Paray le Monial (2) • Ars • Nevers • Chartres (1) • Lisieux (2) • Mont-Saint-Michel • Paris (1)
Optional Fatima to Lourdes pre-tour extension (8 nights)

FR PATRICK VAUGHAN

Fr Patrick has been a priest for 33 years in many parishes in the Diocese of Wollongong and is presently at the parish of Saint Joseph at Bulli and Saint Columbkille's at Corrimal. Fr Patrick previously worked as a customs officer and a registered nurse in renal transplant and haemodialysis. He was also a pupil midwife for 12 months, delivering many babies.


Our Lady of Lourdes

St Bernadette Soubirous

St Thomas Aquinas

St John Vianney

St Margaret Mary Alacoque

St Michael the Archangel

St Catherine Laboure

St Vincent De Paul

the genuine pilgrim experience

harvest journeys

Lisieux

Lourdes

pilgrim highlights

- Begin perfectly with a full three-night stay in Lourdes and be touched by the spiritual atmosphere of Our Lady that abounds.
- Visit Paray Le Monial and pray in the Chapel of the Apparitions where Jesus exposed His Sacred Heart to St Margaret Mary Alacoque.
- Gaze upon the incorrupt body of St Bernadette during a private Mass in the town of Nevers where she joined the Sisters of Charity.
- Be awe-struck in Chartres as you enter the magnificent 13th century Cathedral and marvel at the stained-glass majesty during our guided exploration.
- Pray in Lisieux before the statue of the Virgin Mary that smiled at the 10-year-old Thérèse before she was immediately cured of a severe illness.
- Come to breathtaking Mont-Saint-Michel and be inspired by the prayerful beauty of the great Abbey built in honour of St Michael the Archangel.

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

Itinerary

DAY 1: SATURDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2027 - ARRIVE LOURDES

Welcome to **Lourdes**, the small town where Our Lady first appeared to St Bernadette in 1858. Join with our fellow pilgrims this evening at 7pm for a Welcome Dinner.

Lourdes overnight (D)

DAY 2: SUNDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER - LOURDES

This morning we will celebrate a group **Mass at the Grotto,** before meeting our guide for a **walking tour of Lourdes** including the **Sanctuary** area: **Upper & Lower Basilicas**, the Grotto, and **the Baths** where hundreds of miraculous cures have taken place. We continue our visit of the main sites associated with St Bernadette including the **Boly Mill** where she was born in 1844, the **original parish church** and the **Cachot (prison)** where the family was forced to live due to misfortune during the time of the apparitions.

We will return to Lourdes to enjoy a peaceful afternoon to rest or wander at your own pace or take the time to pray the Stations of the Cross with the life sized copper images which overlook the Holy Grotto. Spend some quiet time perhaps reflecting at the Grotto with its chapel built over the place of the apparitions.

Optional **Blessed Sacrament Procession** and evening **candlelight procession**.

Lourdes overnight (BD)

DAY 3: MONDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER - LOURDES

We aim to celebrate an **International Mass** this morning with pilgrims worldwide in the immense Underground Basilica of Pius X (schedule permitting) followed by a visit to the little village of **Bartres**, and the farm where St Bernadette was nursed and later returned in adolescence to help her foster mother. We will visit the **Sheepfold** and the **Parish Church** where she spent so many hours in prayer.

Free time this afternoon for a visit and prayers for the sick at the miraculous **Baths** where the water has continued to flow since 1858. During her 9th apparition to Bernadette, Our Lady said *"Go drink and wash yourself at the spring".*

Optional afternoon **Blessed Sacrament Procession** and Blessing of the Sick before a final evening **candlelight procession** after dinner.

Lourdes overnight (BD)

DAY 4: TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER - VIA TOULOUSE TO ROCAMADOUR

We depart Lourdes today travelling north-east towards **Rocamadour**. En route we will visit **Toulouse**, the 'pink city', including the **Church of the Jacobins** which is also the **burial site of St Thomas Aquinas**, the great theologian and philosopher. This afternoon we arrive into Rocamadour, the sacred city built stunningly against the side of a cliff.

According to legend, Rocamadour was the home of an early Christian hermit named Zaccheus of Jericho. It is believed that he died in about 70 AD and had conversed with Jesus himself. After the hermit's death and burial in Rocamadour, and even more so after the statue of the Black Madonna was brought here several centuries later, the site became a place of pilgrimage. The shrine is accessible from the town via an elevator or the Grand Escalier, a stairway of 216 weathered steps. From the Middle Ages many pilgrims have made the climb on their knees in penance. Along the way are 14 Stations of the Cross culminating in the Cross of Jerusalem at the top.

Rocamadour overnight (BD)

DAY 5: WEDNESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER - ROCAMADOUR TO PARAY-LE-MONIAL

We will visit the **Shrine of Rocamadour**. Our group Mass will be celebrated at the **Chapel of the Black Virgin** where we have the opportunity also to pray before the miraculous Black Madonna statue. Other sites we will see include St Michael's Chapel with its 12th century frescoes and St Amadour's crypt.

