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Marian Shrines Pilgrimage

Lourdes | Loyloa | Burgos | Segovia | Madrid | Avila | Salamanca | Alba de Tormes | Santiago de Compostela | Fatima | Santarem | Lisbon

October 17th - 28th 2024

Leading Spiritual Director: Father John Kazibwe

Pastor of the Church of the Epiphany - Richmond, VA





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Day 1: U.S.A / France

Our spiritual pilgrimage begins as we depart on our flight to France. Meals and drinks will be served on board.

Day 2: Paris / Lourdes

Upon arrival in Pau, we will be welcomed by our expert tour manager and transfer to our hotel in Lourdes, one of the most significant pilgrimage shrines in the world. Here in Lourdes, Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858, proclaiming herself the "Immaculate Conception." **B/D**

Day 3: Lourdes

Today, we will have all day to experience the unique, healing atmosphere of this beautiful town. We will attend Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, where the Virgin appeared. Also, visit the Basilica of Pius X (the world's largest underground church), see the house where Bernadette lived during the Apparitions, and visit several sites where miraculous cures occurred. This evening, we will participate in the Candlelight Procession. **B/D**

Day 4: Lourdes / Loyola / Burgos

We depart from Lourdes and head toward the French-Spanish border crossing for Loyola. We will have a private Mass at the Loyola Sanctuary. Pray at the Basilica where Our Lady with the Christ Child appeared to St. Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuit order. We then will drive to Burgos, the historic city that was the capital city of the unified Kingdom of Castile and Leon for five centuries. It is home to one of the masterpieces of Spanish Gothic architecture with its gorgeous Cathedral, which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **B/D**

Day 5: Burgos / Segovia / Madrid

This morning, we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Burgos, including visits to the Arco de Santa Maria, the Old Town, and the striking Gothic Cathedral. Continue to Segovia, where we will visit the extraordinary fairytale Alcazar, the magnificent Cathedral, and the splendid Roman Aqueduct. Every corner of Segovia's casco antiguo sparkles with Romanesque churches and elegant old houses. We will drive to the capital city of Madrid, where we will stay for two nights. **B/D**

Day 6: Madrid

This morning's city tour of Spain's capital, Madrid, will show some of the richest history and traditions of the country. We will begin our day with a visit to the iconic Prado Museum with its masterpieces by El Greco, Goya, and Velasquez. We will then continue our city tour with visits to the Cathedral, the Royal Palace, Puerta del Sol, and the Plaza Mayor. **B/D**



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Day 7: Madrid / Avila / Salamanca

This morning, we will depart Madrid and drive to the stunning medieval walled town of Avila. Several of its many religious buildings are connected with Avila's revered heroine, Saint Teresa de Jesus, who was born there in 1515 and is considered one of the Catholic Church's greatest mystics. We will visit the Convent of St. Teresa, which contains some of the saint's relics, the Monastery of the Incarnation, where she lived and where her cell can be visited, and the Monastery of Saint Joseph, which St. Teresa founded. We will then drive to Alba de Tormes to visit the Carmelite Convent, which contains St. Teresa's incorrupt arm and heart. Then, we proceed to Salamanca, where we will check into our hotel for an overnight stay. **B/D**

Day 8: Salamanca / Santiago de Compostela

This morning, drive to Santiago de Compostela, the reputed burial place of St. James the Great. Tradition tells us that St. James the Apostle journeyed to Spain in 40 A.D. to spread the Gospel as far as possible. He died a martyr's death after returning to Jerusalem, and his remains were eventually returned to Spain and buried in this city. **B/D**

Day 9: Santiago de Compostela / Fatima

This morning, we will enjoy a complete tour of Santiago de Compostela. Visit the impressive Cathedral, which is one of the most prominent pieces of architecture in Europe and the final destination for El Camino. Climb the stairs behind the altar to visit the crypt, where a silver urn contains the relics of St. James. See the Portico de la Gloria (Gateway to Heaven), an unparalleled masterpiece. After Mass, cross the border from Spain to Portugal and proceed to Fatima, one of the world's most important shrines. **B/D**

Day 10: Fatima

Today, we will celebrate Mass on the spot where Our Lady appeared to three children at the Chapel of Apparitions. Visit the Basilica to see the site of Francisco and Jacinta's graves and then to the hamlet of Aljustrel, where the three children lived during the Apparitions. Continue to Valinhos, where Our Lady appeared following the children's release from prison. **B/D**





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Day 11: Fatima / Santarem / Lisbon

We drive south to Santarem for Mass at the Church of St. Stephen, famous for its revered Eucharistic Miracle. Then, go to Lisbon, the birthplace of St. Anthony of Padua (the patron Saint of Portugal). Visit the Lisbon Cathedral and the magnificent Monastery of St. Jeronimo. Transfer to our hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to explore this colorful capital city of Portuguese tiles on your own. Our farewell dinner will be in a local restaurant. **B/D**

Day 12: Lisbon / U.S.A

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport with the group. Meals and drinks will be served aloft.



