

# A Pilgrimage To Spain & Portugal

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Barcelona

Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Vincent Dominguez

Zaragoza

Santiago de Compostela

MAY 15 - 28, 2023

■ Avila

Fatima

## Day by Day Itinerary

May 15 Day 1 Depart USA: Today we board our flights to Barcelona with meals and beverages served aloft.

May 16 Day 2: Arrive Barcelona: Upon arrival in Barcelona, we are met by our HLTC representative and immediately begin our pilgrimage by exploring the colorful markets of Las Ramblas before transferring to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Barcelona (Dinner)

May 17 Day 3: 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 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)

May 18 Day 4: 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 hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Barcelona (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 19 Day 5: Zaragoza Excursion: Morning departure to Zaragoza to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Pillar. According to ancient local tradition, soon after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, Saint James was preaching the Gospel in Spain, but was disheartened because of the failure of his mission. Tradition holds that on 2nd January 40 AD, while he was deep in prayer by the banks of the Ebro, the Mother of God appeared to him and gave him a small wooden statue of herself and a column of jasper and instructed him to build a church in her honor: "This place is to be my house, and this image and column shall be the title and altar of the temple that you shall build." About a year after the apparition James is believed to have arranged to build a small chapel in Mary's honor, the first church ever dedicated to the honor of the Virgin Mary. After James returned to Jerusalem, he was executed by Herod Agrippa in about 44 AD, the first apostle to be martyred for his faith. Several of his disciples took his body and returned it for final burial in Spain. This first chapel was eventually destroyed with various other Christian shrines, but the statue and the pillar stayed intact under the protection of the people of Zaragoza.

Overnight: Zaragoza (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 20 Day 6: Toledo: Santa Maria La Blanca, Church of Santo Tome: Following breakfast, we will leave Madrid for the Imperial City of Toledo, where Saint John of the Cross was imprisoned by the Inquisition in a monastery just below the Muslim Alcazar and later nursed back to health by St. Teresa. The city, surrounded by walls, hides great treasures such as its awesome Cathedral, the Santa María La Blanca Synagogue which also served as a Catholic church, the superb Church of San Juan de los Reyes, and the Church of Santo Tomé, with its famous el Greco masterpiece, where we will celebrate Mass. Continue to our hotel in Madrid for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Madrid (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 21 Day 7: Madrid – Segovia – Avila: Following breakfast we depart for Avila. On our way to Avila we will be making a top in the city of Segovia, full of impressive monuments and buildings inside its medieval walls such as the Roman aqueduct, the Cathedral, the Alcazar, the Vera Cruz Church, the Synagogue, and so much more. We will celebrate Mass at the Carmelita Monastery, the site where St. John of the Cross is buried. This afternoon we continue to Avila. Avila is best known as the birthplace of one of the great mystics and reformers of the Church. We know her as St. Teresa of Avila and also as St. Teresa of Jesus. Here we will visit the Cathedral, San Vicente Church, and the Incarnation Convent, where St. Terese became a nun and

home to the most comprehensive museums dedicated to her life. We end our day with a visit to La Santa Monastery, built on the site of the house where she was born. Check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Avila (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 22 Day 8: Avila – Alba de Tormes: After breakfast we depart Avila for our day excursion to Alba de Tormes. It was in this little village where St Teresa of Jesus passed away in the Monastery of the Annunciation in 1582. Celebrate Mass in the chapel of the Monastery where the sarcophagus containing St. Teresa's remains are situated and then visit the three museums inside as well where you will see relics of St Teresa and an impressive collection of art including paintings, statues, crucifixes, etc. Before leaving, you will have the opportunity to pray in front of the sarcophagus of St Teresa. Enjoy an afternoon free in Alba de Tormes before returning to Avila.

