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**Rome, Lourdes, Santiago de Compostela & Fatima**

## Day by Day Itinerary

**October 2 Day 1: Depart USA: Flights to Lisbon:** Today we board our flights with meals and beverages served aloft.

**October 3 Day 2: Arrive Lisbon: Santarem:** Upon arrival in Lisbon, we are met by our Holy Land Travel Center representative and continue with an introduction of Lisbon. We immediately head to 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. This miracle has been on continuous display since 1269 A.D. Later we will continue to Fatima for dinner and overnight. We attend the Candlelight Procession this evening.

**Overnight:** Fatima (D)

**October 4 Day 3: Fatima: Little Chapel of the Apparitions:** Six times, from May 13 to Oct 13, 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children in the diocese of Leiria. A new church has been constructed, however just as beautiful, an older church was constructed here in 1928, and millions of pilgrims visit each year. Fatima is one of the most visited holy places 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. In Fatima, see the Little Chapel of the Apparitions, Basilica, and the site of Francesco & 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.

**Overnight:** Fatima (B, D)

**October 5 Day 4: Drive to Santiago De Compostela: Porto Wine Sampling:** After breakfast and Holy Mass, we depart Fatima and drive to Coimbra to visit the Carmelite Convent where Sr. Lucia used to live. We then drive towards Porto to see the wine factory and enjoy taste sampling of the best wine, and see the church of St. Francis. Continue to Santiago de Compostela.

**Overnight:** Santiago de Compostela (B, D)

**October 6 Day 5: Santiago De Compostela: Cathedral of St. James:** We begin with a guided visit to the Cathedral of St. James, one of the finest examples of architecture in all of Europe. As pilgrims, we have the opportunity to climb the stairs behind the high altar to visit the crypt where the relics of St. James are preserved, touch the central pillar (Portico de La Gloria), view the 'botafumeiro' and admire the wealth of medieval art inside the Cathedral, before visiting the cloister museum. Enjoy a stroll on own, through the beautiful streets of Santiago de Compostela, the city of the apostle, full of historical buildings and others. Dinner and overnight in Santiago de Compostela, the city of the apostle, full of historical buildings and others.

*Optional Afternoon Walking Tour - this afternoon we set out to join the walking pilgrims at the Monte del Gozo from which the spires of the Cathedral are first visible. One-way transportation with our bus and we will return on foot. We will walk a small portion of El Camino arriving at the Cathedral, the destination we have been yearning to reach. Continue to the Cloister Museum with our group.*

**Overnight:** Santiago de Compostela (B, D)

**October 7 Day 6: Santiago De Compostela: Garabandal & Torrelavega:** This morning we depart Santiago de Compostela and drive along the spectacular coast of Spain to Garabandal. Little has changed in this rural town since June 18, 1961 when four children had an apparition first of an Angel sent to visited them, speaking, guiding and confiding secrets of future events. The children reported a promised future miracle at the grove of pine trees on a bluff overlooking the village of Garabandal. It will be on the feast-day of a little-known martyr of the Eucharist and coincide with an event in the Church. During your stay you will have time for reflection, devotions and follow the Stations of

the Cross. Speak with villagers who witnessed the apparitions, attend Mass and bask in the tranquility. We will spend the night in Torrelavega.

**Overnight:** Torrelavega (B, D)

**October 8 Day 7: Torrelavega: Loyola & Lourdes:** Departure toward the Shrine of Loyola, for devotions at the Shrine and Mass. This afternoon we continue through the scenic countryside of Cantabria and enjoy the lush green mountains before we arrive in Lourdes.

**Overnight:** Lourdes (B, D)

**October 9 Day 8: Lourdes: Grotto of Massabielle, Candlelight Procession:** We begin our day with mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, where our Lady appeared to Bernadette in 1858. Later we take our official group photo in front of the Basilica, followed by our guided tour of Lourdes: The sanctuary of the Basilica of St. Pius X, the world's largest underground church. The Basilica, The Baths, where thousands of miraculous cures have taken place is the most respected shrine and sanctuary in France. Also to be visited are sites associated with the life of Saint Bernadette, like the Boly Mill - where she was born; the Locale Mill - residence of her parents; the Cachot - formerly used as a jail where she lived at the time of the Apparitions; the Chapel where she received her first Holy Communion; and the Parish Church - which contains the baptismal font where she was baptized. This afternoon we will join the Blessed Sacrament Procession and Blessing of the sick, (if available on that day).

