

# Visitations of Mary

COMMENCING TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER, 2019

11 Night / 12 Day Pilgrimage

Begin Lisbon (1) • Fatima Anniversary (3) • Avila (2) • Segovia • Santo Domingo de Silos (1) • Calereuga • Loyola • Lourdes (3) • Montserrat (1) • End Barcelona

Optional Saints of France Extension (5 Nights)

Barcelona (1) • Lyon • Paray le Monial (2) • Cure de Ars • Taize • Nevers • Chartres (1) • Lisieux (1) • End Paris •



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You are invited to participate in the world's most requested Marian journey including the villages of some of the Church's most renowned saints. From the Anniversary celebrations in Fatima, through Avila, Santo Domingo de Silos, Loyola, Lourdes, to Paray-le-Monial, Nevers and Lisieux - this will truly be a pilgrimage of a lifetime.

## pilgrim highlights

- + Savour a 3 Night stay in each of the great Marian Centres of Fatima and Lourdes
- + Be among the sea of pilgrims waving their white handkerchiefs in honour of Our Lady during the momentous Anniversary celebrations in Fatima
- + Experience an absorbing 2 Night stay inside the medieval walled city of Avila and be touched by the tangible grace of St Teresa
- + Explore the sacred towns dedicated to St Teresa, St John of the Cross, St Dominic and St Ignatius of Loyola
- + Be mesmerised by the Benedictine Monks of Santo Domingo de Silos as they chant their Gregorian Mass during our overnight stay
- + Come to Lourdes, the 'City of Mary' and take time down by the Holy Grotto to pray and find your healing as you drink from the sacred springs
- + Join pilgrims from the world over as we raise our candles high at the evening Torchlight Processions in Lourdes and Fatima
- + Hear the sweet sounds of the Montserrat Boys Choir during our final night's stay in the Clifftop Monastery dedicated to the Mother of God

**SYMBOLS** *Mass Setting: Preferred site*  
 (B) = Breakfast (L) = Lunch (D) = Dinner  
 Ⓜ = Time Out - *Planned site for extended opportunity for prayer & reflection*

### Day 1: TUESDAY 10 SEP 2019 – ARRIVE LISBON (D)

Welcome to postcard-perfect Lisbon on the Atlantic coast! We begin our journey together for a warm Welcome Dinner in a spirit of fellowship.

### DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 11 SEP – LISBON TO FATIMA (BD)

Set out on our first morning to discover Portugal's capital with our local guide. Our first stop is the great **Basilica of St Anthony**, where we celebrate an amazing group Mass. After an intriguing stop at World Heritage listed **Jeronimo's Monastery** we see nearby **Belem Tower** and the **Monument of Discoveries**. Our route north towards Fatima takes us to the **Holy Miracle Church at Santarem** Ⓜ containing the oldest recorded Eucharistic miracle.

*Mass Setting: Basilica of St Anthony*

### DAY 3: THURSDAY 12 SEP – FATIMA (BD)

With a prayerful heart, we walk the Stations along the beautiful **Way of the Cross** Ⓜ culminating in the **Chapel of Calvary** overlooking all of Fatima. We venture into **Valinhos**, the site of the fourth apparition of Our Lady before heading to the visionary's homes and original parish church in **Aljustrel**. Tonight, we'll join the festive **Anniversary Vigil** ceremonies.

*Mass Setting: Original Parish Church*

### DAY 4: FRIDAY 13 SEP – FATIMA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS (BD)

We wake to the joyous sound of pilgrims from all over the world to celebrate today's Anniversary celebrations. The ceremony includes the touching '**Adios**' spectacle (waving of the white handkerchiefs) and upon its conclusion we enjoy a **tour of the Square** including the cherished **site of the Apparitions**.

*Mass Setting: International Solemnity*

### DAY 5: SATURDAY 14 SEP – FATIMA TO AVILA (BD)

We cross the border into Spain and pass through magical **Salamanca** before reaching the quaint village of **Alba de Tormes** Ⓜ where St Teresa befriended St John of the Cross. After a stunning Mass in the convent, we journey to the historic walled town of **Avila**.

