

Fatima, Lourdes, and Medjugorje

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\$2,750.00 - Newark Departure



Map of Portugal and France

Join us on this incredible trip to Fatima, Lourdes and Medjugorje! Our Spiritual Director for this trip will be Rev Msgr Matthew Malnar who is extremely knowledgeable about three of the most important apparition sites of Our Lady, as well as some of the most important religious sites, and miracles in Europe. We will spend 4 nights in Fatima, 3 nights in Lourdes, and will complete our pilgrimage with 7 nights in Medjugorje. It is incredible to think that Our Lady still appears in Medjugorje every day, and has for over 23 years!

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We look forward to meeting you!
Steve and Ana Shawl



The Basilica of Fatima, Portugal



The Shrine at Lourdes

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip flights from New York, Lisbon, Lourdes, and Croatia
- 7 nights in Europe, 3/4 star hotels:
 - 2 Nights: Fatima, Portugal
 - 1 Night: Avila, Spain
 - 1 Night: Burgos, Spain
 - 3 Nights: Lourdes, France
- 7 Nights in Medjugorje
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- All transfers as per itinerary with private motor coach
- Catholic Priest and Mass Daily
- Tour Escort / Guides as listed

- Backpack and Portfolio of all Travel Documents

Not included: Lunches, Drinks, Tips to your guide & driver (\$6 per day), Entrance Fees, personal items, Add-on airfare from your hometown.

Our Sample Day-by-Day Itinerary:

Day 1 - USA - Lisbon

Board your overnight transatlantic flight to Lisbon. Dinner and breakfast are served on board.

Day 2 - Lisbon - Santarem - Fatima

After an orientation drive and tour of Lisbon, our main focus is on St. Anthony. Despite what might be assumed from his name, Saint Anthony was born and grew up in Lisbon. Today the birth site of this religious scholar, friend of Saint Francis of Assisi, is a place of veneration for the devoted. Traditionally, the invocation of his name is considered the best means of locating lost objects. Later, we drive to the town of Santarem, one of the oldest cities in the world. We will walk through its narrow streets to the Church of St Stephen, containing the oldest recorded Eucharistic miracle. In this city on the banks of the Tajo River and less than forty miles from the Portuguese capital, believers venerate the Bleeding Host. Despite almost eight hundred years since the desecration of the Holy Host, fresh blood flows from the wound, attracting thousands of devotees from around the world. See the 750-year-old Holy Miracle of Santarem, a relic of the Bleeding Host. Stolen by a woman in payment to a sorcerer, the Host began to emit a brilliant beam of light and then to bleed. Reverently returned to the church of St Stephen, this miracle has been on continuous display since 1269. In the early afternoon, we drive to nearby Fatima, the place where the Blessed Mother appeared in 1917 to three simple shepherd children and exhorted mankind to pray for world peace. After settling into your hotel, you may relax or participate in a candlelight procession or relax.

Days 3 - Fatima

Six times, from the May 13 to October 13, 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared to three seers in the diocese of Leiria. A basilica was constructed in 1928, and millions of pilgrims have visited the site, one of the most popular for Catholics from around the world. The atmosphere of intense spirituality and the importance of Fatima have been attested to by the visits of two Popes: Paul VI and John Paul II. Each morning we celebrate Mass at the Little Chapel of the Apparitions. Touring Fatima, we see the Basilica, the site of Francesco and Jacinta's graves, the Hamlet of Aljustrel, where the children lived, and Valinhos, the site of Our Lady's appearance after the children's return from prison. Follow the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacra (The Sacred Way) culminating in the Chapel of Calvary, which overlooks all of Fatima. Join pilgrims from around the world in an evening candlelight procession to pray the rosary. Don't forget your white handkerchief for the Adios farewell, when pilgrims wave a loving farewell to the statue of Our Lady of the Rosary. Dinner and overnight in Fatima. We will also plan to visit Tuy, and Pontevedra. At Tuy on June 13, 1929 Our Lady asked for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart, and on July 13, 1917 at Pontevedra Our Lady asked Sister Lucia to propagate the First Saturday Devotion.

Days 4 - Fatima-Avila, "city of stones, city of saints".

After breakfast depart to Avila, where the atmosphere has changed very little since the days of St. Theresa, to whom the city is dedicated. St. Theresa the great mystic, was the first woman to be named a Doctor of the Church. In the morning we will visit the city of Avila: the Cathedral, which contains many of St. Theresa relics; The crypt



The Walls of Avila, Spain



The Grotto, Lourdes



Coimbra

of the Convento of La Santa, built on the site of the house where she was born, which is home to the most comprehensive museum dedicated to her life, and La Encarnacion Convent, the first convent she founded. Dinner and overnight.

