

13
DAYS

2020

Visitations & Saints

You are invited to participate in the world's most requested Marian journey as we explore the villages of some of the Church's most renowned graces and saints. From the Anniversary celebrations in Fatima, through Avila, Santo Domingo de Silos, Loyola, Lourdes and Montserrat, this will truly be a pilgrimage of a lifetime.

COMMENCES FRI 11TH SEP 2020 • 12 NIGHTS / 13 DAYS

Lisbon (1 Night) • Fatima (3) • Alba de Tormes • Avila (2) • Segovia • Caleruega • Santo Domingo de Silos (1) • Loyola • Lourdes (3) • Manresa • Montserrat (1) • Barcelona (1)

Post Tour Option: Graces of France Extension - 5 Nights



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pilgrim highlights

- + Savour a 3 Night stay in each of the great Marian Centres of Fatima and Lourdes.
- + Be among the sea of pilgrims waving their white handkerchiefs in honour of Our Lady during the momentous Anniversary celebrations in Fatima.
- + Experience an absorbing 2 Night stay inside the medieval walled city of Avila and be touched by the tangible grace of St Teresa.
- + Explore the sacred towns dedicated to St Teresa, St John of the Cross, St Dominic and St Ignatius of Loyola.
- + Be mesmerised by the Benedictine Monks of Santo Domingo de Silos as they chant their Gregorian Mass during our overnight stay.
- + Come to Lourdes, the 'City of Mary' and take time down by the Holy Grotto to pray and find your healing as you drink from the sacred springs.
- + Join pilgrims from the world over as we raise our candles high at the evening Torchlight Processions in Lourdes and Fatima.
- + Hear the sweet sounds of the Montserrat Boys Choir during our overnight stay in the Clifftop Monastery dedicated to the Mother of God.

SYMBOLS

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

T = Time Out - *Planned site for extended opportunity for prayer & reflection*

DAY 1: FRI 11TH SEP - ARRIVE LISBON

Welcome to Lisbon. Join with fellow pilgrims this evening for a Welcome Dinner.

Lisbon overnight (D)

DAY 2: SAT 12TH SEP - LISBON TO FATIMA

Theme: St Anthony of Padua

This morning we will meet with our local guide and enjoy a tour of Lisbon city. Our first stop is **St Anthony's Basilica** where we celebrate our group Mass. Despite what might be assumed from his name, 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 with its stunning combination of flamboyant Gothic, Moorish and early Renaissance influences; see nearby **Belem Tower** and the **Monument to the Discoveries**. See Europe's longest suspension bridge and view the inspiring **Statue of Christ the King** pointing the way north to Fatima.

En route to Fatima we will visit the **Holy Miracle Church of St Stephen at Santarem** **T** containing the oldest recorded Eucharistic miracle.

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

Mass Setting: St Anthony's Basilica.

Fatima overnight (BD)

DAY 3: SUN 13TH SEP - FATIMA

Theme: St Francisco & St Jacinta of Fatima

This morning we will walk and pray the Stations along the beautiful **Way of the Cross (the Sacred Way)** **T** culminating in the **Chapel of Calvary** which overlooks all of Fatima. Continue to **Valinhos**, the site of Our Lady's appearance to three peasant children Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. Proceed on to the little village of **Aljustrel** to visit the homes where the children lived. Finally we enter the original **Parish church** and see the Baptismal font where the children were baptised.

Back in Fatima tonight, the **Anniversary Vigil ceremonies** begin with an International Rosary followed by a candlelight procession and

concelebrated Mass on the steps of the Rosary Basilica. From midnight to dawn an optional all night vigil is held for the enrichment of pilgrims.

Mass Setting: Apparition Chapel.

Fatima overnight (BD)

DAY 4: MON 14TH SEP - FATIMA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Theme: Our Lady of Fatima

We awake to the sound of pilgrims from all over the world en route to the morning's Anniversary celebrations. Commence with a Rosary followed by the procession of Our Lady's statue to the altar on the steps of the Basilica. Celebrate the **International Anniversary Mass** followed by the **Blessing of the Sick** and Consecration. The ceremonies will close around midday with the touching 'Adios' spectacle.

We will then enjoy a **tour of the Square** (the largest in Christendom) including the **site of the Apparitions, Rosary Basilica** with the Tombs of the visionaries, the **Museum, Blessed Sacrament Chapel** and other main sites.

Afternoon at leisure in Fatima.

Mass Setting: International Anniversary Mass.