Overnight: Avila (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 23 Day 9: Avila – Astorga – O Cebreiro – Santiago de Compstela: This morning we depart Avila for Sanitago de Compostela. On our way we will make a couple of stops to the visit the city of Astorga, a historic and religious city with its extraordinary Gothic Cathedral, Episcopal Palace, which houses the Museo de los Caminos displaying pieces from all churches related to the Route to Santiago. We will celebrate Mass in Astorga before continuing to the village of O Cebreiro, situated at an altitude of almost 4,000 feet. Here we will see the Pallozas, the traditional round stone houses with thatched roofs that people of this area used as their homes. Continue to Santiago de Compostela and check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Sanitago de Compostela (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 24 Day 10: Santiago de Compostela: This morning we begin our full day in Santiago de Compostela. The Camino de Santiago has for centuries been connected to culture, knowledge, and information. Because of its influence on literature and art, Compostela has become a major pilgrimage destination. This morning we take a short bus ride to Arca do Pino where we will join the walking pilgrims on their way to Santiago to walk a leg of El Camino. This afternoon we will attend the International Pilgrim Mass at the Cathedral of St. James, one of the finest examples of architecture in all of Europe. Next, we will have a tour of the city of Santiago: Obradoiro Square, Fonseca Palace, Gelmirez Palace, Franco Street, and the Cathedral. Access to the Doorway of Glory is via the Obradoiro façade. Inside the Cathedral we will go under the main alter and visit the crypt where the relics of St. James are preserved. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Santiago de Compostela (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 25 Day II 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 then visit the church of St. Francis before continuing to Fatima. Upon arrival, we will check into our hotel before joining the candlelight procession. Overnight Fatima (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 26 Day 12 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.

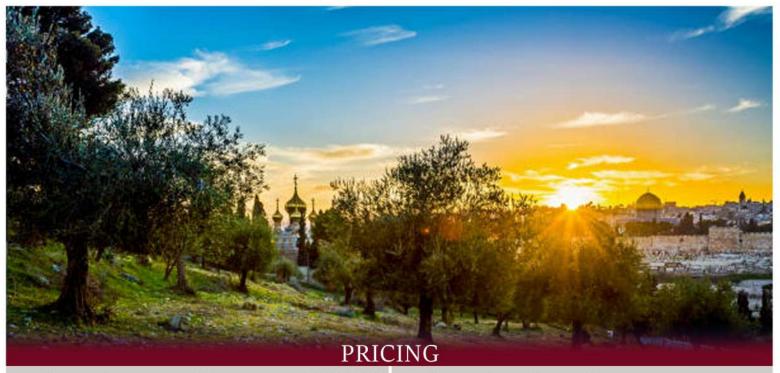
Overnight Fatima (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 27 Day 13 Fatima: - Lisbon: We drive to Lisbon and stop en route in Santarem, the Church of Marvila and the site of the Eucharistic Miracle. Time for mass is available. We continue to Lisbon where we enjoy a panoramic tour of Lisbon including Pombal square, Liberty Avenue, Rossio Square, Belem Tower, and the Monument to the Romanesque Cathedral, the Se. We will then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Fatima (Breakfast, Dinner)

May 28 Day 14 Return Home: Today we bid Portugal farewell and board our flights home, carrying with us memories that will last a lifetime.

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#### BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare

\*Discount cash/check price

#### **OPTIONS**

- For a single room\*: add \$700
- \*Subject to availability
- Travel Insurance: add \$313
- \*Available only for travelers with primary residence in USA or Canada

FIRST PAYMENT \$500.00 DUE: NOW

SECOND PAYMENT \$1249.00 DUE: DEC 16, 2022

THIRD PAYMENT \$1000.00 DUE: FEB. 14, 2023

FINAL PAYMENT REMAINING DUE: MARCH 31, 2023

#### \$4499.00\* BASE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from Albuquerque (ABQ)
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- 12 Nights accommodation
- Meals per Itinerary
- Tour guides
- · Spiritual director
- · Complimentary travel bags

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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.

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

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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 \$700.

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

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