

# Fr. Pablo Matta Catholic Spain Pilgrimage

March 5-15, 2026 - 11 Days \$5,399 from El Paso, Texas 79925

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Thursday, March 5 - Day 1 -**DEPART USA** – Today we depart our home airport to connect with our overnight flight aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

Friday, March 6 - Day 2 -ARRIVE MADRID – Upon arrival in Madrid we are met by our guide and driver. Depending upon our arrival time, we explore Madrid's Old Town and the Royal Palace, before arriving at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Saturday, March 7 - DAY 3 -MADRID/TOLEDO/MADRID -

Following breakfast we travel to the walled city of Toledo where we visit the Cathedral and the house of the famous painter, El Greco. We celebrate Mass at the Cathedral. We then visit the Monastery of St. John of the Kings before returning to Madrid for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, March 8 - DAY 4 -MADRID/SEGOVIA/AVILA – Today we leave Madrid and travel to the city of Segovia and visit their beautiful Cathedral where we celebrate Mass. Following lunch on our own, we make our way to this walled medieval city of Avila where St. Teresa was born. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. Monday, March 9 - DAY 5 - AVILA/

## ALBA DE TORMES/SALAMANCA

- We start our day with a visit to the Cathedral de Avila, La Basilica de San Vincente on the site of the martyrdom of St. Vincent. We then visit the Incarnation Convent, where St. Teresa

became a nun. In Alba de Tormes, we visit the Carmelite Monastery that St. Teresa founded in 1571. We celebrate Mass at this Monastery where the saint died and was buried. We then make our way to Salamanca. We will see the Plaza Mayor, an iconic square filled with food, shopping and city events. We see La Clerecia, a church and college of the Jesuit Order. Next is a stop at Le Case de las Conchas, decorated with shells, which symbolizes the ever-famous pilgrimage to Santiago. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

### Tuesday, March 10 - DAY 6 -SALAMANCA/ZAMORA/LEON/BUR

GOS – Following breakfast, we celebrate Mass at La Iglesia de San Martin, a church devoted to St. Martin of Tours, who is the patron saint of beggars and those most in need. We continue to Zamora, a city of great importance in medieval times. This can be seen in its city walls, palaces and churches. One of Zamora treasures is the dome of the Cathedral of Zamora - a Byzantine-style cantilevered dome decorated with stone 'scales' built in the 12th century, while the accompanying Romanesque tower dates from the 13th. Near Plaza Mayor square, you can admire some fine Romanesque churches, like those of Santiago el Burgo, La Magdalena or San Cipriano, as you stroll through the narrow, cobbled streets. Afterwards we make our way to Leon to pay a visit to the

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Key attractions - León Cathedral, famed for its stunning Gothic architecture and magnificent stained-glass windows, and the Basilica of San Isidoro, known for its Romanesque frescoes and royal pantheon. The "Pulcra Leonina", one of the most striking Gothic temples in Spain, stands on the site of an old Roman baths and a Romanesque church. From here we make our way to the city of Burgos for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, March 11 - DAY 7 - BURGOS/LOYOLA/SAN SEBASTIAN- Today we explore the

SEBASTIAN—Today we explore the charming city of Burgos, home of Spain's most famous national hero, El Cid, who is also buried in the Cathedral of Burgos, the third largest church in Spain. We celebrate Mass here. We will have time for shopping and exploring on your own before making our way to Loyola. We travel to Azpeitia, where in 1491 Iñigo Lopez de Loyola Oñaz was born in the Castle of Loyola. We know him better as Ignatius of Loyola. We visit his former house and the museum. Dinner and overnight in our hotel in Sebastian.

Thursday, March 12 - DAY 8 - SAN SEBASTIAN/ZARAGOZA - This morning we travel eastward to Zaragoza, the capital of Aragon. On arrival, we visit the city which was founded by the Romans. Its luxuriant vegetation, with its many cascades and grottos, make it a miniature Switzerland in the middle of arid upper Aragon. This city was also the birthplace of Goya, whose works grace many of the sites we visit. We then visit the number one Marian shrine of Spain, the Pilar Basilica commemorates apparitions of Our Lady the Pillar to St. James in 40 AD, and if possible, we celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Friday, March 13 - DAY 9 ZARAGOZA/MANRESA/MONTSERR
AT/BARCELONA - This morning we
drive to Manresa, with a visit to the
Sanctuary of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the
Holy Cave where St. Ignatius lived. We
continue on to Montserrat on the outskirts
of Barcelona and celebrate Mass at the
Monastery housing the famed Black
Madonna. If possible, we enjoy the midday
music of the famous boys choir here.
Dinner and overnight at our Barcelona
hotel.

Saturday, March 14 - DAY 10 -BARCELONA – This morning we travel 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 Muntjac hill, pass by the Exchange and visit the Church of the Holy Family or Sagrada Familia, the still uncompleted masterpiece of Antoni Gaudi, where we will celebrate Mass. Afterwards, we visit the UNESCO World Heritage "Park Guell" one of Gaudi's Masterpieces of "landscape architecture". Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, March 15 - DAY 11 - 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 May 28, 2025. 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 25 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 September 15, 2026, 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 tickets are issued carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-TRANSFERABLE AND NON-REFUNDABLE. Any requests to change a ticket once issued will incur a reissue fee of \$200 plus any fare differential will apply. Cancellation of air seat within 90 days of departure will incur a \$200 penalty.

**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 \$926 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 \$112 plus current fuel surcharges of \$370 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$107 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.

**DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS:** A deposit of \$500 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure of tour. Final payments received by Unitours after 45 days before departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made within 45 days of departure.) Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include full payment. Amex, Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted with signed reservation

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