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Fr. Eugene Schmitt France Pilgrimage

October 18-28, 2027 - 11 Days

\$5,899 from Evansville

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Monday, October 18 - St. Luke - Day 1 - DEPART USA - We depart Evansville IN to connect with our overnight flight with dinner arriving in Paris the next day. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

Tuesday, October 19 - Day 2 - ARRIVE TOULOUSE/LOURDES - This morning, we arrive in Toulouse. We transfer to Lourdes to our simple pilgrim's hotel near the Shrine for dinner. In the evening, we join the Torchlight Marian Procession.

Wednesday, October 20 - DAY 3 - LOURDES - After breakfast, 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 of the Sick or the legendary, healing waters of the miraculous Lourdes spring. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Lourdes. In the evening, we can once again join the Torchlight Marian Procession.

Thursday, October 21- Day 4 – LOURDES/AVIGNON - This morning after breakfast and following Mass at the shrine, we depart Lourdes and pass through Carcassone, which boasts Europe's lengthiest medieval town walls. Her mighty circle of towers on a hill above the River Aude gives Carcassone a fairy tale appearance. We continue northeast to the beautiful French city of Avignon and our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Friday, October 22 Day 5 – AVIGNON/PARAY LE MONIAL - This morning after breakfast, we visit Avignon's

Palace of the Popes and other famous sites before departing and make our drive along the Rhone River to the beautiful Paray le Monial. On arrival, we celebrate **Mass** and continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Paray Le Monial.

Saturday, October 23 - Day 6 – PARAY LE MONIAL/NEVERS - This morning after breakfast, we celebrate Mass at the Chapel of St. Marguerite. This is the site of the apparitions of Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673. It was here that she received the 12 promises to increase the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Following some free time, we depart and travel north to Nevers for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, October 24 - Day 7 – NEVERS/ CHARTRES/MONT-ST-MICHEL - This morning after breakfast, we visit the Convent of St. Gildard. St. Bernadette of Lourdes spent the last 13 years of her life here, and we will view her incorrupt body. We will celebrate **Mass** here. Continue to Chartres to visit one of the most magnificent Cathedral in all of Europe! Known as Notre-Dame de Chartres, the earliest foundations of the original church date to the late 4th century! Known for the incredible relics and beautiful gothic architecture, it is a truly a jewel of our Catholic faith! We conclude our day in near Mont-St-Michel for dinner and overnight.

Monday, October 25 - Day 8 – MONT-ST-MICHEL/COLLEVILLE/LISIEUX - This morning after breakfast, we celebrate **Mass** at Mont St-Michel with the Monks. This Benedictine Abbey in the Diocese of Avranches, Normandy, France, is unquestionably the finest example both of French medieval architecture and of a fortified abbey. The buildings of the monastery are piled round a conical mass of rock that rises abruptly out of the waters of the Atlantic to the



height of 300 feet. Afterwards, we continue to Colleville-sur-Mer and visit the American Cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach, the site of the Allied landing in 1944. If time permits, we will also visit Pointe du Hoc, where U/S. Army Rangers courageously scaled the cliffs during the D-Day invasion. We then continue to Lisieux for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Tuesday, October 26 - Day 9 –

LISIEUX/PARIS – Today after breakfast, we visit the home of St. Therese, the Little Flower, where we celebrate Mass in the village convent. We also visit the Basilica dedicated to St. Therese. The Basilica is the objective for pilgrims from the world over who come to kneel in solemn prayer to St. Therese. Here we visit Les Buissonnets, where St. Therese lived as a child. Following lunch on our own in this delightful town, we continue to Paris where we enjoy an orientation tour of the city passing by the Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower and travel down the famous Champs-Elysees. Continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Paris.

Wednesday, October 27 - Day 10 -

PARIS -This morning after breakfast and following **Mass** at the Miraculous Medal Shrine of St. Catherine Laboure, we tour the sites of Paris, including a visit to the most enduring symbol of the French capital, the Notre Dame Cathedral on the Ile de la Cité. While here, we also make a stop at the Holy Chapel believed to hold relics, including nails and pieces of wood from the Cross of Calvary. This afternoon is yours for shopping, personal adventure or optional excursions. We will have the opportunity to enjoy the culinary delights of Paris as dinner will be on our own.

Thursday, October 28 - Simon & Jude -

DAY 11 – PARIS/RETURN - We transfer to the airport for our flight home with unforgettable memories to cherish always.



SCAN ME

While we at Unitours do everything possible to make our Pilgrimages comfortable, a certain amount of strenuous walking will be required. Depending upon a pilgrim's age & strength, parts of your program may be too taxing if a person has mobility limitations, is older or disabled. Be advised that such pilgrims may be unable to visit some of the places listed on this itinerary.

"Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us! Go to www.Unitours.com/questions."

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Please reserve seats on this France Pilgrimage - October 18-28, 2027

Enclosed please find deposit of \$500 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until April 28, 2028 or later.)

Name(s) as appears on passport) _____

My Roommate: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Name(s) as you'd like them to appear on nametags: _____

Charge my deposit to Visa MasterCard Amex Discover

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Exp. Date _____

I understand that certain charges such as air taxes, fuel surcharges and rates of exchange can affect the final cost and I agree to pay such costs should adjustments be necessary. _____

Signature _____

TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect June 26, 2026. 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 20 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. Passport MUST be valid until April 28, 2028 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-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 subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$902 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, portage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$214 plus current fuel surcharges of \$584 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$102 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 at Unitours after 45 days before departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made after 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 form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final payment due date. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days prior to departure - - \$400 administration fee (charged to deposit) plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 31 days prior to departure - - \$400 administration fee plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. No refund for cancellations received within 30 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc.

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DEVIATIONS: A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Optional Travel Insurance is strongly recommended for your trip. See www.Unitours.com/travelInsurance for full details and to purchase coverage.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen emergencies.

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