

# Pilgrimage to Spain, Lourdes, & Fatima

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady's Apparitions in Fatima

September 27 - October 9, 2017

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Pilgrimage Itinerary

**Day 1: Sept. 27 ~ Atlanta**

This evening we depart Atlanta for our transatlantic flight to Spain. During the flight enjoy dinner, movies, and breakfast before we arrive in Barcelona.

**Day 2: Sept. 28 ~ Barcelona/Montserrat**

Bienvenido a España! Welcome to Spain! This morning we arrive in Barcelona and meet our tour escort. We begin our pilgrimage with a tour of Barcelona including a visit to Sagrada Familia Basilica where Mass will be celebrated. Continue onto Montserrat and check into our Hotel Abat Cisneros for dinner and overnight.

**Day 3: Sept. 29 ~ Montserrat/Lourdes**

After breakfast, we'll take a cable car up the mountain to visit the dramatic Benedictine Monastery and the Shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat. Tradition says that St. Luke carved the statue of the Virgin around 50 A.D. Celebrate Mass followed by a lunch break before we continue to Lourdes. Dinner and overnight at the Grand Hotel Moderne in Lourdes.

**Day 4: Sept. 30 ~ Lourdes**

Enjoy breakfast before we begin the morning walking in the footsteps of St. Bernadette. We'll visit the Boly Mill where St. Bernadette was born, the "Cochot," where Bernadette lived with her family, the Chapel where she received her First Holy Communion, the Parish Church where St. Bernadette was baptized, and the famous Chapel at the Grotto where Our Lady appeared. Mass in one of the Lourdes chapels. Enjoy the afternoon free to explore the Shrine. This evening you can participate with fellow pilgrims from around the world in the Blessed Sacrament Procession and candlelight rosary procession. Dinner and overnight in Lourdes.

**Day 5: Oct. 1 ~ Lourdes**

Free day at leisure for personal devotions. Today you can submerge yourself in the healing baths, drink from the miraculous spring, walk the life size Stations of the Cross, pray in the Grotto, and spend time in the Adoration Chapel. Mass in one of the chapels. Tonight, have another opportunity to join in the candlelight rosary procession. Dinner and overnight in Lourdes.

**Day 6: Oct. 2 ~ Lourdes/Loyola/Burgos**

After breakfast, we depart for Loyola, birthplace of St. Ignatius, founder of the Jesuits. Visit the Basilica and the family home of St. Ignatius and celebrate Mass followed by lunch. We then continue to Burgos, the historic capital of Old Castile, and see the Old Quarter and the beautiful limestone Cathedral. Dinner and overnight at the Rice Reyes Catolicos Hotel in Burgos.

**Day 7: Oct. 3 ~ Burgos/Leon/Santiago de Compostela**

This morning we depart for Leon and visit the Old Quarter and the Basilica of San Isidoro where we'll celebrate Mass. After free time for lunch depart for Santiago de Compostela. Dinner and overnight at the San Francisco Hotel Monumento in Santiago de Compostela.

**Day 8: Oct. 4 (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) ~ Santiago de Compostela**

After breakfast, we begin our day with a tour of the Old Quarter of the city followed by a visit to the magnificent Cathedral of St. James. We'll perform three of the rites that pilgrims make when visiting this famous Cathedral. First, we'll visit the crypt and venerate the relics of St. James. We'll have the opportunity to climb the stairs behind the altar where we can hug the statue of St. James. And finally celebrate Mass in one of the chapels. Before we leave we may have the opportunity to swing the Botafumeiro, the famous thurible that hangs by means of a system of pulleys from the main dome of the Cathedral. The afternoon free for lunch and personal devotions. This evening we'll visit a local restaurant for dinner. Overnight in Santiago de Compostela.

**Day 9: Oct. 5 ~ Santiago de Compostela/Coimbra/Santarem/Fatima**

We depart this morning for Coimbra and visit the Carmelite Monastery where Sr. Lucia, the oldest of the Fatima visionaries, lived as a Carmelite nun. We'll celebrate Mass and then a lunch stop before we visit Santarem, and the Church of St. Stephen with the oldest Eucharistic Miracle dating back to 1269. Continue onto Fatima for dinner and overnight in the Dom Gonzalo Hotel & Spa in Fatima.

**Day 10: Oct. 6 ~ Fatima**

Enjoy breakfast and then we begin our visit to Fatima. We'll visit the little Chapel of the Apparitions, the beautiful Basilica, the graves of Bl. Jacinta & Bl. Francisco, the Hamlet of Aljustrel where the three children lived, and Valinhos where Our Lady appeared after the children returned from prison. Mass this morning and the afternoon is free for personal devotions with time to explore Fatima. This evening join in and experience the famous candlelight procession. Dinner and overnight in Fatima.