Day 5 - Avila - Burgos

Drive to the city of Burgos, the historic capital of Old Castile. Upon arrival we explore Burgos with a local guide: admire the magnificent limestone Cathedral of Santa Maria where the mythical El Cid is buried and the Cartuja de Miraflores (Miraflores Carthusian Monastery) where monks to this day make Rosaries with roses petals. The Basilica of Burgos is one of the largest and most majestic in Europe. Dinner and overnight in Burgos.

Day 6 - Burgos - Lourdes

After breakfast we leave Spain. You will delight in the scenery as we motor through the Pyrenees Mountains. Standing between the spectacular mountain-river, Gave de Pau, stands picturesque Lourdes, the birthplace of St Bernadette, to whom Our Lady appeared in 1858 near the Grotto of Massabielle. Settle into your hotel and celebrate Mass at the famous Grotto. Dinner and overnight.

Day 7 & 8 - Lourdes

After breakfast, our guided tour of Lourdes will include the sanctuary; the Basilica of St Pius X, the world's largest underground church; and the baths where hundreds of miraculous cures have taken place. During your stay in Lourdes you may participate in daily Mass at the Grotto, enjoy a video presentation telling the story of Lourdes, and walk in the footsteps of St Bernadette. See Boly Mill where St Bernadette was born and the "Cachot," an abandoned prison where Bernadette's impoverished family lived. Join your prayers with those of pilgrims from around the world as you pray for the sick, drink water from the miraculous spring, and submerge yourself in the healing baths. Experience Christ's love as you walk the life-sized Stations of the Cross overlooking the holy Grotto. Kneel in the chapel built on the very rock of the Grotto in obedience to the request of the "Immaculate Conception." Attend the blessing of the sick and participate in nightly candlelight processions requested by Our Lady. Time for private devotions before dinner and overnight.

Day 9 - Lourdes - Croatia - Medjugorje

After Breakfast, we depart for our flight to Croatia. Upon arriving, we will be greeted by our local guide and driver who will then take us on the 3 hour drive by private motorcoach to the village of Medjugorje. Once there, we will be introduced to the family where we will be staying for the next five nights.

Days 10-15 - Medjugorje

The beauty of this simple village is enhanced by the opportunity to share our faith with thousands of pilgrims from all over the world. Our local guide Snjezana will accompany us throughout the week, and help plan our daily activities. Each evening at dinner we will post a schedule for the following day on our dining room door. Just some of the activities we will do throughout the week are:

Each morning at 10am we assemble at St James Church for the English-language Mass. On Feast days and Sundays English Mass is at Noon.

We will follow the same path up Apparition Hill where the young visionaries first encountered Our Lady. Pray before the statue which commemorates the spot where Our Lady first appeared to the visionaries. We will also visit and pray at "Blue Cross", which is a very special place at the base of Apparition Hill.

At 5pm each evening (6pm daylight savings time) we will join the villagers and pilgrims to pray the rosary. Be present in the church during the time of the apparitions



Our Lady of Fatima



Avila, Spain



Map of Medjugorje

at 5:40pm (6:40 daylight savings time) (*although the visionaries are not present*) and then stay for the Croatian Mass and the Blessing of the Sick. Thursdays and Saturdays there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and on Fridays Veneration of the Cross in the church.

Depending upon schedule and availability, our local guide will arrange meetings with the visionaries at their own homes. We will also visit the beautiful adoration chapel of the Oasis of Peace, and the drug rehab center Cenacolo.

We will have the opportunity to climb Krizevac Mountain, where in 1933 the villagers built a 30' foot high cross on the anniversary of Jesus' crucifixion. This Cross contains a relic from the actual Cross of Christ given to the villagers by the Pope.

Contingent upon his schedule, we will visit Father Jozo's parish and attend his highly inspirational talk. When the apparitions began in 1981, Father Jozo was the pastor of St James parish, and is considered by many to be the highlight of a pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

Day 16 - Medjugorje - Croatia - Frankfurt

After a nice breakfast and heartfelt farewells, we are off to the airport for our flight to Frankfurt. We will overnight in Frankfurt and then return to the US the next morning.

Day 17 - Frankfurt - USA

After a nice buffet breakfast, we are off to the airport for our flights back to the US. We are sure this will be a trip you will remember for a lifetime!

Trip Pricing	
Feb 25-Mar 13, Fatima, Lourdes, Medjugorje	\$2750
2005 Add-On Cities & Rates	
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