

Portugal, Spain, and France

October 10-20, 2022

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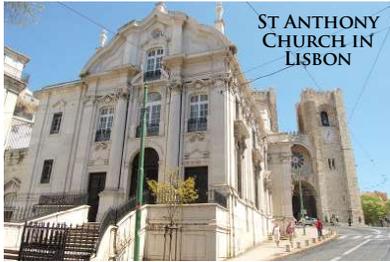


• Mass Celebrated Daily •

Day 1: Monday, October 10, 2022 - USA / LISBON

Tour members are welcomed this evening at the **Detroit Airport** for our departing flight to Lisbon via jumbo jet, arriving the next day. Meals are served on board.

Day 2: Tuesday 10/11, LISBON / SANTAREM / FATIMA



ST ANTHONY
CHURCH IN
LISBON

Upon our morning arrival in Lisbon, we visit the **birthplace of St. Anthony of Padua** and the 12th-century **Lisbon Cathedral**. We also visit **St. George Castle, and St Jeronimo's Monastery**. From there, we stop in **Santarem to visit the church of St. Stephen,**

where in the 13th century a Eucharistic Miracle took place. When a woman attempted to steal a consecrated host from Mass, the host turned into flesh and began to bleed. To this day the precious relic remains incorrupt for all to see. The church has since been renamed the Church of the Holy Miracle. We continue our journey into **Fatima** to check in at our hotel for a welcome dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 3: Wednesday 10/12, FATIMA

One of the greatest events of this century took place in the village of Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. The Mother of God appeared to three children in order to bring the message of the gospel back to a world that was slipping away from it. She told the children, *"I desire that a chapel be built here in my honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and to ask pardon for their sins. People must pray the rosary every day and bear all the sufferings that God sends them."* This morning we begin in the **Cova da Iria**, where we visit the **Chapel of the Apparitions, the Basilica** that houses the tombs of Francisco and Jacinta, the **Perpetual Adoration Chapel, the big Holm oak tree, and the Monument of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. We continue on to **Aljustrel**, where we visit the **home of the Marto family** (the birthplace of Jacinta and Francisco) and the **home of Lucia**. In Aljustrel we also see the **site of the apparitions of St Michael to the children**. We follow the **Way of the Cross and visit Valinhos, the site of Our Lady's fourth apparition**. Before returning to our hotel, we visit the **parish church** where the children were baptized. This evening, we take

part in the **Candlelight Procession** with pilgrims from around the world. Dinner and overnight in Fatima. [B,D]

Day 4: Thursday 10/13, FATIMA / ALBA DE TORMES / AVILA

Today we depart Fatima for **Alba de Tormes** and the **Carmelite convent** to see the preserved body of St Teresa of Avila, one of the Church's greatest mystics. We also see her incorrupt heart. In her autobiography, St Teresa spoke of the angel who thrust an arrow into her heart, leaving it "on fire with a great love of God." After her death, when her body was examined, she was found to have had a perforation of the heart. It was in this way that science confirmed one of her greatest mystical experiences. Our journey continues as we travel through the picturesque countryside to the lovely 12th-century walled city of **Avila**. Upon our arrival in Avila, we proceed to the hotel to check in for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



AVILA

Day 5: Friday 10/14, AVILA / SEGOVIA / BURGOS

This morning we visit the **Monastery of the Incarnation and the convent of St. Teresa**, where the saint experienced her remarkable vision of the angel. This afternoon we travel to **Segovia**, where the sacred relic of St John of the Cross is enshrined. St John was the confessor of St Teresa and often conferred with her on their experiences in the spiritual life; he is one of Christianity's foremost authorities on spiritual and mystical theology. We visit the **convent near the Vera Cruz church**, constructed by the Templars, where the mortal remains of Saint John of the Cross are buried. Inside the city walls we also see the best-conserved **aqueduct** of the Imperial Roman Empire. In addition to viewing this 2000-year-old engineering marvel, we visit **Alcazar castle**, the last in the Spanish gothic style to be



ALCAZAR

constructed. We enter the famous castle, which was an inspiration for Walt Disney when he created his Cinderella castle. We continue on to **Burgos** for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 6: Saturday 10/15, BURGOS / LOYOLA / PAMPLONA

This morning we depart Burgos for **Loyola**. There we visit the **birthplace of St Ignatius**, founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). There, we will **see the magnificent 17th century basilica** dedicated to the saint. Behind the sanctuary is the **Santa Casa**, the three story 14th century family home of St Ignatius. Pilgrims are invited to tour the rooms and visit the chamber where the saint was born. The most venerated place in this building is the room where Ignatius, at the age of 30, was brought following his serious wounding at the Battle of Pamplona. To pass the time as his leg healed, he read the lives of the saints and a book on the life of Christ. At this time a great conversion took place in Ignatius; approximately 13 years later he founded the Society of Jesus. The place of his conversion is indicated by a statue depicting the saint with a leg bandaged, a book in one hand and the other hand outstretched, while the face is turned heavenward. Our journey continues to **Pamplona** where we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



