

## **Marian Shrines Pilgrimage**

**September 9-18, 2024 - 10 Days** \$5,399 from El Paso

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Monday, September – 9 - DAY 1 - DEPART - We depart El Paso to connect with our overnight flight with dinner arriving the next day. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner, and breakfast aloft.

Tuesday, September 10 - DAY 2 - LISBON/FATIMA - We arrive at Lisbon Airport and are met by our guide and driver. After a short orientation tour of Lisbon, we drive to Fatima. If possible, we celebrate Mass at the Church of the famous Eucharistic Miracle at Santerem. Balance of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. In the evening, we join the International Rosary Procession.

Wednesday, September 11 - DAY 3 - FATIMA - This full day is devoted to visiting the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima and the birthplaces of Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia, to whom the Virgin appeared for the first time on May 13th, 1917. In the evening, we once again join the International Rosary Procession. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Thursday, September 12 - DAY 4 - FATIMA/SANTIAGO DE

COMPOSTELA - Today we depart
Fatima, passing by the ancient capital and
university city of Coimbra, where Lucia,
the last Fatima visionary lived as a
cloistered nun. We continue northwards
into Spain and on to Santiago de
Compostela, one of the most famous
shrines in the western world. This is the site
of the ancient pilgrimage to the Shrine of
St. James. Tradition holds that the Apostle
James was cast ashore here preaching for
seven years and being responsible for the
conversion of Spain before returning to the
Holy Land. The Cathedral of 11th to 13th

century with its splendor, and the portico are masterworks of Romanesque art. On arrival this afternoon, we enjoy a visit to the Cathedral and the Old City here. While dinner is included at our hotel, the adventurous might consider enjoying the varied delights of the Galatian restaurants in the nearby Old City.

Friday, September 13 - DAY 5 -

SANTANDER – Following our walk to Mass at the Cathedral of Santiago we return to our hotel for breakfast and then head east to Santander along one of the many "Routes of St. James." While this is our longest coach day, the wonderful scenery of mountains and sea awe us as our roads hug the northern Spanish seacoast. Lunch on our own is taken along our route. Dinner and overnight in Santander.

Saturday, September 14 - DAY 6 -

LOURDES - This morning following Mass in a local parish church, we continue eastward along the Basque coast via San Sebastian and cross the border into France. Late this afternoon we arrive in Lourdes for dinner at our hotel. In the evening, we join the Torchlight Marian Procession.

Sunday, September 15 - DAY 7 -

LOURDES - This day is spent in devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes. We celebrate Mass at the Grotto, with a morning orientation visit to the Shrine and a walking tour of Lourdes, visiting Boly Mill, where St. Bernadette was born, the Cachot, formerly used as a jail, where she lived during the apparitions, and the parish church. This afternoon is free for private devotions, Eucharistic Procession, the Blessing

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of the Sick or the legendary, healing waters of the miraculous Lourdes spring... Dinner and overnight at our hotel. In the evening, we may once again join the Torchlight Marian Procession.

Monday, September 16 - DAY 8 - LOURDES/MONTSERRAT -This

morning we depart Lourdes and traverse the Pyrenees southward entering northern Spain. We drive to Montserrat on the outskirts of Barcelona and celebrate Mass at the Monastery housing the famed Madonna Black. If possible, we enjoy the midday music of the famous boys choir here. Dinner and overnight at our Monastery hotel here.

Tuesday, September 17 - Day 9 -BARCELONA - This morning we drive to Barcelona to celebrate Mass at the Cathedral. Afterwards we go through the Gothic quarter bisected by the famous Ramblas and see the important new developments at the pleasure port where many of the Olympic events were held in 1992. We enjoy a spectacular view from the top of the Montjuic hill, pass by the Exchange and visit the Church of the Holy Family or Sagrada Familia, the still uncompleted masterpiece of Antoni Gaudi. Afterwards we visit the Unesco World Heritage "Park Guell" one of Gaudi's Masterpieces of "landscape architecture." We return to Montserrat for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Wednesday, September 18 - DAY 10 - RETURN - We transfer to the airport for our flight home with unforgettable memories to cherish always.

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**TOTAL TOUR PRICE:** The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect February 26, 2024. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 35 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas or immunization for the country or countries being visited. Passport MUST be valid until March 18, 2025, or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements. AIR TRANSPORTATION: International flight reservations are being held on American Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-REFUNDABLE. Additional non - recoverable airline penalties of up to \$200 may be assessed for cancellations received within 90 days of departure.

**DOMESTIC AIRFARE:** For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always <u>subject to change</u>.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$763 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

**MEALS:** Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

TIPS AND TAXES: Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, porterage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$114 plus current fuel surcharges of \$480 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$92 ARE NOT INCLUDED. One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

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