**Day 11: Oct. 7 ~ Fatima/Alba de Tormes/Avila (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary)**

After breakfast, we depart for Alba de Tormes and celebrate Mass at the Carmelite Monastery, where St. Teresa of Avila died in 1582 and is buried. In the museum, we will see the incorrupt heart and arm of St. Teresa of Avila. Enjoy a lunch break before we continue to Avila for dinner and overnight at the Palacio de Los Velada Hotel.

**Day 12: Oct 8 ~ Avila/Toledo**

This morning after breakfast we'll celebrate Mass at the Incarnation Monastery where St. Teresa became a nun. Afterwards we'll have the chance to visit the large museum dedicated to her life. Then we'll visit beautiful Avila surrounded by the 11<sup>th</sup> century walls and walk in the footsteps of the first woman Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa of Avila. We'll visit La Santa Monastery, built on the sight of the house where the saint was born, and visit St. Joseph Monastery, the first Monastery founded by St. Teresa. We then depart for Toledo and take a tour of this beautiful city and the Cathedral. Dinner and overnight at Hotel San Juan de Los Reyes in Avila.

**Day 13: Oct. 9 ~ Toledo/Madrid/USA**

Enjoy our final breakfast in Spain before we depart for the airport in Madrid for our flight back to the USA. We say a fond farewell to our pilgrim family.

+ Spain, Lourdes & Fatima +

\$3,995

Per person/double occupancy ~ price based on minimum of 25 passengers

**Price Includes:**

R/T Economy Air from Atlanta  
 4\* Hotels  
 Breakfast & Dinner Daily  
 Wine with Dinners  
 Airport Transfers: Barcelona & Toledo  
 Private Deluxe Motor Coach  
 Sightseeing/Entrance Fees per Itinerary  
 Tips to Hotel Staff, Guides & Driver  
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Tour Conditions

**Reservations and Payments:** Reservation deposit is due by April 5, 2017 and final payment is due July 10. Invoice will be sent for final payment. If booking is made after July 10, full payment is required. Payments must be made by check or money order. Credit cards are not accepted. Returned checks will incur a \$35 service fee. Name must appear on reservation form exactly as it appears on the passport. Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours is not responsible for airline tickets penalties or other costs that may result from the incorrect name supplied on the registration form.

**Passport:** A valid USA Passport is required and must be valid until April 10, 2018, which is the required 6 months after the return date. Citizens of the USA do not require a visa. A copy of your passport is required along with the registration form.

**Final Documents:** Final documents are issued approximately 3-4 weeks prior to departure and only upon receipt of final payment. It is the responsibility of each passenger to check their e-ticket for correct flights and spelling of name. In case of an error, notify Visitation Pilgrimages & Tours immediately.

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**Meals:** Breakfast and dinner daily as per itinerary. Lunches are not included. There is no refund for unused meals.

**Baggage:** If traveling to or from USA: There is no charge for 1 piece of checked luggage 50 lbs. max with max dimensions of 62 inches. Carry-on items include 1 personal item and 1 piece of luggage with max dimensions of 45 inches. Passengers are responsible for any additional fees airlines may impose on baggage. Please check with airline for updated rules and regulations since they do periodically change. Luggage handling at hotels is limited to 1 bag per person. If group arrives late in the evening or departs early in the morning from hotels, portage may not be available. Passengers would then be responsible to handle their own luggage.

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## **REGISTRATION FORM**

*Spain, Lourdes, & Fatima Pilgrimage with Fr. Miguel Marie, MFVA*

*† September 27 - October 9, 2017 †*

**\$3,995/Departing Atlanta**

(Per person/double occupancy)

**REGISTRATION DEPOSIT DUE BY APRIL 5, 2017**

Name as appears on passport \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please enclose a copy of your passport\**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Need a Roommate? Yes No

Airline Seat: Window Aisle (all seats subject to airline availability)

Need add-on air from home city? Yes No If yes, what city? \_\_\_\_\_  
(You'll be contacted with a price quote for the add-on fare)

Single Supplement: \$560 (limited number of single rooms available on a first come basis) Yes No

Enclosed is my deposit of \$600 per person. I understand that the price is based on a group departure of a minimum of 25 paying passengers and that the price may change due to the devaluation of the US Dollar, increase in taxes and/or fuel surcharges from hotels and airlines, or fewer number of passengers. Any price change will be reflected on the final invoice. Since this pilgrimage is taking place during the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima, the hotels require nonrefundable deposits. The \$600 deposit is nonrefundable. Complete details in the Tour Conditions. Travel Insurance is highly recommended and can be purchased from several different companies including Travel Guard. I understand that the due date for the final payment is July 10, 2017. I confirm that I have read and understood the Tour Conditions on the back of the brochure.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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