*Mass Setting: Alba de Tormes Convent*

*"This trip has intensified our spiritual connection with Mary and the time provided gave us opportunities for personal reflection."*

*— Jocelyn & Jinny Lee*

### DAY 6: SUNDAY 15 SEP – AVILA (BD)

In the **Convent of Saint Teresa** today we marvel at the very spot where this brilliant saint was born. Onward to the grand **Avila Cathedral** and the fascinating **Monastery of the Incarnation** Ⓜ where we can view St Teresa's cell and relics. Enjoy the afternoon discovering the charming atmosphere of old Spain.

*Mass Setting: Convent of Saint Teresa*

### DAY 7: MONDAY 16 SEP – VIA SEGOVIA & CALERUEGA TO SANTO DOMINGO DE SILOS (BD)

We embark east on our pilgrimage towards **Segovia** for a visit to its stunning **Gothic Cathedral**. Marvel too at the best conserved **aqueduct** of the Imperial Roman Empire before entering the ancient church holding the mortal remains of **St John of the Cross**. Ⓜ From here we head north to **Caleruega**, birthplace of St Dominic. Here on our tour we delve into the life of this remarkable saint. We journey on to **Santo Domingo de**



Candlelight Procession



Silos, home to the awe-inspiring Benedictine Abbey where we'll experience the heavenly sound of Gregorian chants from the world-renowned monks.

**Mass Setting:** Vera Cruz Segovia

**DAY 8: TUESDAY 17 SEP – SANTO DOMINGO DE SILOS TO LOURDES (BD)**

After our privileged chance to attend the Abbey's chanted High Mass, we examine ancient pieces of art at the adjacent **Monastery Museum** then take the road to **Loyola** to discover St Ignatius' birthplace **T** and where he later converted. Before the sun sets we weave through the scenic foothills of the Pyrenees before entering Lourdes.

**Mass Setting:** Abbey - Gregorian Chant

*"The pilgrimage to Portugal Spain and France has been the most uplifting faith renewal I have ever had."*

— **David Hooper**

**DAY 9: WEDNESDAY 18 SEP – LOURDES (BD)**

We celebrate an impressive **International Mass** with pilgrims worldwide, followed by a visit to the little village of **Bartres** where we take time out at the **Sheepfold T** where St Bernadette would tend her flock. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon while exploring the peaceful town of Lourdes.

**Mass Setting:** Underground Basilica of Pius X

**DAY 10: THURSDAY 19 SEP – LOURDES (BD)**

The perfect start to our day involves a moving **Mass** at the Grotto before our guided walking tour of Lourdes. Prepare for

a highlight with the opportunity to immerse in the miraculous **Baths**. **T** Join the evening candlelight procession in the holy square.

**Mass Setting:** Grotto of Lourdes

**DAY 11: FRIDAY 20 SEP – VIA MANRESA TO MONTSERRAT (BD)**

Beyond the breathtaking drive through the Pyrenees, we approach **Manresa T** and to the cave where the pious St Ignatius spent 11 months recuperating and developing his spiritual exercises. Our final night is spent on the 4,000-foot-high cliff-top monastery of **Montserrat**, dedicated to 'the Black Madonna' discovered in the Holy Cave.

**Mass Setting:** Cave at Manresa

**DAY 12: SATURDAY 21 SEP – MONTSERRAT & DEPART SPAIN (B)**

On our final morning, breathe in the sacred atmosphere on our visit to the Chapel and Holy Cave before hearing the world-renowned **Montserrat Boys Choir** to close our pilgrimage. Return to Barcelona airport for flight departures.

