

Church of St. Mary's, Lake Forest

MARIAN SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

FATIMA & LOURDES



MAY 2 - MAY 13, 2023

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**A European Journey Following
Our Blessed Virgin Mary & Saints of our Faith
With daily mass!**



QUESTIONS?

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ITINERARY

12-DAY MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Depart Chicago O'Hare Airport on Swiss Air on our way to Lisbon, Portugal.

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

LISBON

MASS: Lisbon

Welcome to Portugal! You arrive at Lisbon airport with a private transfer to your hotel.

Welcome dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at hotel in Lisbon

Thursday, May 4, 2023

LISBON | SANTARAM | FATIMA

MASS: Santaram; Sanctuary of the Most Holy Eucharistic Miracle

After breakfast, we will tour Lisbon, a city of pastel colors and cobblestone streets, vistas, and monuments. Start by promenading in one of the typical old quarters of Lisbon, Alfama, walking through its narrow streets with Arab influence, winding alleys, and colorful houses. We will visit the historic district of Belém, where we can find many of the most prestigious monuments of the city, including the Jerónimos Monastery (exterior) and Belém Tower (exterior), both good examples of the 16th century's Manueline style, and finally the Monument to the Discoveries (exterior). Opportunity to taste the delicious "Pastéis de Belém", the typical pastry of Lisbon.

We will depart for Fatima stopping in Santarém, one of the oldest cities in the world. Walk through its narrow streets to the Church of St. Stephen, containing the oldest recorded Eucharistic miracle (entrance upon availability). This miracle has been on continuous display since 1269 A.D.

Arrival in **Fátima**, one of the most famous Marian Shrines in Europe. Participate in the Rosaries and Candlelight Procession.

Dinner and overnight. at our hotel in Fatima



LISBON



Fatima



**Sanctuary of the
Most Holy Eucharistic Miracle, Santaram**



Candlelight Procession in Fatima

Friday, May 5, 2023

FATIMA

MASS: Fatima

In the morning, the group will visit the small village of Aljustrel, home of **Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta**, the three children who witnessed the Apparitions of the Blessed Mother starting in 1917. The group will then visit Valinhos, where Our Lady appeared in August of that year as well as the parish church where the children were baptized and where family members were buried in the cemetery.

In the afternoon, we will visit some of the highlights of Fátima, including the Capelinha (also known as the "Chapel of the Apparitions") as well as the Basilica. The basilica contains, among other things, the tombs of two of the children of Fátima, Jacinta and Francisco. Then explore Fátima on your own, shop for religious articles and other souvenirs, or spend time in private devotion. An optional video presentation on the history of Fátima will be offered in the evening at the Consolata Fathers Center (to check). Participate in the Rosaries and Candlelight Procession.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Fátima.



Saturday, May 6, 2023

FATIMA | SALAMANCA | ALBA DE TORMES | AVILA **MASS: Fatima**

Today is dedicated to **St. Teresa of Avila**, also known as St. Teresa of Jesus, born in 1515. We will depart to Salamanca where Saint Teresa's presence can be seen from Plaza Mayor square to the University. In the square, you can see a medallion dedicated to the saint and she is Doctor Honoris Causa of Salamanca University.

In the New Cathedral, there is a chapel in her honor, and she went to the convent of San Esteban to ask the Dominican friars for advice on the reformation of the Carmelite order and convents.

Saint Teresa of Ávila wrote *Her Life of the Mother Teresa of Jesus* (1611), it is autobiographical and commissioned by the Jesuit community.

We will proceed to Alba de Tormes, where you can visit Santa Teresa of Ávila's tomb and see two of her most important relics: her heart and her left arm.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Ávila.



Sunday, May 7, 2023

AVILA | FONIVEROS | BURGOS:

MASS: Avila, Church of St. Teresa

After breakfast we will visit Avila is an impressive 11th Century walled city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, influenced by the Catholic church and the birthplace of St. Teresa.

Depart to Fontiveros, where **St John of the Cross** was born 1542. He is one of the 37 Doctors of the Church. Visit the Church of St. Cipriano where St John of the Cross – founder of the Discalced Carmelites - was baptized. Proceed to Burgos.