Departing Rocamadour we continue our French immersion travelling on north to **Paray-le-Monial**, the place where **St Margaret Mary Alacoque** experienced visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the 17th century.

Paray-le-Monial overnight (BD)

DAY 6: THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER - PARAY-LE-MONIAL & ARS

Tour the **Chapel of Apparitions**, the room of the **relics of St Margaret Mary**, and the

Paray Le Monial

Museum. Other highlights include the **Basilica of Sacre Coeur** and the **Chapel of St Claude**.

Visit **Ars**, the village where St John Vianney, known as the 'Cure de Ars', was based as a holy priest and where pilgrims from all over Europe flocked to see him.

Paray-le-Monial overnight (BD)

DAY 7: FRIDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER - PARAY-LE-MONIAL VIA NEVERS TO CHARTRES

After some time at leisure this morning for personal prayer at the shrine, we journey west to the lovely town of **Nevers** nestled within the picturesque **Loire Valley**. Here we will celebrate Mass and visit the **Convent of St Gildard** where **St Bernadette's incorrupt body** reposes and may be viewed. After she was blessed with the eighteen apparitions of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes, St Bernadette retired to Nevers where she died at the age of only 35.

Travel on to the great Cathedral city of **Chartres** where we will enter the magnificent thirteenth-century **Chartres Cathedral**, a medieval architectural wonder, and home to the **Holy Veil**, said to be worn by the Blessed Virgin Mary when she gave birth to Jesus. Pilgrims too will see the **most famous labyrinth** in the world, built around the year 1200.

Chartres overnight (BD)

DAY 8: SATURDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER - LISIEUX

Continue to the saintly village of **Lisieux**, one of the world's premier pilgrimage sites and home to St Thérèse, the 'Little Flower', whom Pope Pius X called 'the greatest saint of modern times'.

Tour the family home of **Les Buissonets**, the **Carmelite Convent Chapel** with its **reliquary** of the saint and **St Therese's Basilica**, for our memorable Mass.

Lisieux overnight (BD)

DAY 9: SUNDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER - MONT-SAINT-MICHEL

*What looks like a castle out of a fairy tale is actually one of Christianity's major pilgrimage sites. Surging from an infinite expanse of sand and waves, **Mont-Saint-Michel** is a marvellous work of both nature and mankind. In 1979 it was the first location in France to be designated a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Today more than two million pilgrims and visitors travel to behold this awesome work of the Middle Ages, the **Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel**.*

A highlight of our visit here will be the **Benedictine Abbey**, which during the French Revolution was turned into a prison. We plan to join the community here for an inspiring chanted Mass. During our tour we will also see the **Chapelle de Notre Dame sous Terre** (*Underground Chapel of Our Lady*).

Return to Lisieux for some free time before dinner.

Lisieux overnight (BD)

DAY 10: MONDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER - PARIS

Departing Lisieux this morning, we proceed directly to **Paris**, the 'City of Lights'.

While Paris is renowned for housing some of the world's greatest treasures, we will come to discover too the spiritual riches on offer to pilgrims in this amazing city of contrasts.

Our afternoon in Paris will include a special visit to the **Cathedral of Notre Dame**, the iconic heart of Catholic Paris. Restored following the 2019 fire, this majestic Gothic masterpiece continues to inspire pilgrims with its soaring spires, sacred history, and timeless witness to faith on the Île de la Cité.

We then come to the Daughters of Charity in the **Rue du Bac**. This is the site where Our Lady appeared to Catherine Laboure in 1830, with the first Miraculous Medal being struck in 1832. Her incorrupt body lies under the altar of Our Lady in the chapel here and adjacent to the altar of St Vincent de Paul displaying his incorrupt heart.

Paris overnight (BD)

DAY 11: TUESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER - DEPART PARIS *(B)*

PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

TOUR CODE	GF2702	
STARTS	Sat 18 Sept 2027	Lourdes
FINISHES	Tue 28 Sept 2027	Paris
LAND COST	AUD $6890 *(Twin Share)* *	
SINGLE ROOM	AUD $1680 *Supplement*	
PREPAID TIPS	AUD $165 *Per Person*	

** Costs have been based on prices as at September 2026 and must remain subject to possible change in the event of significant exchange rate variations or airline tax & levy increases beyond Harvest's control. Price based on minimum groups size of 20 paying pilgrims. Refer to Harvest Booking Terms & Conditions for more details.*

INCLUDED

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS: *Based on reputable local 3-4 star superior hotels or quality religious houses as applicable • Meals as specified in Itinerary*

TOURING & TRANSPORTATION: *Deluxe Air Conditioned Coach touring • Professional Local Guides • Sightseeing and Entrance Fees.*

OTHER: *Fully Escorted by Priest Chaplain • Porterage at hotels • Harvest Backpack, Pilgrim Journal and Travel Wallet.*

NOT INCLUDED

International Airfares • Airport transfers on arrival and departure, unless specified in the itinerary • Other meals not listed • Passport and Visa Costs (if applicable) • Items of a personal nature including phone calls, laundry, beverages, etc. • Travel insurance • Prepaid Tipping

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COMBINE WITH 8-NIGHT *Mary & The Saints* EXTENSION

DAY 1: FRIDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER - ARRIVE LISBON

Lisbon overnight (D)

DAY 2: SATURDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER - LISBON VIA SANTAREM TO FATIMA

Enjoy a guided tour of **Lisbon** city. Our first stop will be is **St Anthony's Basilica** to celebrate our group Mass. St Anthony was born and grew up in Lisbon and today remains the patron saint of lost articles.

