

Join Eagle Eye Ministries & St. John Institute on a

# Pilgrimage to the SHRINES OF SPAIN



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## May 09 - 18, 2025

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## Your Pilgrimage Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- 8 nights accommodation at centrally located first class hotels as follows: (or similar)
  - 1 night: May 10 – 11: Hotel Sercotel Caspe, Barcelona
  - 2 nights: May 11 – 13: Hotel Abad Cisneros, Montserrat
  - 2 nights: May 13 – 15: Hotel Preciados, Madrid
  - 3 nights: May 15 – 18: Hotel Compostela, Santiago de Compostela
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- Wine and mineral water with dinners
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Whisper headsets where needed
- Assistance of a professional local Catholic Guide(s)
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight bag & Digital confirmation of all travel documents

## Sample Daily Itinerary.

### **Day 1, Fri, May 09: Depart for Barcelona**

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

### **Day 2, Sat, May 10: Arrive in Barcelona**

Upon arrival in Barcelona, you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. Upon arrival at your hotel, take time to rest or explore. This evening, enjoy a welcoming dinner, followed by an overnight in Barcelona.

### **Day 3, Sun, May 11: Barcelona - Manresa - Montserrat**

This morning, your day will begin with breakfast and a sightseeing tour of Barcelona! Enjoy the stunning panoramic views of the Port of Barcelona, Montjuic, Plaza de España, and Plaza de Catalunya. This port created some 2000 years ago in the coastal area to protect and provide access for ships to bring in goods. Currently, it is home to numerous walking areas, businesses, cultural and sporting events. Plaza de España is right outside the center of town, formerly known for its old bull-fighting ring. Presently, the Plaza is renowned for containing the Museum of Catalan art, situated on the side of Montjuic. Plaza de Catalunya is located in central Barcelona and is known for its fountains and statues. Your day of touring will continue with a guided walk through the Gothic Quarter containing remains from an ancient Roman village, including the Cathedral of Barcelona. We will continue to the Eixample quarter to visit Antoni Gaudí's stunning, unfinished Roman Catholic Basilica, La Sagrada Família. In the afternoon, we will travel to Manresa to visit the Sanctuary of Saint Ignatius of Loyola and the Holy Cave where St. Ignatius lived. Continue to Montserrat, home to the miraculous Black Madonna. Arrive in time for dinner and overnight.

### **Day 4, Mon, May 12: Montserrat**

After breakfast, we visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat, located on a rugged mountainside. According to Catholic tradition circa 50 A.D., St. Luke carved the statue of the Black Madonna and brought it to Spain. While in Spain, it kept hidden from the Moors and later was discovered by shepherds. In 880 A.D., shepherds and the Bishop of Manresa were drawn to a grotto by a bright light and heavenly music. Upon discovery of the Black Madonna statue, the Bishop of Manresa suggested to move it to Manresa. However, the statue was too heavy and could not be lifted. As a result, the Virgin remained in Montserrat and continued to be venerated there for centuries. As years progressed, several chapels were built upon the site. In the eleventh century, the abbot-bishop Oliba founded the Monastery on Montserrat next to one of these chapels. Dinner and overnight.

### **Day 5, Tue, May 13: Montserrat - Zaragoza - Madrid**

This morning, following breakfast, depart for Zaragoza. While in Zaragoza, you will have the opportunity to visit the magnificent Basilica del Pilar, built upon the site of where Our Lady appeared to St. James. In 44 A.D., St. James, the Greater was spreading the Gospel in Spain, making very little progress and questioning his mission. According to Catholic Tradition, the Virgin Mary, who was still living in Jerusalem, bi-located and appeared to St. James the Greater to boost his morale. While inside the Basilica, you will view the pillar carried by angels, and from atop Our Lady appeared. After the visit to the Basilica del Pilar, continue to La Seo Cathedral (Cathedral of Zaragoza) formally known as the church of San Vicente. The Visigoth period contains architectural elements of Gothic, Mudéjar, Renaissance, and Baroque styles. In addition to the famous cathedral, Zaragoza is known for its folklore and local gastronomy. Both will be explored during the walking tour of the city. This evening, continue to Madrid, where you will eat your dinner and enjoy a restful overnight.

### **Day 6, Wed, May 14: Madrid & Toledo**

After breakfast, we will enjoy a tour of Madrid which includes the Royal Palace and Plaza Mayor. A visit to Toledo will be next. Toledo, located on a rocky mound isolated on three sides right by a looping gorge of the Río Tago. Every available inch of this outcrop has churches, synagogues, mosques, and houses heaped upon one another in a haphazard spiral, which the cobbled lanes infiltrate as best they can. Toledo is known as the city of the Three Religions or Cultures. For many centuries the Christians, the Moors, and the Jews lived together in relative equality and peace. The city surrounded by walls hides great treasures: its beautiful Church of Santo Tomé, the Tránsito Synagogue, Santa María la Blanca Synagogue, the Church of San Juan de los Reyes, Puerta de Bisagras, Puerta del Cambrón, Puerta del Sol, etc. We return to Madrid for dinner and overnight.

### **Day 7, Thu, May 15: Madrid - Astorga - O' Cebreiro - Santiago de Compostela**

Today, you will depart Madrid and head towards the city of Santiago de Compostela. While en-route, a stop be made in Astorga to visit the Bishop's Palace built by Antonio Gaudí, which holds the Museum of El Camino. Later this afternoon, enter Galicia by way of the city, Lugo. Your first stop will be to O'Cebreiro, the first village in the region of Lugo and nestled in the mountains at an altitude of 1,300 meters. In O' Cebreiro view the iconic palooza styles houses and the site of a Eucharistic Miracle which occurred in the year 1300. In the evening, proceed to Santiago de Compostela for your dinner and overnight.

### **Day 8, Fri, May 16: Santiago de Compostela**

This morning, you will walk a few miles of El Camino, and immerse yourselves in the fragrant eucalyptus groves and experience the breathtaking scenery. Later this morning, join in celebrating the International Pilgrim Mass at the Cathedral of St. James. After Mass, there will be free time for lunch followed with a visit the Cathedral of Santiago. The cathedral was formed of Galician granite, one of the finest architectural examples in Europe as it encompasses Romanesque, Gothic, and Baroque styles. Additionally, it contains numerous and valuable pieces of art that truly captivate the eye. When entering, the tradition will lead, as you will hug the dazzling statue of St. James. Following this intimate embrace, you will descend into the crypt where the Patron Saint of Pilgrims relics is displayed. Following your visit, enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city. Some stops on your tour include the Obradoiro Square, Fonseca Palace, Gemirez Palace, Franco Street, and much more. Your evening will be free to spend at your leisure. Dinner and overnight with your group in Santiago.

### **Day 9, Sat, May 17: Santiago de Compostela - Excursion to Finisterre**

This morning following breakfast, we will take an excursion to Finisterre which was known as the End of the World by Romans. Immerse yourself in some of Galicia's wildest Atlantic scenery and enjoy spectacular view from the westernmost point of Europe. Afternoon is free to pray and reflect or explore Santiago on your own. Enjoy a farewell dinner with your group and overnight in Santiago.

### **Day 10, Sun, May 18: Return Home**

Early morning transfer to A Coruña airport or Santiago Airport for your return flight(s) home. You will say 'hasta luego' (see you later) to your new friends made on this journey.

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