Dinner and overnight in Burgos.



Monday, May 8, 2023

BURGOS | LOYOLA | AZPEITIA | LOURDES MASS: Burgos Cathedral

After breakfast, we have a tour of Burgos. In addition to the architectural masterpiece of Burgos which is the Cathedral, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, and the Royal Monastery of Huelgas Reales together with the famous Chapel of Saint James the Apostle, Burgos is where Saint Teresa arrived in 1581 to establish her last convent: the Convent of San José and Santa Ana. Here you can see several of Saint Teresa's relics; espadrilles, a veil, and a letter she wrote. You can also visit the Church of San Gil, where Saint Teresa would go to mass. Following Saint Teresa's footsteps pass by the Hospital of La Concepción and the Church of San Cosme and San Damián, where she stayed.

We continue to Loyola / Azpeitia, the birthplace of **St. Ignatius of Loyola**. St Ignatius dedicated himself to becoming a soldier of the Christian Faith. We will visit the 17th-century Basilica and the Sanctuary of Loyola, built around the tower house of the Loyola family and the birthplace of St. Ignatius in 1491. In Azpeitia we will visit the church where St. Ignatius was baptized.

Continuation to Lourdes, one of our Church's most important pilgrimage sites, where we can participate in the Candlelight Procession.

Dinner and overnight in Lourdes.



Tuesday, May 9, 2023

LOURDES

MASS: Lourdes Sanctuary, Church TBD

After breakfast, we will have a walking tour of Lourdes, where the **Virgin Mary** has appeared eighteen times since 1858 when she appeared to **St. Bernadette**. We will visit the "Boly Mill" (site of the birthplace of St. Bernadette) and the "Cachot", another home of the family. In fact, this is where she lived at the same time of the Apparitions. Also visit the parish church of her family (where St. Bernadette was baptized). Participate in the Candlelight Procession.

Dinner and overnight in Lourdes.



Wednesday, May 10, 2023

LOURDES | TOULOUSE

MASS: Lourdes Sanctuary, Church TBD

After breakfast, free time for your devotions in Lourdes before we depart for the southwest of France to Toulouse on the Garonne River. The city's nickname is "the Pink City" with a charming old town. In Toulouse, we will visit the 17th-century Chapel of the Carmelites, with its remarkable painted murals by Jean-Pierre and 18th Century paintings by Jean-Baptiste Despax. Visit the Church of the Jacobins, the burial place of **St Thomas of Aquinas** and the Basilica of St Sernin, a UNESCO World Heritage Site on the road to Santiago de Compostela.

Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at our hotel in Toulouse.



Thursday, May 11, 2023

TOULOUSE | BARCELONA

MASS: Barcelona

After breakfast, we return to Spain, arriving in Barcelona on the coast of the Mediterranean. Following lunch we will tour Barcelona visiting the La Monumental Bullring, La Sagrada Familia (the great masterpiece of Gaudy), Casa Batllo, Joan Miro Park, Fountain of 3 Rivers, The Venetian towers, Magic Fountain, Olympic stadium, Port of Barcelona, Christopher Columbus Column, Las Ramblas, etc.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Barcelona.



La Sagrada Familia

Friday, May 12, 2023

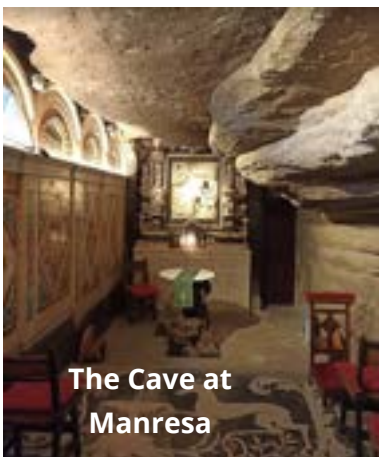
BARCELONA | MANRASA | MONTSERRAT | BARCELONA

MASS: Manresa, Cave of St. Ignatius

After breakfast, we will spend the day with **St. Ignatius**. Our first stop will be Manresa, the cradle of the Jesuit order. We will have mass in the cave of St. Ignatius where St. Ignatius in 1522 retired to meditate and write his Spiritual Exercises. We continue to Montserrat in the middle spectacular landscape to the Benedictine monastery of Santa Maria de Montserrat. This monastery houses an ancient wooden statue of the Virgin and Child that was believed to be carved by St. Luke, taken to Spain by St. Peter and hidden in a cave during the Moorish occupation. The statue was found in 880 and many miracles have been attributed to the intercession of the Virgin Mary.

