



JOIN FR. MATTHEW BONK ON A **MARIAN SHRINES** PILGRIMAGE TO

FRANCE, SPAIN, & PORTUGAL

LOURDES - SANTANDER - OVIEDO - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - PORTO - FATIMA



APRIL 17 - 28, 2023

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recently a priest friend of mine recommended to me the Holy Land Travel Center for religious pilgrimages. He asked me if I had any holy sites that I would like to visit on my "bucket list". I told him that I desired to visit the sacred shrines at Lourdes, France and Fatima, Portugal. It turns out that Holy Land Travel helps to arrange journeys to these holy places.

I am happy to be accompanying this 12 day pilgrimage and to offer my priestly ministry for those interested in visiting Lourdes and Fatima, with a few days in Santiago de Compostela in between. For those who are able, the pilgrimage includes times for prayer and visiting the Holy Shrines. There will also be opportunities for Mass and confession.

I would encourage those who can, to take advantage of this blessed chance to visit these miraculous places now that so many travel restrictions have been removed. What a great opportunity for spiritual renewal!

Father Matthew Bonk

Day by Day Itinerary

April 17 Day 1 Depart USA: Today we board our flights to Lourdes with meals and beverages served aloft.

April 18 Day 2 Arrive Lourdes: Candlelight Procession: Today we land in France and are greeted by our Holy Land Travel Center Representative upon arrival. After going through customs, we transfer to our hotel for dinner. After dinner we all join the Candlelight Procession.

Overnight Lourdes (Breakfast, Dinner)

April 19 Day 3 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 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)

April 20 Day 4 Lourdes: Free Day: We enjoy a free day in Lourdes for personal prayers and meditation.

Overnight Lourdes (Breakfast, Dinner)

April 21 Day 5 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)

April 22 Day 6 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)

April 23 Day 7 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.

Candlelight Procession at Lourdes



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 gather 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 your own, through the beautiful streets of Santiago de Compostela, the city of the apostle, full of historical buildings that feature Romanesque, Gothic, and Baroque architecture. Dinner and overnight in Santiago de Compostela.

Optional Morning Walking Tour- This morning we set out to join the walking pilgrims at the Monte del Gozo from which the spires of the Cathedral are first visible. We will walk the last couple of miles of El Camino arriving at the Cathedral of St. James, the destination we have been yearning to reach. Continue to the Cloister Museum with our group.

Overnight: Santiago de Compostela (Breakfast, Dinner)

April 24 Day 8 Santiago De Compostela / Porto / Fatima: Porto Wine Factory and Tasting, Church of St. Francis: Today we depart Santiago de Compostela and continue to Porto where we visit a wine factory and enjoy a sampling of some delightful Portuguese Wines. We visit the church of St. Francis before driving to Fatima for dinner and overnight.
Overnight Fatima (Breakfast, Dinner)

April 25 Day 9 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)

Santiago de Compostela



April 26 Day 10 Fatima: Free Day: We spend today at leisure to participate in personal prayers and meditation.
Overnight Fatima (Breakfast, Dinner)

April 27 Day 11: Lisbon: Today we transfer to the nearby city of Lisbon for a beautiful panoramic city tour. Among our stops today are St. Anthony's Church, celebrating Anthony of Padua, St. Jerome's Monastery, the Discoveries Monument, the Lisbon Cathedral, the Basilica of the Star and the Castel of St. George. Dinner and overnight in Lisbon.
Overnight Lisbon (Breakfast, Dinner)

April 28 Day 12 Return Home: Today we bid Portugal 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	\$4499.00*
*Discount check price	
Gratuities (APPLIED TO FINAL INVOICE)	\$132.00

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$750
- Land only option: \$3499 (no flights or airport transfers included)
- Travel Insurance: add \$313

FIRST DEPOSIT	\$500	DUE: NOW
SECOND PAYMENT	\$1249	DUE: Nov. 18, 2022
THIRD PAYMENT	\$1000	DUE: JANUARY 17, 2023
FINAL PAYMENT	REMAINING	DUE: MARCH 3, 2023

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from Detroit, MI (DTW)
- All excursions
- 11 nights' accommodations
- Tour guide / Tour escort

Price does not include: Lunches, drinks with meals

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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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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 \$750.

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.

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