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Pilgrimage Cost

Land & Air

\$4,499

per person / double occupancy

For single occupancy please add: \$950.00

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



This price includes:

- * Roundtrip airfare from Dulles International Airport
- * Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- * Accommodation in first class hotels during the duration of trip
- * All hotel taxes
- * Meals as per itinerary (**Breakfast & Dinner**)
- * Land transportation by deluxe motor-coach
- * All transfers and baggage handling at hotels
- * Comprehensive sightseeing with all entrance fees
- * Daily Mass

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

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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 90 days before departure, July 19, 2024.

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Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel-related services, all sums paid to Alba's Tours, LLC for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where Alba's Tours, LLC has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, Alba's Tours, LLC agrees to provide passengers with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

Travel Documents: A passport with a minimum of 6 months validity is required of all U.S. citizens. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Alba's Tours, LLC is not responsible for individual visas or passports. You must carefully observe all applicable formalities and ensure that the surnames and forenames used when submitting the application correspond exactly with those appearing on your passport, visa, etc.

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 or cancel the tour.

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, LLC 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, LLC 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, LLC. You may purchase a policy through a third party if desired. Alba's Tours, LLC acts only as an intermediary between you and the insurance provider, and in no event shall Alba's Tours, LLC 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.

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Travel Risks: Although most travel to international destinations is completed without incident, travel to certain areas may involve greater risk than others. You assume sole responsibility for your own safety at any destination traveled to. Alba's Tours, LLC does not guarantee your safety at any time and assumes no responsibility for gathering and/or disseminating information for you relating to risks associated with your destinations. For State Department information about conditions abroad that may affect travel safety and security, go to http://travel.state.gov/travel/travel_1744.html.

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, LLC reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries.

Limitation of Liability: The airlines, hotels, and other suppliers (jointly: "travel suppliers") providing travel or other services sold by Alba's Tours, LLC are independent contractors and not agents or employees of Alba's Tours, LLC. Alba's Tours, LLC and/or their cooperating selling agents and/or their travel suppliers offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, airports, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public. To the extent permitted by law, Alba's Tours, LLC does not assume liability for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident, or delay due to an act or omission of a travel supplier and/or airports, including, without limitation, an act of negligence or the default of a travel supplier and/or airports. To the extent permitted by law, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage and/or delay due to force majeure, sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, bankruptcy, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism, or any causes beyond Alba's Tours, LLC's control.

Further, no responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omissions, delays, failure to make connections, non-performance or poor performance, loss of revenue, loss of anticipated profits, any additional expenses or lost business, attributable to you yourself, acts or omissions of any third parties, or acts of any governmental authority, even if Alba's Tours, LLC has been advised that such damages were possible or probable.

Please contact Alba's Tours, LLC for further information regarding questions related to travel risks, travel insurance, travel options for those with special needs or disabilities, or other matters. Any disputes or claims arising from any travel arrangements or travel undertaken in accordance with these Terms & Conditions shall be submitted exclusively to arbitration in accordance with the rules of The American Arbitration for commercial disputes.

***For inquiries about land-only packages, kindly reach out to our office for detailed terms and conditions.**

Sign per person and submit with application & deposit:

**By signing you agree with the above terms and conditions.
Failure of signature will result in reservation for trip being void.
In addition, your deposit certifies that you agree with the above.**

I agree & accept the terms & conditions:

Signature Here

Date

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Reservation Application

The Marian Shrines (October 17 - 28, 2024)

Group Reference Number: _____

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Please complete one application per person

Personal Information:

Name (as printed on passport):

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):

Passport Number:

Male:

Female:

Passport Date of Issue:

Passport Date of Expiration:

Country of Citizenship:

Date of Birth:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Email Address:

Package Selection:

Please Check One:

Air & Land:

Land Only:

Room Assignment Information:

Please Check One:

Double Occupancy:

Triple Occupancy:

Single Occupancy (\$950.00 Additional):

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 & accept the terms & conditions: _____

Signature Here

Date

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

Total price of Land & Air is \$4,499.

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The \$300.00 deposit is included in that price.

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