St. Ignatius went to Montserrat and spent two days making a confession of all his sins. After his confession, he spent the night in prayer - as a knight in arms - before Our Lady of Montserrat. At the end of his prayer, he left his sword with our Lady and decided to spend the rest of his life as a pilgrim doing penance. Afterward, he traveled to Manresa. Return to Barcelona for a free late afternoon.

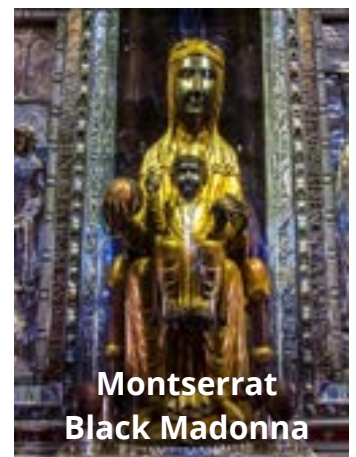
Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Barcelona.



**The Cave at
Manresa**



MONTSERRAT



**Montserrat
Black Madonna**

Saturday, May 13, 2023

BARCELONA | HOME

Breakfast and free time before being transferred to Barcelona International Airport for departure flight on Swiss Air. Arrive at Chicago O'hare the same day.

MARIAN SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

TOUR PACKAGE

INCLUDED:

AIR PORTION

Round-trip airfare on Swiss Air: ORD/ZUR/LIS - BCN/ZUR/ORD
Airline departure taxes and fuel surcharge as of Dec. 2022: \$457

LAND PORTION

- 9 nights accommodations in 4-star hotels and 1 night in a 3-star hotel: double occupancy
- Daily mass, locations subject to change including entrance fees
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Welcome dinner in Lisbon and dinner at a local restaurant in Toulouse
- VAT, city taxes, and accommodation taxes
- Sightseeing in a deluxe air-conditioned motor-coach
- Professional English-speaking tour escort service
- Whisper units during guided tour days
- Entrance fees to sites visited per itinerary
- Local city tour guides (2 hours): Salamanca, Avila, Burgos, Toulouse
- Local city tour guides (1/2 day): Lourdes and Barcelona,
- Full day tour guide: Manresa/Montserrat
- Portage service: 1 luggage piece per person

NOT INCLUDED:

- Gratuities to guide, bus driver, and hotel staff (suggest \$160 per person)
- Lunches and beverages during meals
- Travelers/Medical insurance. Mandatory

REGISTRATION:

bit.ly/MarianShrine2023Registration



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TOUR PACKAGE

\$4,297 per person

Single Supplement: \$745 (based on availability)

Includes: Airfare on Swiss Air, and tax and fuel surcharge as of 12/2022: \$457

Accommodations 4-Star Hotels and one night at a 3 start hotel | Tours | Meals | And more!

DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION:

Registration Form

Deposit: \$450 per participant

Copy of your passport (photo page only)

REGISTRATION FORM:

bit.ly/MarianShrine2023Registration



Deliver registration form, deposit & copy of passport to:

St. Mary's Parish Office

201 E. Illinois Rd, Lake Forest, IL 60045

Checks:

All checks should be made payable to: **AMI Travel**

Credit card payment:

Visa/MC/Discover/Amex; add 3.50%

2nd deposit:

\$1,000 Due February 1, 2023

Final Payment:

Due March 1, 2023

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Purchasing travel insurance for the trip is mandatory. You may purchase from any insurance company. If you would like to use our recommended company ARCH Roam Right Insurance Company please use this URL link to enroll

<https://partner.roamright.com/?agencycode=amitravel>

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Package price dependant on a certain number of participants.