Visit the **World Heritage listed Jeronimo's Monastery** dating back to the 16th century; see nearby **Belem Tower** and the **Monument to the Discoveries.** View **Europe's longest suspension bridge** and the inspiring **Statue of Christ the King.** Visit the **Holy Miracle Church of St Stephen** at **Santarem** containing the **oldest recorded Eucharistic miracle.**

Arrive at **Fatima** where in 1917 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three peasant children as 'a lady in white'.

Fatima overnight (BD)

DAY 3: SUNDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER - FATIMA

This morning we will walk and pray the Stations along the beautiful **Way of the Cross** culminating in the **Chapel of Calvary** which overlooks all of Fatima. Continue to **Valinhos,** the site of Our Lady's appearance. Visit the little village of **Aljustrel** to visit the homes where the children lived. Enter the original **parish church** and see the Baptismal font where the children were baptised.

Afternoon at leisure before the evening **Anniversary Vigil ceremonies** with an international rosary, candlelight procession and Mass on the steps of the Rosary Basilica.

Fatima overnight (BD)

DAY 4: MONDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER - FATIMA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Enjoy a **tour of the Square** including the **site of the Apparitions, Rosary Basilica** with the **Tombs of the visionaries**, and **Blessed Sacrament Chapel.** Afternoon at leisure.

Fatima overnight (BD)

DAY 5: TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER - SALAMANCA & ALBA DE TORMES TO AVILA

Farewell Fatima and journey into Spain to **Salamanca,** and later **Alba de Tormes,** the village where St Teresa died. Her incorrupt heart and arm are enshrined and displayed here.

Journey to the historic town of **Avila,** the city dedicated to St Teresa.

Avila overnight (BD)

DAY 6: WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER - AVILA

Visit the **Convent of Saint Teresa** built over the saint's birthplace and then visit **Avila's Cathedral** before entering the **Monastery of the Incarnation** for Mass. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in this medieval holy town.

Avila overnight (BD)

DAY 7: THURSDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER - SEGOVIA & CALERUEGA TO SANTO DOMINGO DE SILOS

Depart Avila for **Segovia**, where we visit the stunning **Segovia Cathedral,** the last Gothic cathedral to be built in Spain. View the best conserved **aqueduct of the Imperial Roman Empire,** and Mass at a convent where **St John of the Cross** is buried. View here the famous **Alcazar.**

Journey north to **Caleruega,** birthplace St Dominic. Explore the **Dominican Nuns Convent,** with the **Crypt** marking the spot where Dominic was born around 1170. Visit the **Church of San Sebastian** where Dominic was baptised.

Visit **Santo Domingo de Silos,** with the **Benedictine Abbey** famous for the finest tradition of Gregorian chant throughout the world.

After dinner proceed to the Abbey for **evening prayer.**

Santo Domingo de Silos overnight (BD)

DAY 8: FRIDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER - SANTO DOMINGO DE SILOS VIA LOYOLA TO SAN SEBASTIAN

This morning we will attend the chanted High Mass at the **Abbey** before visiting the adjacent **Monastery** and **Museum**.

We then rejoin our coach and set off on our travel day, journeying north to **Loyola** where **St Ignatius** was born and where he later found his conversion.

In Loyola pilgrims will have the opportunity to visit the impressive **Sanctuary of St Ignatius**, including the **Casa Santa (Holy House)** – 13th century tower house – where he was born and spent many of his early years.

Continue onto San Sebastian for dinner.

San Sebastian overnight (BD)

DAY 9: SATURDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER - SAN SEBASTIAN TO LOURDES

This morning we begin our day in the beautiful coastal city of **San Sebastian**, renowned for its graceful architecture and deep Catholic heritage. We gather for **Holy Mass at the Baroque-style Basilica of Saint Mary of the Chorus**, nestled in the heart of the Old Town.

After Mass, there will be time for a gentle stroll along the **La Concha promenade**, perhaps pausing to admire the view over the Bay of Biscay or enjoy a café con leche in the old town.

Board our coach and journey across the Pyrenees to **Lourdes**, nestled in the foothills and home to miraculous healings, grace, and renewal.

Lourdes overnight (BD)

Continue onto the 'Graces of France' pilgrimage in Lourdes.

STARTS	Fri 10 Sept 2027	Lisbon
FINISHES	Sat 18 Sept 2027	Lourdes
COST ADD-ON	$4290 *Per Person, Twin Share**	
SINGLE ROOM	$1260 *Supplement*	
PREPAID TIPS	$120 *Per Person*	

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