

Join Fr. Ramon Owera on a

# 12 DAY: MARIAN SHRINE PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Lourdes
- Montserrat
- Basilica of St. Pius X
- Barcelona
- Loyola
- Santiago
- Santander
- Fatima

November 4 - 15, 2024

Roundtrip airfare from Columbus, OH (CMH)

## Day by Day Itinerary

DAY 1, NOVEMBER 4th: DEPART USA: Your pilgrimage begins today as you depart on your flight to Barcelona.

DAY 2, NOVEMBER 5th: Arrive Barcelona: Continue to Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia and explore the colorful markets of Las Ramblas before transferring to our hotel.

Overnight: Barcelona (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 3, NOVEMBER 6th: Barcelona: City Tour, La Sagrada Familia: After breakfast we will enjoy a panoramic tour of Barcelona including panoramic views of the harbor area, Montjuic, Plaza de Espana and Plaza de Catalunya. We will then visit Barcelona Cathedral followed by a visit to Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia, a magnificent, unfinished Roman Catholic basilica of impressive proportions. We will continue on to the Tibidabo Hill where we will visit the Church of the Sacred Heart and see a statue of Christ whose extended arms overlooking Barcelona reminds one of Rio de Janeiro.

Overnight: Barcelona (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 4, NOVEMBER 7th: Barcelona: Montserrat: This morning we will travel outside of Barcelona to visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Montserrat, the spiritual heart of Catalonia and home to a dramatically set Benedictine monastery. For 700 years this Marian shrine has attracted thousands of pilgrims from around the world. We pause here to visit the Black Madonna of Montserrat, probably Spain's most fervent devotion to the Blessed Mother. Return to Barcelona with the remainder of the afternoon free. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Barcelona (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 5, NOVEMBER 8th: Barcelona/ Lourdes: Our Lady of Meritxell: Depart Barcelona and driver over the Pyrenees to Andorra la Vella and view Romanesque churches and stone houses in the city's quarter, along with a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Meritxell. Continue on to Lourdes, where we will check into our hotel before joining the candlelight procession.

Overnight: Lourdes (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 6, NOVEMBER 9th: Lourdes: Grotto of Massabielle, Basilica of St Pius X, Baths, Candlelight Procession: This day we start 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. In the afternoon our group will join the Blessed Sacrament Procession and Blessing of the sick, (if available on that day).

Overnight: Lourdes (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 7, NOVEMBER 10th: Lourdes / Loyola / Santander: Pyrenees Mountains, Basilica of Loyola: This morning we depart Lourdes and drive through the Pyrenees Mountains of Loyola, the hometown of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Here you will visit the Basilica and the tower house where he was born and lived. We continue to Santander for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Santander (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 8, NOVEMBER 11th: Oviedo / Santiago De Compostela: Cathedral of Oviedo, Toms of Asturian Kings, Camara Santa: Depart Santander this morning and drive to Oviedo, the capital of Asturias region. Here we will visit the Cathedral which houses the tombs of Asturian kings and the Camara Santa, a restored 9th century chapel containing expressive statues of Christ and the Apostles. We then head to Santiago de Compostela for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Santiago de Compostela (Breakfast, Dinner)



DAY 9, NOVEMBER 12th: Santiago De Compostela: Santiago De Compostela Cathedral, Crypt of St. James, City Tour: This morning we begin our visit of Santiago de Compostela, one of the most famous shrines in the world, where the tomb of St. James (brother of St. John the Divine) was discovered. St. James was given the task of spreading Christianity in the distant Hispanic lands and is known as the first pilgrim. Since the discovery of the tomb, numerous miracles have taken place here and every year thousands of faithful gathers on July 25 to celebrate the Feast Day. We begin with a 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, though 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.

Overnight: Santiago de Compostela (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 10, NOVEMBER 13TH: Santiago De Compostela / Porto / Fatima: Porto Wine Factory and Tasting, Church of St. Francis: Today we depart Santiago de Compostela and continue to Porto to see the wine factory and enjoy sampling the best wine.



We visit the church of St. Francis before driving to Fatima for dinner and overnight.

Overnight Fatima (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 11 NOVEMBER 14TH: Fatima: Rosary And Candlelight Procession: This morning we visit Fatima, where Our Blessed Mother visited three shepherd children, Lucia Santos and her cousins Bl. Jacinta & Bl. Francisco Marto in 1917. We participate in the Rosary & Candlelight Procession.

Overnight Fatima (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 12, NOVEMBER 15TH: Return Home: Today we bid Spain farewell and board our flights home, carrying with us memories that will last a lifetime.

## Pilgrimage Details

#### PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare

Land Only (includes airport transfer):

\$4399.00\*

\*Discount cash/ check price
\$3499.00\*

OPTIONS:

• For a single room: add \$900

• Travel Insurance: \$3,000-4,000 add \$248

\$4,000-5,000 add \$313 \$5,000-6,000 add \$373

FIRST DEPOSIT

SECOND PAYMENT

FINAL PAYMENT

\$500 \$1249 Remaining Due: Now
Due: May 10, 2024
Due: August 9, 2024

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfaire from Columbus, OH (CMH)

  \*\*UP TO \$1.200\*\*
- Meals per itinerary
- All excursions
- 10 nights' accommodation
- Tour guide / Tour escort
- Spiritual Directors
- Gratuities

Price does not include: lunch & drinks with meals

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#### **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 180 days prior to departure. Final payment is due 120 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.

- Minimum cancellation fee is \$350 from time of registration up to 180 days prior to the tour's departure date.
- From 179 to 120 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$350 + 20% of total price
- From 119 days to 60 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$350 + 50% of total price.
- 4. From 59 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/

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. If 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 indicated on brochure.

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. Travel from U.S. airports other than those specified on your trip brochure will be priced on an individual basis within 30 days of receipt of registration. Once presented with a price for your individual flight itinerary, you will be expected to pay the full balance of that flight cost regardless of the payment

schedule outlined in your trip brochure or be transferred to "Land Only" status on your registration. "Land Only" travelers are expected to make their own flight arrangements. 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-feundable, non-changeable tickets. We cannot guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. If flight schedules change such that Holy Land Travel Center is required by the airline to make new flight arrangements that exceed the airfare budget mentioned on your brochure then we reserve the right to charge our travelers the difference in cost. We also reserve the right to lengthen or shorten the itinerary to better account for changes to your flight schedule, and if changes or flight schedules necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged at normal hotel rates. Land Only packages 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.

BAGGAGE: Transatlantic and transpacific flights to and from the USA allow the passenger to bring one (1) checked bag, which may have a maximum weight of 50 lbs., and maximum combined dimensions of 62 inches. Also, one (1) "carry-on" with maximum dimensions of 22" x 14" x 9" is permitted. Luggage on domestic flights will cost extra. Luggage is the passenger's responsibility and that of the airlines. For lost luggage, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly. Check with your carrier regarding carry-on luggage rules and regulations.

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.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport and Visas, meals not mentioned, beverages with meals, extra beyond standard menu, excess baggage, luggage on domestic flights, telephone calls, fuel surcharges increase.

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