Fatima overnight (BD)

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DAY 5: TUE 15TH SEP - FATIMA TO AVILA

Theme: St John of the Cross

After breakfast we farewell Fatima and journey inland through Portugal before crossing the border into Spain. Visit **Salamanca**, known as the 'Golden City' owing to the colour of its historic sandstone buildings. Arrive at **Alba de Tormes**, **T** the little village where St Teresa died and where her incorrupt heart and arm are enshrined and displayed in the Carmelite convent. Here too we enter the convent for Mass, where **St John of the Cross** lived and who accompanied St Teresa in her spiritual walk.



We continue on to the historic walled town of **Avila**, where the atmosphere has changed little since the days of St Teresa to whom the city is dedicated.

Mass Setting: *Alba de Tormes Convent.*

Avila overnight (BD)

DAY 6: WED 16TH SEP - AVILA

Theme: St Teresa of Avila

We begin our day with a visit to the **Convent of Saint Teresa** built over the saint's birthplace and located just inside the South Gate of the old town. We then visit **Avila's Cathedral** which was started in the 12th century before entering the **Monastery of the Incarnation** for Mass where St Teresa's cell can be seen as well as other relics of her life. **T**

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Mass Setting: *Monastery of the Incarnation.*

Avila overnight (BD)

DAY 7: THU 17TH SEP - VIA SEGOVIA & CALERUEGA TO SANTO DOMINGO DE SILOS

Theme: St Dominic

This morning we depart Avila, travelling east by coach to **Segovia**, between the Eresma and Clamores Rivers. We will visit the stunning **Segovia Cathedral**, the last Gothic cathedral to be built in Spain. Marvel too at the best conserved **aqueduct** of the Imperial Roman Empire. Outside the walls, we will visit and celebrate Mass at a convent adjacent to the Vera Cruz church, **T** where the mortal remains of **Saint John of the Cross** are buried. View here the famous Alcazar.

From here we journey north to **Caleruega**, the home of Bl Jane of Aza and Felix Guzman and birthplace of their sons, St Dominic, Bl Mannes and Anthony. On our tour we will come to the **Crypt** where a well marks the spot where Dominic was born around 1170.

Enter the **Church of San Sebastian** where Dominic was baptised. The original twelfth century apse is still preserved, even though the church has undergone numerous reconstructions.

Journey north to the quaint village of **Santo Domingo de Silos**, home to the great Benedictine Abbey famous for its beautiful

Romanesque cloister and for spreading the finest tradition of Gregorian chant throughout the world.

After dinner we will proceed up to the Abbey for evening prayer.

Mass Setting: *Vera Cruz Church.*

Santo Domingo de Silos overnight (BD)

*"This pilgrimage through Portugal Spain and France has been the most uplifting faith renewal I have ever had."
— David Hooper*

DAY 8: FRI 18TH SEP - SANTO DOMINGO DE SILOS TO LOURDES

Theme: St Ignatius of Loyola

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) **T** - 13th century tower house - where he was born and spent many of his early years.

Later we travel through the scenic foothills of the Pyrenees, crossing into Southern France before continuing on to **Lourdes**. It was in this small town that Our Lady first appeared to St Bernadette in 1858.

Mass Setting: *Benedictine Abbey.*

Lourdes overnight (BD)

DAY 9: SAT 19TH SEP - LOURDES

Theme: St Bernadette of Lourdes

We 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** **T** and the **Parish Church**

where she spent so many hours in prayer.

We will return to Lourdes to enjoy a peaceful afternoon to rest or wander at your own pace.

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

Mass Setting: *International Mass at Lourdes.*

Lourdes overnight (BD)

DAY 10: SUN 20TH SEP - LOURDES

Theme: Our Lady of 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.

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. **T** Pilgrims may choose to submerge themselves in the healing waters, or collect the Lourdes water at the taps. Optional afternoon **Blessed Sacrament Procession** and **Blessing of the Sick** before a final evening **candlelight procession** after dinner.

Mass Setting: *Lourdes Grotto.*

Lourdes overnight (BD)

DAY 11: MON 21ST SEP - LOURDES TO MONTSERRAT (VIA MANRESA)

Theme: Our Lady of Montserrat

We farewell Lourdes early this morning as we again journey through the Pyrenees, crossing the border back in to northern Spain. Continue on to the town of **Manresa** for Mass in the cave where St Ignatius came on retreat for 11 months between 1522 and 1523 **T**.

We then arrive into stunning **Montserrat**. The renowned 11th century sanctuary of Our Lady of Montserrat lies at the top of a 4,000 foot high mountain and is one of Spain's most popular pilgrimage destinations. The shrine is home to

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a 12th century miraculous statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, lovingly known as the “Black Madonna”, discovered in the Santa Cova or Holy Cave.