**Overnight:** Lourdes (B, D)

**October 10 Day 9: Depart to Rome: Walking tour of Piazza Navona:** Today we board our flights to Rome. Upon arrival, we are transferred to our hotel for check in. Afternoon is at leisure. We end our night with a walking tour of Rome, with a stroll to the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and Piazza Navona. Continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** Rome (B, D)

**October 11, Wednesday Day 10: Rome: Papal Audience:** This morning we leave to the Vatican to attend the Holy Father's General Papal Audiences at Saint Peter's Square. Some free time for lunch in the area and on to the world-renowned Vatican Museum and the spectacular Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's vivid frescoes and to a guided tour of the interior of St. Peter's Basilica. As part of this morning's special visit, we spend time at the tomb of Pope John Paul II. Continue on to our hotel for Dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** Rome (B, D)

**October 12 Day 11: Rome: Major Basilicas, Ancient Rome:** We start our morning with a Holy Mass at St. Paul outside the walls, one of the major four basilicas in Rome. We then go for a panoramic view of Ancient Rome, featuring the Appian Way, Colosseum, Arch of Constantine, Palazzo Venezia, Circus Maximus and the Roman Forum. After lunch, we visit two more of the major basilicas, St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major.

**Overnight:** Rome (B, D)

**October 13 Day 12: Excursion to Assisi: Basilica of St. Francis:** Today we drive to Assisi home of Saint Francis. Once we arrive, we celebrate Mass at one of the chapels at Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi and see the tomb of Saint Francis. Our walk through the beautiful town of Assisi takes us to the Basilica of St. Clare, where we view her incorrupt body in the crypt. Return to hotel in Rome to prepare for our flights home.

**Overnight:** Rome (B, D)

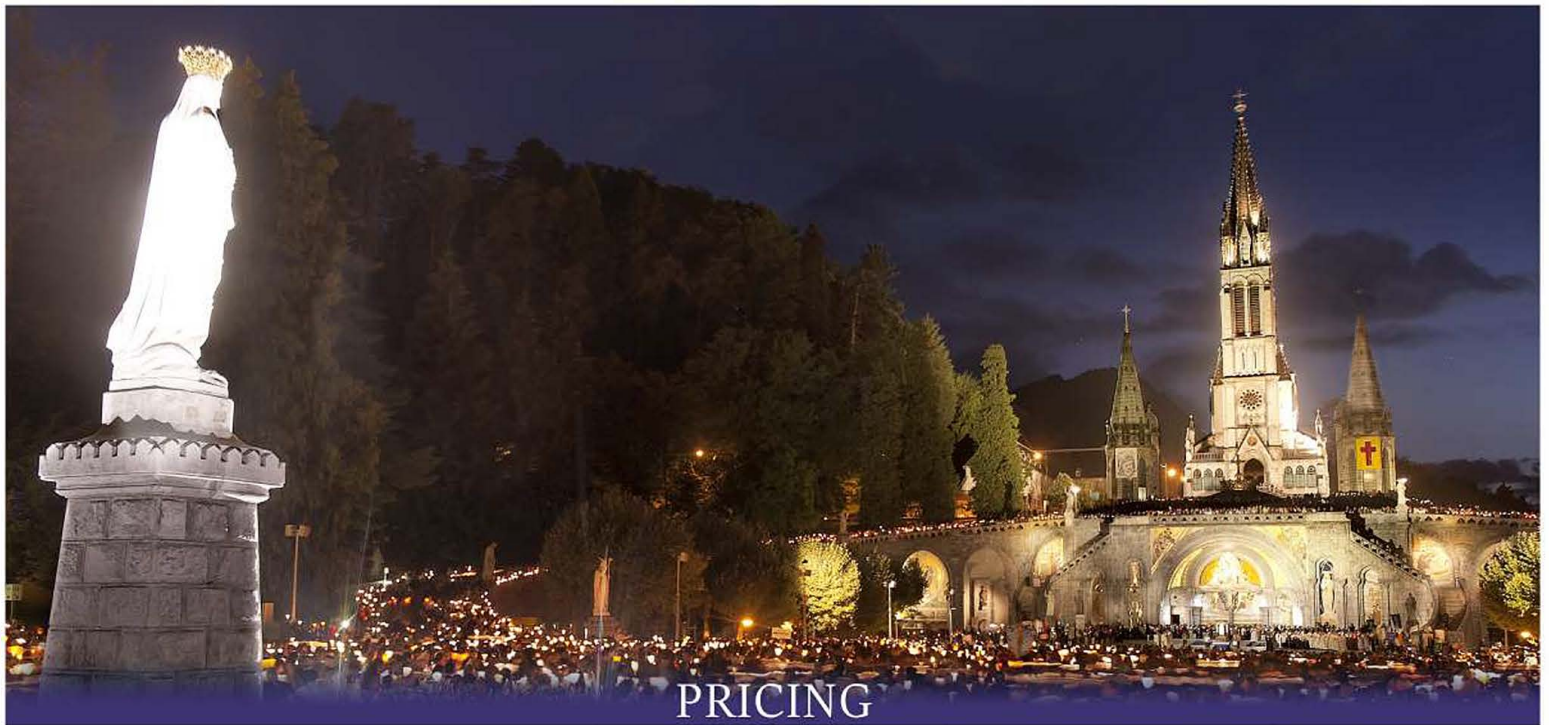
**October 14 Day 13: Depart Rome: Flights Home:** This morning we transfer to Rome Airport for our flight home, carrying with us memories and keepsakes that will last a lifetime.

