

Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines (May 11 - 21, 2023)

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11 Day Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines

Day I: Depart U.S.A.

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart en route to Paris. Meals and refreshments will be served on board.

Day 2: Paris / Lourdes

Upon reaching Paris, we will transfer to Lourdes, where on arrival, we will be met by our tour guide. Lourdes is one of the great pilgrimage shrines of the world. It was here where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette, proclaiming herself the "Immaculate Conception." (Dinner will be provided.)

Day 3: Lourdes

Today we'll have all day to experience the unique atmosphere of this beautiful town. Attend Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, the site where the Virgin appeared 18 times. Also, visit the Basilica of St. Pius X (the world's largest underground church), see the house where St. Bernadette lived during the Apparitions, and visit several sites where miraculous cures have taken place. We can participate in the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the Candlelight Procession this evening. (Breakfast & dinner will be provided.)

Day 4: Lourdes / Barcelona

Depart Lourdes and drive to visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Montserrat, the spiritual heart of Catalonia and home to a dramatically set Benedictine monastery. For 700 years, this Marian shrine has attracted thousands of pilgrims worldwide. We pause here to visit the Black Madonna of Montserrat, Spain's most fervent devotion to the Blessed Mother. Afterward, we will drive to Barcelona and check in at our hotel. (Breakfast & dinner will be provided.)

Day 5: Barcelona

After breakfast, we will enjoy a panoramic tour of Barcelona, including views of the harbor area, Montjuic, Plaza de España, and Plaza de Catalunya. We will then visit Barcelona Cathedral, followed by a visit to Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia, a magnificent, unfinished Roman Catholic basilica of impressive proportions. We will continue to Tibidabo Hill, where we will visit the Church of the Sacred Heart and see a statue of Christ whose extended arms overlooking Barcelona remind one of Rio de Janeiro. (Breakfast & dinner will be provided.)





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<u>Day 6: Barcelona / Zaragoza</u>

Drive to Zaragoza, the chief city of Aragon, which has traditions connected with the story of St. James and is the birthplace of the great Spanish painter Francisco Goya. Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Pilar, where the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. James in 40 AD. Transfer to our overnight hotel. (Breakfast & dinner will be provided.)

Day 7: Zaragoza / Salamanca

Drive to the walled town of Avila, made famous by St. Teresa of Avila. In Avila, visit the Monastery of the Incarnation where St. Teresa spent many years of her life, the Monastery of St. Joseph, which was her first foundation, and the Convent of St. Theresa. Continue to Salamanca, one of Spain's foremost cultural centers and a showcase of intricately sculpted Renaissance architecture in golden stone. (Breakfast & dinner will be provided.)

<u>Day 8: Salamanca / Fatima</u>

This morning leave Spain for Portugal. En route, we will visit Coimbra, a famous university town, to visit the Convent of Santa Clara La Nova, where St. Isabella is buried. After celebrating Mass, continue to Fatima, one of the world's most important Marian Shrines and an important pilgrimage center. This evening, join other pilgrims worldwide in the evening candlelight procession to pray the rosary. (Breakfast & dinner will be provided.)

Day 9: Fatima

Today, we will celebrate Mass on the spot where Our Lady appeared at the Chapel of Apparitions. Then visit the Basilica to see the site of St. Francisco and St. Jacinta's graves and later to the hamlet of Aljustrel where the three children lived during the Apparitions. Continue to Valinhos, the location where Our Lady appeared following the children's release from prison. (Breakfast & dinner will be provided.)





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Day 10: Fatima / Lisbon

Drive south to Santarem, where we will visit the Church of St. Stephen (Church of the Holy Miracle), which contains the oldest recorded Eucharistic Miracle, which has been on continuous display since 1269. Then, to Lisbon, Portugal's capital and the birthplace of St. Anthony of Padua (the patron saint of Portugal). Visit the Lisbon Cathedral and the magnificent Monastery of St. Jeronimo. Finally, transfer to our hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to explore this friendly city. We will have our own farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (Breakfast & dinner will be provided.)

Day II: Lisbon / U.S.A

Depart Fatima and drive to Lisbon Airport for our returning flight to the US, arriving on the same day as departure.



Pilgrimage Cost

\$4,399

per person / double occupancy

For single occupancy please add: \$725.00

For a LAND ONLY package please contact Alba's Tours.

This price includes:

- *Roundtrip airfare from Dulles International Airport
- *Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- *Accommodation in 4 star hotels during the duration of the trip
- *All hotel taxes
- *Meals as per itinerary

- *Professional tour manager from arrival to departure
- *Land transportation by deluxe motor-coach
- *All transfers and baggage handling at hotels
- *Comprehensive sightseeing with all entrance fees
- *Arrangements for Daily Mass

Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.

GENERAL INFORMATION

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservations and Payment: Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. The final payment is due 85 days before departure.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. Cancellations received after 5 PM Eastern Time or on weekends/holidays will be processed the following business day. The following per-person cancellation charges will apply: If canceled 91 days or more before departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days before departure, \$250.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days before departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 7 days before departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking. Additional cancellation charges may apply depending upon the cancellation terms of our suppliers.

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Tour Cost: All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs, and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 20 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

Tour Documents and Tickets: Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 3 weeks of departure.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. You will be responsible for paying the airline any additional charges for additional checked baggage or overweight baggage (if excess weight is permitted). Alba's Tours is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen baggage.

Air Transportation: Airfare is in economy class. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares/flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted, and should be requested at the time of booking.

Travel Insurance: Alba's Tours strongly recommends that you have comprehensive travel insurance. Purchasing comprehensive travel insurance that covers medical treatment for COVID-19 is mandatory for certain countries. Insurance may be purchased directly through Alba's Tours and registration forms will be provided upon receipt of your deposit or you may buy online. You may purchase a policy through a third party if desired. Alba's Tours acts only as an intermediary between you and the insurance provider and in no event shall Alba's Tours be liable to any person or entity whatsoever for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, compensatory, consequential, or punitive damages related to insurance coverage purchased.

Not Included: Gratuities, COVID-19 testing (if required), passport and/or individual visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of airport allowance, optional sightseeing tours, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

Responsibility Clause: The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. Alba's Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries

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Please contact Alba's Tours further disclosures concerning travel risks, travels with special needs or disabilities, and arbitration. **Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions**.

For further information on this pilgrimage please contact:

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Reservation Application

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Group Refrence Number:

Please complete one application per person				
Name (as printed on passport):				
First Name:	Middle	e Name:	Last	: Name:
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name)	ame badge):			
Passport Number:		Male:	Female:	
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Country of Citizenship:		Date of Birth:		
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City:	Stat	te:		Zip Code:
Home Phone:		Work Phone:		
Mobile Phone:		Email Address:		
Room Assignment Information:				
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If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at time of booking:				
If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person?: Yes: No:				
Emergency Contact:				
Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is NOT traveling with you:				
Your deposit certifies that you agree with the terms and conditions.				
I agree & accent the terms & conditions:				

Total price of Land & Air is \$4,399. For a LAND ONLY package please contact Alba's Tours. The \$300.00 deposit is included in that price.

Please enclose a deposit of \$300.00 per person made payable to Alba's Tours and mail to:

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