

The Shrines Of PARIS, LOURDES & FATIMA

11 July – 22 July, 2017

Join with your fellow worshippers on this special Pilgrimage celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Apparition of the Virgin in Fatima to the three young novices. An added plus will be the visit to Paris and the Shrine of the Miraculous Miracle as well as our visit in Lourdes where Our Blessed Mother also appeared. Bathe in the healing waters of Lourdes and walk with the faithful in the Candlelight Processions both at Fatima and at Lourdes. Included visits to Loyola and Avila where St. Theresa spent her life reforming old convents and forming new ones. Mass will be celebrated daily in very special religious and historical churches. Join Fr. Rafael Vega on this exceptional spiritual journey as we travel through France, Spain and Portugal.

DAY 1 – Tuesday, July 11, 2017 – Brownsville – Houston – Paris - Depart from the Brownsville International Airport for the Houston Intercontinental Airport. Then board our plane for the overnight flight to Paris. **Meals and amenities in flight**

DAY 2 – Wednesday, July 12, 2017 – Paris – Today we arrive in Paris where Christianity was introduced in the third century by St. Dennis. Here we will spend the next two nights. According to our arrival time, our visits will be divided accordingly. Our guide will introduce us to the sights of Paris – the Trocadero, Champs Elisees, Place de la Concorde, Madeleine, and Opera. Lunch will be included today.

Overnight in Paris L, D

DAY 3 – Thursday, July 13, 2017 – After our included breakfast, we continue our tour of Paris. Visit the **Sacre Coeur** high on the hill of **Montmartre** from where you have a breathtaking view of the city. We will also visit **Notre Dame**, the most well known church in Paris where some 13,000,000 people visit annually. You will feel the reverence as we enter the **Shrine of the Miraculous Medal** on Rue de Bac. Here we find the incorrupt body of **St. Catherine** and also the incorrupt body of **St. Louise de Marillac**, founder of the Daughters of Charity. Only three short blocks away is the church of St. Vincent de Paul.

Overnight in Paris B, D

DAY 4 – Friday, July 14, 2017 – Paris – Toulouse – Lourdes – Depending on our time of departure, we will have either a box breakfast or a buffet breakfast before leaving for the airport and our short flight to Toulouse. Upon our arrival we will be met by our guide who is in charge of the group for the balance of the tour. We will leave for Lourdes arriving there in time for check in. Our afternoon is free for devotions or a visit to the Grotto. After dinner, join the faithful in the candlelight procession.

Overnight in Lourdes B, D

DAY 5 – Saturday, July 15, 2017 – Lourdes – Today our Priest will con-celebrate **Mass** at the **Grotto of Massabielle** where in 1858, Our Lady appeared to the 14 year old Bernadette. Later, with our guide, we trace the life of Bernadette visiting her home and the jail where the impoverished family lived in very cramped quarters. Your afternoon will be free to pray for the sick, drink water from the miraculous spring, pray at the grotto or submerge yourself in the healing baths. **Overnight in Lourdes B, D**

DAY 6 – Sunday, July 16, 2017 – Lourdes – Loyola – Avila – Today we leave France crossing over the **Pyrenees** as we travel into **Spain** first visiting **Loyola** and the birthplace of **St. Ignatius of Loyola**, founder of the Society of Jesus. Continue to **Avila** where we spend the next two nights. **Overnight in Avila. B, L, D**

DAY 7 – Monday, July 17, 2017 – Avila – Segovia – Avila – The city of **Avila** appears much as it did in the sixteenth century with cobble stoned streets surrounded by a high wall to defend against enemies. **St. Teresa** was born here in the early 1500's. As a young girl, she joined the Carmelite Order but soon found that the Order had relaxed its rules and lived very much as the outside world. St. Teresa spent her life traveling throughout Spain reforming old convents and forming new ones. In her autobiography, she tells about an angel who thrust an arrow into her heart, leaving her "on fire with a great love of God". 330 year later, when her body was exhumed, it was found that she had a perforation of the heart. It was St. Teresa who convinced St. John of the Cross to stay with the Carmelite Order and to establish a monastery for reformed friars.

Overnight in Avila B, L, D

DAY 8 – Tuesday, July 18, 2017 – Avila – Santiago de Compostela – Our travels today take us to **Santiago de Compostela**, one of the most revered places of pilgrims anywhere in the world...second only to Rome and Jerusalem. You will see groups of pilgrims, young and old, who have walked "the way" to Compostela. Every year over 100,000 people make this journey just as St. James did on his way to Christianize Spain.

Overnight in Santiago de Compostela B, D

DAY 9 – Wednesday, July 19, 2017 – Santiago de Compostela – Our morning will be filled with visiting this most important Cathedral. After lunch, your afternoon will be free to explore on your own. Be sure to visit the Crypt below the main altar of the Cathedral where the remains of Saint James are kept.

Overnight in Santiago de Compostela B, D

DAY 10 – Thursday, July 20, 2017 – Santiago de Compostela – Fatima - On our way to our final destination, stop at **Coimbra** before continuing to **Fatima**. Over 100 years ago Our Blessed Mother appeared to the three young children –**Lucia, Jacinta** and **Francisco**. Become familiar with directions to the Shrine for after dinner we will be joining other pilgrims in the moving Candlelight Procession. **Overnight in Fatima. B, D**

DAY 11 – Friday, July 21, 2017 - Fatima – Today we trace the lives of the three young novices whose lives were changed by the apparition of the Virgin. Visit the sites where an angel appeared to the children. You will have free time in the afternoon for personal reflections and prayers before our last moving Candlelight Procession with our fellow pilgrims. **Overnight in Fatima. B, D**

DAY 12-Saturday, July 22, 2017 – Fatima – Lisbon – USA – Today we say goodbye to Fatima as we journey to the **Lisbon Airport for our early flight back to Houston.** When we land, our charter coach will be waiting to take us safely back home. B

PRICE PER PERSON

Single - \$4,419

Double - \$3,999

Triple - \$3,979

DEPARTURE DATE

July 11, 2017

**Passport Required
Conducted in Spanish**

INCLUDES:

- * Air flight from Brownsville to Houston Intercontinental Airport
- *Round trip Air from Houston to Paris and from Lisbon to Houston
- * Domestic flight one way from Paris to Toulouse
- *Charter Coach from the Houston Intercontinental Airport back to Brownsville
- * Taxes and service charges on air fare as quoted at the moment of contract . However, these taxes and extra charges can increase up until the time the ticket is written.
- * Charter coach in Europe
- * Hotel and taxes for 10 nights
- * Breakfast and dinner daily plus 3 lunches.
- * Guided excursions with local guide
- * A United States Tour Conductor accompanying the group

NOT INCLUDED:

- * Tips to the guide and driver
- * Personal items
- * Meals and entries not mentioned in above description
- * Travel Protection – We strongly suggest the purchase of Travel Protection. *Please be aware that Medicare will not cover you while traveling outside the United States*

PAYMENTS:

Deposit: - \$500 reserves your seat. If purchasing the optional travel protection, please include payment with your deposit.

Second payment: - \$1,500 is due by April 1, 2017. After this date a 50% penalty of the trip cost applies for cancellation.

Balance – Due by June 1, 2017. There is **no refund** if cancellation is made after this date.

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12 Days

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