**Mass Setting:** Montserrat Basilica

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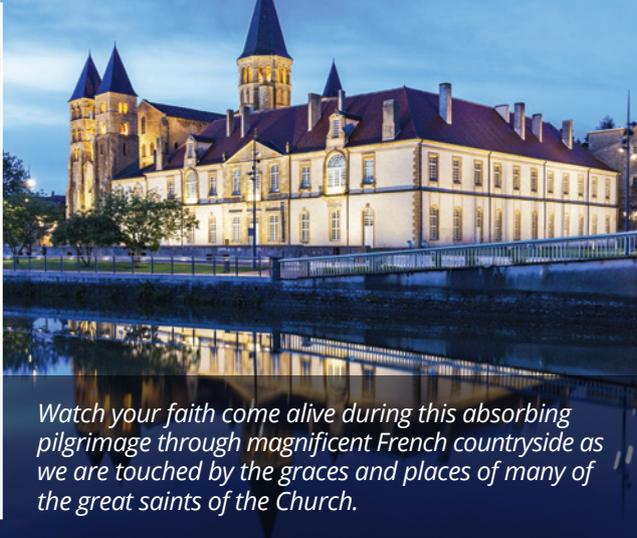


- Paray Le Monial
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- Lisieux
- & much more

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# Saints of France Extension

5 Night Option with Deacon Harold & Fr Daniel Maxwell



*Watch your faith come alive during this absorbing pilgrimage through magnificent French countryside as we are touched by the graces and places of many of the great saints of the Church.*

## DAY 12: SATURDAY 21 SEP – BARCELONA OVERNIGHT (BD)

## DAY 13: SUNDAY 22 SEP – LYON / ARS / PARAY-LE-MONIAL (BD)

This morning we will be transferred to the airport for our onward flight connections to Lyon. On arrival we will board our coach, journeying north to nearby Ars, the little village where St John Vianney known as the Cure of Ars was based and to where pilgrims from all over Europe flocked to see him. We will visit the small church contained within the Basilica that John Vianney built himself, view his incorrupt body and celebrate our group Mass here.

From here we continue north to Paray-le-Monial, the place where St Margaret Mary Alacoque experienced visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the 17th century.

## DAY 14: MONDAY 23 SEP – PARAY-LE-MONIAL & TAIZE (BD)

After breakfast we set off for Taize, the tiny hillside community in which young people from all over the world are drawn. Pope St John Paul II referred to Taize as 'that little springtime' as pilgrims join in a common weekly programme of prayer meetings, discussion groups and meals.

We join with the community for midday prayer, which is sung beautifully in the large candlelit church.

Returning to Paray-le-Monial, we commence our guided visit featuring the Chapel of Apparitions for Mass, and the relics of St Margaret Mary. Other highlights include the Chapel of St Claude in honour of St Margaret Mary's Spiritual Director and the Basilica of Sacre Coeur.

## DAY 15: TUESDAY 24 SEP – VIA NEVERS TO CHARTRES (BD)

Journey by coach to the town of Nevers nestled within the picturesque Loire Valley. Visit the Convent of St Gildard where we view St Bernadette's incorrupt body. The saint, who had 18 apparitions, retired to Nevers where she died at the age of only 35.

Our pilgrimage takes us on to the great city of Chartres where we enter inside the magnificent 13th century Chartres Cathedral, a medieval architectural wonder and home to the Holy Veil, said to be worn by the Blessed Virgin Mary when she gave birth to Jesus. See the most famous labyrinth in the world, built around the year 1200. Gaze upon stained glass majesty with more than five thousand figures depicting biblical stories and the lives of the saints, presenting to every pilgrim a vision of the heavenly city that awaits us. Check in to our hotel before dinner.

## DAY 16: WEDNESDAY 25 SEP – CHARTRES TO LISIEUX (BD)

Journey west today to Lisieux, one of the world's premier pilgrimage sites and home to St Therese, the 'Little Flower', called 'the greatest saint of modern times' by Pope Pius X. On arrival we enjoy a pilgrimage tour of Lisieux visiting the family home of Les Buissonnets, the Carmelite Convent Chapel with its reliquary of the saint and St Therese's Basilica.

## DAY 17: THURSDAY 26 SEP – DEPART LISIEUX FOR PARIS (B)

Join homebound flights or stay on in Paris.

### ADD-ON COST

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