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## PRICING

### BASE PRICE PER PERSON

**\$4199.00\***

Double occupancy with base airfare

\*Discount check price

### OPTIONS

- For a single room\*: add \$900  
\*Subject to availability
- Land-only option: \$3299 (no flights or airport transfers included)
- Travel Insurance: add \$313

FIRST PAYMENT	\$500.00	DUE: NOW
SECOND PAYMENT	\$1249.00	DUE: MAY 5, 2023
THIRD PAYMENT	\$1000.00	DUE: JULY 4, 2023
FINAL PAYMENT	REMAINING	DUE: AUG 18, 2023

### BASE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from Omaha, NE (OMA)
- All activities on itinerary
- 12 nights' accommodation
- Tour guides /escorts
- Spiritual director
- Meals per itinerary

## Why Travel with Us?

The Holy Land Travel Center is a family-run business providing pilgrims with an unmatched religious group travel experience. Operated by a husband and wife team from the Qumsieh family, one of the oldest Christian families from the Bethlehem suburb Beit Sahour; the center offers a unique opportunity to be fully immersed in the Christian community of the Holy Land.

The tours are professionally organized to ensure that pilgrims receive the highest quality in travel and lodging. But we pride ourselves most on offering a personalized experience. From the first day you are treated like family, welcomed into the local Christian homes, offered stories of faith by residents, and unfettered access to holy sites.

## Terms & Conditions

By making any payments (cash, credit card or otherwise) towards any tour constitutes your unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions stated in this brochure. Holy Land Travel Center shall be referred to as HLTC within this document.

**DOCUMENTS:** US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies.

**REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:** Deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form on or before. Registrations are processed in the order received by HLTC. A second payment of \$1249 is required on or before 150 days prior to departure. A third payment of \$1000 is due 90 days prior to departure. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. Late payments are subject to \$50 late fee. HLTC reserves the right to cancel reservations whose payments are 30 days late and to apply applicable cancellation/penalties indicated below. No registrations can be made over the telephone.

**INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS:** Upon cancellation of participation of tour by you, the registrant, for any reason, and only after HLTC receives your signed cancellation, HLTC will then refund your payment for services not received by you, minus applicable cancellation fees per person, according to the following schedule:

In addition to any cancellation fees specific to your tour, the following fees apply.

1. Minimum cancellation fee is \$350 from time of registration up to 120 days prior to the tour's departure date.
2. From 119 to 60 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$350 + 20% of total price.
3. From 59 days to 8 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$350 + 50% of total price.
4. From 7 days prior to departure day onward, no refund is possible.

**TRAVEL PROTECTION:** Travel insurance is recommended to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer travel protection. If you do not wish to purchase now, the plan can be purchased any time before submitting your final payment. If you chose to purchase outside of the time sensitive period outlined in the plan, you will not be eligible for time sensitive benefits. All plan premiums are non-refundable. To view/download the plan, which provides the full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusion please visit our website: [www.holylandtc.com/travel-protection/](http://www.holylandtc.com/travel-protection/)

**MEDICAL CONDITION:** We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Participants who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the participants' well-being. This pilgrimage demands a lot of walking and can be strenuous. HLTC is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior to, during, or after the tour.

**LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS:** By private deluxe motor coach.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom with tub or shower. In the event that one does not sign up with a roommate and is not able to be paired with another traveler, there will be a single supplement charge to the account. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost of \$900.

**MEALS:** Meals in accordance with the itinerary. All beverages are extra.

**TIPPING:** Unless it is specified in the tour brochure, the price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the tour guide and motor coach driver approximately \$6 and \$4 per person, respectively, per day to each: Hotel tips are approximately \$2 per day per person. Tips may be pre-collected before the pilgrimage for your convenience.

**AIRLINE TICKETS AND ITINERARY LENGTH:** Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard carriers utilizing non-refundable, non-amenable tickets. Preliminary international flight schedules are available 60 days prior to departure and may change before they are finalized. Therefore, if you book

the domestic flight on your own, you will be responsible for changing your domestic flights and incurring any change fees that would be generated by this adjustment. We are not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and do not reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from such occurrences. Travelers making their own flight arrangements should not purchase non-refundable, non-changeable tickets. We cannot guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. If flight schedules change, we reserve the right to lengthen or shorten the itinerary accordingly, and if changes or flight schedules necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged at normal hotel rates. Land Only packages do not include airport-hotel transfers.

**SEAT ASSIGNMENT:** THERE IS NO ADVANCE SEAT SELECTION FOR TOUR DEPARTURES. HLTC cannot guarantee specific seats, which are at the discretion of the airline and are pending availability. When HLTC disperses travel packages, you will receive your record locator. You can use this locator to do online seating arrangements, if permitted by the airline.

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**PRICES:** All prices are based on exchange rates and fares applicable at time of quotation and based on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure and are therefore subject to change if fares change (including fuel surcharges increase), if group does not reach minimum or if exchange rates fluctuate. Minimum number of paying passengers is 30.

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