

Day 1 | Monday, October 6: Depart for Lourdes

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s). Meals served on board.

Day 2 | Tuesday, October 7: Arrive Lourdes

Upon arriving at Pau or Toulouse airport, make your way to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. Proceed to the arrival hall, where you be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. Embark on the scenic drive to Lourdes. Check-in to your hotel, and then relax or explore before dinner. Following dinner, you will have free time to pray the Rosary and to attend the candlelight procession. (April-October only). These processions are lit by candlelight and guided by the Most Holy Rosary. Following this prayerful experience, you will return to your hotel.

Days 3 & 4 | Wednesday & Thursday, October 8 & 9: Lourdes

Over the next two days, you will stay in a small town nestled within the Pyrenees Mountains. During your time in Lourdes, you will pray and meditate in yet another site of Our Lady's apparitions. Our Lady first appeared to Bernadette in 1858 and announced herself as "The Immaculate Conception" near the Grotto of Massabielle. During the first two apparitions, little Bernadette prayed the Rosary with Our Lady. She left without exchanging any words. During the following apparitions, Our Lady emphasized God's love for us, penance, and the necessity of performing acts of penance for sinners. Throughout your time in Lourdes, you will have the opportunity to attend Mass at the Grotto, where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette. Here you have opportunities to watch a video presentation that explains in detail the story of Lourdes; and drink water from the miraculous spring that has healed many. You will have the opportunity to experience Christ's unconditional love as you meditate upon the "life-size" Stations of the Cross that overlook the Grotto of Massabielle. You will walk in and meditate upon the footsteps of St. Bernadette. You will have the opportunity to see Boly Mill, the birthplace of St. Bernadette, and the "Cachot," an abandoned prison where Bernadette's impoverished family lived. Each evening following dinner, you will have an opportunity to attend the candlelight procession and the Rosary before a restful overnight.

*Full immersion in the Baths is still prohibited. The Baths have now been replaced by the water gesture, a ceremony that takes visitors back to basics, followed by prayer and then venerating of the Status of the Virgin Mary.

Day 5 | Friday, October 10: Lourdes - Toulouse - Rocamadour

This morning, you will awaken feeling well-rested! Following breakfast, transfer to Toulouse. This southern French city was once a Roman colony and is home to numerous religious and historical treasures. While here, you will have the opportunity to view many of these rare artifacts, such as twenty historical pipe organs and the burial place of St. Thomas Aquinas at the St. Sernin Basilica. One of the finest Romanesque churches in France, its exterior is constructed of red brick, with white stone as a decorative accent. Following your visit to this magnificent church, continue north to Rocamadour, a town situated atop a rocky mountain. Upon arrival in Rocamadour, you will enjoy a delicious meal and a restful overnight.

Day 6 | Saturday, October 11: Rocamadour - Paray Le Monial

This morning you will awaken in the town overlooking the Alzou Valley and was the home to early Christian hermit, Zaccheus of Jericho. Zaccheus conversed with Jesus himself and was the husband of St. Veronica, the woman who wiped the face of Jesus as He climbed to Calvary. During your time at this sacred destination, you will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Rocamadour, a place of miraculous conversion. Consisting of

numerous religious structures and chapels centered on a statue of the Virgin Mary and the tomb of Zaccheus. After you visit this place of miraculous healing, your journey will continue to Paray Le Monial for dinner and overnight.

Day 7 | Sunday, October 12: Paray Le Monial - Nevers

You will begin your day with breakfast. Following Mass with some free time for prayer and reflection, we visit the Chapel of the Visitation. Here is where Jesus exposed His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the seventeenth century. The apparitions allowed St. Margaret to rest herself upon Jesus' Sacred Heart, which allowed her to experience the unconditional love for humanity. During your visit to this Holy place, you will have the opportunity to view relics of the beloved Saint, located beneath a wax figure of her image. After free time for lunch in Paray Le Monial, we will drive to Nevers via the picturesque Loire Valley. Nevers is the site where St. Bernadette lived for twelve years as a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Nevers. The Saint suffered from several illnesses such as asthma, tuberculosis of the lungs, and a tubercular tumor in her right knee. For this, St. Bernadette received "The Last Sacraments" three times and eventually passed away in 1879, at the age of thirty-five. End the day with a visit to the Convent of Saint Gildard. Enjoy a delicious meal before retiring for the evening.