Day 7: Sunday 10/16, PAMPLONA / JAVIER / LOURDES

We depart Pamplona this morning and travel to **Javier** in the region of Navarra to visit the **family castle and birthplace of St Francis Xavier**. As a close personal friend of St Ignatius and one of the original seven members of the Society of Jesus, St Francis performed many miracles, was granted the gift of tongues, foretold the future, healed countless people, and baptized over 10,000 people in just one month's time. St Francis Xavier is regarded as one of the most zealous missionaries of all times. From there, we **cross the spectacular Pyrenees Mountains** and continue to **Lourdes**, where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St Bernadette in 1858. Upon our arrival, we check in at the hotel for dinner. After dinner, we participate in the **Candlelight Procession and rosary** with pilgrims from all over the world. Overnight in Lourdes. [B,D]

Day 8: Monday 10/17, LOURDES

We spend today in Lourdes. Between February 11, 1858 and July 16, 1858, Our Lady appeared 18 times to a 14 year old girl named Bernadette Soubirous. The young saint describes Our Lady as a "girl in white, the same height as myself, who greeted me with a nod of her head. This girl was beautiful beyond description. She had a blue sash around her white dress and yellow roses on her shoes. A long rosary hung from her arm, and she seemed to invite me to pray with her." Our Lady gave to Bernadette secret messages for herself and other messages for the world to hear. She described herself as the Immaculate Conception, she revealed a miraculous spring and she asked that a chapel be built for pilgrimage. During our stay in Lourdes, we will celebrate Mass at the **Grotto of Massabielle**. We'll visit the Ba-



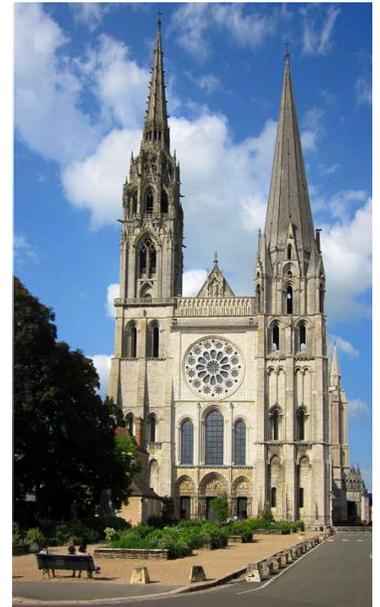
silica of the Immaculate Conception, the Boly Mill where St Bernadette was born and the "**Cachot**," an abandoned prison where Bernadette's family lived in poverty. We'll have an opportunity to **bathe in the miraculous waters at the Grotto, attend the Blessing of the Sick, and have time for personal prayer**. This evening, we join pilgrims from many countries as we pray the rosary during the **Candlelight Procession**. Dinner and overnight in Lourdes. [B,D]

Day 9: Tuesday 10/18, LOURDES / train / PARIS

After very early Mass in Lourdes, we check in at the **train depot** and board our **1st class train to Paris**, the City of Light, known for being a frontrunner in the Age of Enlightenment and dually noted for being amongst the European trailblazers for using gas street lighting (on a grand scale). Upon our arrival, we enjoy an **orientation tour of the city** where we **see the famous Champs de Elysee, the iron giant, the Arc d' Triomphe and other famous city sites**. We proceed to Montmartre and **ascend by funicular** to the top of **Montmartre hill** to visit the world famous **Basilica of Sacré-Coeur**. In the Basilica, above the high altar, there is a monstrance containing the Consecrated Host. The practice of perpetual adoration has been uninterrupted in Sacré Coeur since 1885. Then, we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 10: Wednesday 10/19, PARIS / CHARTRES / PARIS

This morning, we board our motor coach and travel to Chartres. The **Cathedral of Chartres** is one of the greatest architectural treasures ever built and today boasts nearly perfect preservation of its original details and design from 1260. According to tradition, the Cathedral houses the Blessed Virgin Mary's tunic (Sancta Camisia), said to have been offered to the cathedral by Charlemagne who had accepted the gift during a trip he made to the holy city of Jerusalem. Drawing visitors from all over the world, the Chartres Cathedral has been and continues to be a popular and important Marian pilgrimage site. The stained glass windows dating from the 12th and 13th centuries are renowned for the depth and intensity of their blue tones, known as Chartres blue. Then, we **return to Paris** and proceed to the **Shrine of the Miraculous Medal on Rue de Bac** where Our Lady appeared to St Catherine Laboure in 1830. There we will see the incorrupt body of St Catherine and the waxed body of St Louise de Marillac who, with the help of St Vincent de Paul, established the Daughters of Charity. We then proceed to the **Chapel in the Motherhouse of the Congregation of the Mission** which houses the incorrupt body of St. Vincent de Paul. Our day concludes with a **group farewell dinner with wine**. Overnight in Paris. [B,D]



CHARTRE CATHEDRAL

Day 11: Thursday, October 20, 2022, PARIS / USA

Early this morning we proceed to the **airport** to begin our journey back to the United States. Our pilgrimage offers the mind and soul new and treasured memories inspired by God's majestic landscape and a world we explore one pilgrimage at a time. [B]