

Pilgrimage to the Great Shrines & Saints of France

October 13 - 25, 2025

\$7,149 per person from Boston (BOS)

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Your Pilgrimage Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- 11 nights accommodation at centrally located hotels as follows: (or similar)
 - 3 nights: Oct 14 – 17: Grand Hotel Moderne, Lourdes, France
 - 2 nights: Oct 17 – 19: Pullman Paris Centre – Bercy, Paris, France
 - 2 nights: Oct 19 – 21: Grand Hôtel de l'Espérance, Lisieux, France
 - 1 night: Oct 21 – 22: Hotel De La Basilique, Paray Le Monial, France
 - 3 nights: Oct 22 – 25: Hotel Carlton Lyon, Lyon, France
- Breakfast and Dinner daily

- Wine with dinners
- Tour Escort throughout
- Transfers by Private Motor Coach
- Assistance of a local guide throughout
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Entrance fees
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight bag & PDF digital confirmation of all travel documents

Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Mon, Oct 13: Depart for Lourdes

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

Day 2, Tue, Oct 14: Arrive in Lourdes

Upon arriving at Pau or Toulouse airport, you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. Embark on scenic drive to Lourdes. Check-in to your hotel and 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. You will return to your hotel for an overnight.

Days 3 & 4, Wed and Thu, Oct 15 & Oct 16: 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 a 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 and left without any exchange of words. During the following apparitions, Our Lady emphasized God's love for us 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; watch a video presentation that explains in detail, the story of Lourdes; participate with the gesture of the miraculous spring. Wash your hands, wash your face and drink the water. Finish with a short prayer: "Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us. St. Bernadette, Pray for us. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." Additionally, 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. In Lourdes, you will walk in and meditate upon the footsteps of St. Bernadette. Your group 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.

Day 5, Fri, Oct 17: Lourdes – Paris

Following breakfast, transfer to Lourdes airport for your short flight to Paris. Upon arriving in Paris make your way to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. Proceed to the arrival's hall, where you will be greeted by your driver. Board the bus that will take you to attend Mass at the magnificent, Sacre Coeur Basilica that stands atop Montmartre Hill. The Basilica, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, was originally built in 1914, as an act of penance for the infidelity that France was experiencing during that time. While on your visit, in addition to the extraordinary artwork and architecture that forms the Basilica, you will see the beautiful mosaic of the Risen Christ, and the remarkable Grand Organ. Celebrate Mass at the Crypt that contains the Tombs of many notable Cardinals. Time permitting, you may have the opportunity during your free time to ascend a staircase to the Dome where you will take in a breathtaking panoramic view of the city of Paris. Continue to the hotel for check in. After time to unpack, the group will meet for delicious dinner. Overnight in Paris.

Day 6, Sat, Oct 18: Paris - Miraculous Medal – Notre Dame Cathedral

Today, you will enjoy a full day of sightseeing tour of Paris. We start with Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, where we celebrate Mass, after which 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 apparitions, 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. Following your prayerful and reflective experience, we will walk to Saint Vincent de Paul Church, then continue on tour of Paris. Our panoramic tour will take us to the most recognizable symbol of the city of Paris, 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. Group will visit recently renovated and reopened Notre Dame Basilica. Your busy day ends with a lovely meal and a comfortable overnight.

Day 7, Sun, Oct 19: Paris – Lisieux (St. Therese – The Little Flower)

Today, you will depart for Lisieux. According to Pope Pius X, St. Therese of Lisieux was the "greatest saint of modern times". Her extraordinary love for God will come alive as you walk in the great Saint's footsteps. You will see the beautiful Basilica of St. Therese, and the magnificent mosaics and stained glass that are contained within. Dinner an overnight at your hotel in Lisieux.

Day 8, Mon, Oct 20: 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 6, 1944 (termed D Day) by the Allies 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 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 are buried here. It is encouraged to say a prayer in thanksgiving for their courage. Next, visit Mont St. Michel, where the Monastery of Le Mont St. Michel, also known as "The Wonder of the Western World" is located. 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, St. Michael the Archangel requested that Aubert, Bishop of Avranches, build and consecrate this monastery. The Abbey is 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 9, Tue, Oct 21: Lisieux – Nevers

After breakfast, depart for Nevers by way of the picturesque Loire Valley to view the incorrupt body of St. Bernadette. After taking the veil in 1867, St. Bernadette lived for 12 years as a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Nevers. At least three times during her short lifetime, she received the last Sacraments. In addition to asthma, she was gradually struck by other illnesses, among which were tuberculosis of the lung and a tubercular tumor in her right knee. St. Bernadette eventually died at the age of 35. St. Bernadette's incorrupt body at the Convent of St. Gildard, is miraculously preserved since her death in 1879. Enjoy free time before a delicious meal and retiring for the evening in Nevers.

Day 10, Wed, Oct 22: Nevers – Paray le Monial – Lyon

After breakfast, we depart for Paray le Monial, the place where St. Margaret Mary Alacoque experienced visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the 17th century. Jesus said to her, "Behold the Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing but has been poured out totally and consumed as proof of its love". After celebrating Mass in the Shrine of Paray- le-Monial, we will start a guided visit that features the Chapel of Apparitions, the place where St. Margaret Mary Alacoque experienced visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the 17th century, the room of the relics of St. Margaret Mary, the Diorama of St. Margaret and the Eucharist Museum. Other highlights include the Basilica of Sacre Coeur and the Chapel of St. Claude in honor of St. Margaret Mary's Spiritual Director. You will have free time for lunch on your own. Depart Paray Le Monial and continue on to Lyon. Dinner and an overnight.

Day 11, Thu, Oct 23: Lyon – Ars – Lyon

Enjoy a nice breakfast before we start our day. Lyon stands on the site of the ancient Roman city called Lugdunum, founded in 43 B.C., which was the capital of Gaul, and later, became a major Christian center. This city is filled with renowned history, culture, and architecture. This morning we will enjoy a tour of Lyon, including a visit to the Basilique Notre-Dame of Fourviere, which was built after the Franco-Prussian War when the people of Lyon had vowed to create a Marian sanctuary if their city was spared. The Basilica is a blend of Gothic and Byzantine styles with a richly decorated interior. Fourviere Hill provides a sensational panoramic outlook onto the city of Lyon. In the afternoon, we will depart towards Ars where we will visit the Shrine dedicated to Saint Jean Marie Vianney, the patron saint of the priesthood. Visit the presbytery and the Basilica where we will find the incorrupt body of the Cure of Ars, and enjoy a short documentary about his life. Return to Lyon for dinner and overnight.

Day 12, Fri, Oct 24: Lyon – La Salette – Lyon

After breakfast, we depart for La Salette located in a high alpine pasture in the French Alps. La Salette is the site where the Virgin Mary appeared in 1846 to two shepherds, Melanie Matthew and Maximin Gird. Our Lady appeared to these shepherds crying and lamenting over the lack of observance of Sundays, and the profaning of her Son's holy name. A spring forever marks the spot where the Virgin appeared and where millions of pilgrims come in order to drink the fresh spring water and to pray. The stunning mountain scenery and lush mountain trails make La Salette one of the most spectacular pilgrimage sites in France, with a beautiful Basilica built to honor the Virgin Mary. We return to Lyon for dinner and overnight.

Day 13, Sat, Oct 25: Return Home

This morning, you will begin with breakfast and continue with a transfer to the Lyon airport for your return flight(s) home.

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