Day 8 | Monday, October 13: Nevers - Chartres - Lisieux

Upon waking up in Nevers, enjoy breakfast and Mass. Following Mass, you will depart for Chartres. Upon arrival, you will have free time for lunch in the quaint town. This afternoon visit the massive Cathedral Notre Dame, known worldwide for the incredible stained-glass windows created in the twelfth and thirteenth century. A World Heritage site called the Cathedral "the high point of French Gothic art" and a "masterpiece" by UNESCO. Continue to Lisieux for dinner and overnight.

Day 9 | Tuesday, October 14: Lisieux - Normandy Beaches - Mont Saint Michel - Lisieux

This morning you will transfer to Normandy Landing beaches. The Normandy landings were the landing operations, which took place on Tuesday, June 6th, 1944 (termed D-Day) by the Allies, of Normandy, during World War II. As the largest seaborne invasion in history, the operation began the liberation of German-occupied northwestern Europe from Nazi control and contributed to the Allies' victory on the Western Front. Continue to visit The Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, a World War II cemetery and memorial in Colleville-sur-Mer, Normandy, France, honoring the American troops that died in Europe during World War II. Many of the brave American soldiers of World War II got buried here. It is encouraged to say a prayer in thanksgiving for their courage. Next visit of Mont St. Michel, where the Monastery of Le Mont St. Michel, also known as "The Wonder of the Western World" is located. Its name given the monastery is surrounded by a magnificent bay, which has one of the greatest tidal ranges in Europe, resulting in a breathtaking view. In 709 Michael, the Archangel, requested that Aubert, Bishop of Avranches, built and consecrate this monastery. Since the ninth century, the Abbey has been home to a monastic community to ensure the continuation of a spiritual presence. For centuries, it has been a pilgrimage site for those seeking Eternal Life with God. You will return to Lisieux for dinner and overnight.

Day 10 | Wednesday, October 15: Lisieux - Paris

After breakfast, you will explore the life of St. Therese. According to Pope Pius X, St. Therese of Lisieux was the "greatest saint of modern times" Her extraordinary love for God and service to humanity will come alive as you walk in the great Saint's footsteps. Visit the beautiful Basilica of St. Therese and the magnificent mosaics and stained glass contained within. Following your visit to the Basilica, you will have the opportunity to view relics, clothing, and personal objects of St. Therese, when you visit her family home, Les

Buissonets. Also, tour the parish of St. Therese, the Cathedral of St. Peter, and the Carmelite Convent, where she entered in 1888, currently entombed with her parents. Your tour of the “Little Flower’s” life culminates as you board the bus to transfer to the “City of Lights” – Paris. Upon arrival, enjoy dinner and overnight.

Day 11 | Thursday, October 16: Paris - Miraculous Medal - Notre Dame Cathedral (outside)

We begin our tour of Paris, with our favorite spot Our Lady of Miraculous Medal. After celebrating Holy Mass, we will have the opportunity to view the incorrupt body of St. Catherine Laboure. The Saint’s guardian angel led her to the chapel where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to her. During the apparitions, Our Lady repeatedly instructed the making and purpose of the Miraculous Medal. According to the Blessed Virgin Mary, those who wear the Miraculous Medal will receive special protection and abundant graces. Following this prayerful and reflective experience, we will walk to nearby Saint Vincent de Paul Church.

We continue our tour of Paris with stop at one of the most incredible churches in the world – Notre Dame Cathedral, which has recently reopened to individual visitors, group guided tours are scheduled to resume in June 2025. The panoramic bus tour will take us to other most recognizable symbols of the city of Paris including the Eiffel Tower, the Invalides, the L’Arch de Triomphe, and the Champ-Elysees, the world’s most famous boulevard. We will stop at La Madeleine, with the statue of Mary Magdalene carried to heaven by angels. Your busy day ends with a lovely meal and a comfortable overnight.

– On January 1, 2025, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris will be open to all who wish to visit on an individual basis.

– Guided group tours will resume starting June 9, 2025, including all 206 Tours pilgrimage groups. All reservations and registrations must be made in advance.

– The official reservation website for group tours will open on March 1, 2025.

– Only licensed Notre Dame guides will be allowed to lead tours within the Cathedral. One guide will be necessary for every 25 people in the group. (Ex: If the group has 50 pilgrims, two guides will be necessary.)

– Groups must use audio phones, which will be provided by 206 Tours.

– Group visits are not permitted during Masses and on Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

Day 12 | Friday, October 17: Return Home

After an early breakfast and whole-hearted farewells, you will transfer to the Paris airport for your return flight(s) home.

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Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication, rather than a contract of places to be visited. Occasionally local religious holidays, national days, weather, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of visits or the missing of certain visits.