



Best Shrines of France Pilgrimage



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Lourdes, France

September 23 - October 3, 2024

\$6,199 per person from New York (JFK)

**All pricing based on double occupancy.*

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Your Pilgrimage Includes:

- Round-trip Airfare
- All Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- 10 Nights Accommodation at Centrally Located First Class Hotels as follows: (or similar)
 - 3 nights: Sep 24 – Sep 27: Grand Hotel Moderne, Lourdes
 - 1 night: Sep 27 – Sep 28: Hotel du Chateau, Rocamadour
 - 1 night: Sep 28 – Sep 29: Hostellerie des Trois Pigeons, Paray Le Monial
 - 1 night: Sep 29 – Sep 30: Hotel Mercure, Nevers
 - 2 nights: Sep 30 – Oct 02: Grand Hotel de l'Esperance, Lisieux
 - 2 nights: Oct 02 – Oct 04: The Pullman Paris Centre Bercy, Paris
- Transfers as per Itinerary
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Wine and Mineral Water with Dinners
- Transportation by Air-conditioned Motor Coach
- Tour Escort throughout
- Assistance of Professional Local Catholic Guide(s)
- Sightseeing and Admission Fees as per Itinerary
- Mass Daily and Spiritual Activities
- Whispers Where Needed
- Luggage Handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight Bag and PDF Digital Confirmation of all Travel Documents



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Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Mon, Sep 23: Depart for Lourdes

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

Day 2, Tue, Sep 24: Arrive in 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.

Day 3 & 4, Wed & Thu, Sep 25 & Sep 26: 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, Fri, Sep 27: 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, Sat, Sep 28: 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, Sun, Sep 29: Paray Le Monial - Nevers

After breakfast and holy Mass, we visit the Chapel of the Visitation. Here is where Jesus exposed His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the seventeenth century. 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, Mon, Sep 30: 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, Tue, Oct 01: 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. 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 and who are buried there. Next, visit 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, Wed, Oct 02: 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 Buissonnets. 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, Thu, Oct 03: Paris - Miraculous Medal - Notre Dame Cathedral (outside)

Today, you will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Paris. We start with Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, where we celebrate Mass, after which we will have to 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. Our Lady repeatedly instructed the making and purpose of the Miraculous Medal, as well as the green scapular. According to the Blessed Virgin Mary, those who wear the Miraculous Medal and scapular will receive special protection and abundant graces. We will then walk to Saint Vincent de Paul Church, and then continue a tour of Paris. Our panoramic tour will take us to the most recognizable symbols of the city of Paris, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower, Invalides, the L'Arch de Triomphe, and the Champ-Elysees, one of the world's most famous boulevards. We will make a 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.

Day 12, Fri, Oct 04: 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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