Time permitting, before dinner we will have an opportunity to join the Benedictine monks in the Basilica for evening Vespers.

Mass Setting: *Manresa Cave.*

Montserrat overnight (BD)

DAY 12: TUE 22ND SEP - MONTSERRAT & BARCELONA

Theme: *Montserrat Boys Choir*

Our spectacular day of pilgrimage begins with a visit and Mass in the **Basilica**, the construction of which began in the 16th century, and a viewing of the beautiful Holy Image of Our Lady of Montserrat, known affectionately as the “Black Madonna.”

We will then board the Santa Cova funicular railway and after a short ride, enjoy a walk down the sacred path to the Chapel where the image of Our Lady of Montserrat was found

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by young shepherds in the 13th century after seeing a bright light which led them to the grotto. We take time here at the **Holy Cave** for prayer and reflection before taking the funicular railway back up to the Sanctuary.

Before lunch, we will take our place among the privileged to hear the heavenly sounds of the **Montserrat Boys Choir (The Escolania)**, one of the oldest and most renowned in Europe.

We will then have a private guided tour of the museums.

In the afternoon we will travel to **Barcelona**, a city synonymous with art, culture and faith. Visit Antonio Gaudi’s inspiring **La Sagrada Familia Basilica**, the most visited landmark in Barcelona and famous due to the fact that after more than 100 years since the foundation stone was laid it is still under final construction.

Mass Setting: *Montserrat Basilica.*

Barcelona overnight (BD)

DAY 13: WED 23RD SEP - DEPART SPAIN

Your pilgrimage concludes after breakfast this morning or continue on Graces of France extension. (B)

PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

TOUR CODE	VS0220	
STARTS	Fri 11 Sep 2020	Lisbon
FINISHES	Wed 23 Sep 2020	Barcelona
LAND COST	\$4,690 (twin share) *	
AIR & TOUR	from \$6,780	
SINGLE ROOM	\$1,190 Supplement	
PREPAID TIPS	\$14 per person / per day	

* Costs have been based on prices as at September 2019 and must remain subject to possible change in the event of significant exchange rate variations, airfare or tax increases or minimum group size factors beyond Harvest’s control. Refer to Harvest Booking Terms & Conditions for more details.

GRACES OF FRANCE

5 NIGHT / 6 DAY POST TOUR OPTION



DAY 1: WED 23RD SEP - LYON / ARS / PARAY-LE-MONIAL

Fly to Lyon, France; enter Fourviere Basilica with its view over the entire city; celebrate Mass in Ars, the village where St John Vianney the ‘Cure of Ars’ was based; continue north to Paray-le-Monial, where St Margaret Mary Alacoque experienced visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. *Paray-le-Monial overnight (BD)*

DAY 2: THU 24TH SEP - PARAY-LE-MONIAL & TAIZE

Commence with Mass in the Chapel of Apparitions where most of the apparitions took place; join the community in Taize for midday prayer; Paray-le-Monial guided visit featuring the relics of St Margaret Mary; the Chapel of St Claude and the Basilica of Sacre Coeur. *Paray-le-Monial overnight (BD)*

DAY 3: FRI 25TH SEP - VIA NEVERS TO CHARTRES

Mass in the convent in Nevers; view St Bernadette’s incorrupt body; continue to Chartres and enter the 13th century Cathedral; gaze upon stained glass majesty with more than five thousand figures depicting biblical stories. *Chartres overnight (BD)*

DAY 4: SAT 26TH SEP - LISIEUX / MONT-SAINT-MICHEL

Journey west to Lisieux, home to St Therese, the ‘Little Flower’; visit the family home of Les Buissonnets, the Carmelite Convent Chapel with its reliquary of the saint and St Therese’s Basilica; continue to the lovely island of Mont-Saint-Michel. *Mont-Saint-Michel overnight (BD)*

DAY 5: SUN 27TH SEP - MONT-SAINT-MICHEL

Join the community in the Benedictine Abbey for an inspiring chanted Mass; see the Chapelle de Notre Dame sous Terre (Underground Chapel of Our Lady); enjoy some free time. *Mont-Saint-Michel overnight (BD)*

DAY 6: MON 28TH SEP - VIA ROUEN / DEPART PARIS

Journey east via Rouen where Joan of Arc was burnt at the stake on 30 May 1431; visit the Rouen Cathedral before continuing east to Paris for our homebound or ongoing flights. (B)

PRICES	2020
COST ADD-ON	\$2,390* twin share
SINGLE ROOM	\$690 supplement
PREPAID TIPPING	\$14 per person/per day

*includes inter european airfare



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