

12 Day Marian Shrines Pilgrimage

Fatima • Avila • Burgos • Lourdes • Giverney Lisieux • Paris

> **September 30 – October 11, 2024** \$4,490.00 Per Person From Houston

Includes: Roundtrip Air Transportation From Houston, First Class Hotels, Double Occupancy, 2 Meals A Day – Breakfast & Dinner, Daily Sightseeing With English Speaking Tour Guides, Entrance Fees, Daily Mass, Airport Taxes, And Fuel Surcharges - Which Might Subject To Change.

Tips To Guides And Drivers Are Included.

Spiritual Directors:

MARIAN SHRINES TOUR

DAY 01 HOUSTON / FRANKFURT

Depart Houston to Lisbon.

DAY 02 LISBON / FATIMA

Upon arrival into Lisbon, you will be met and transferred to Fatima. In route, we will stop at Santarem to see the Church of St. Stephen, site of the 13th century Eucharistic Miracle. Onto Fatima for dinner and overnight.

DAY 03 FATIMA

This morning, attend two important ceremonies and visit the Aljustrel children's houses, the Batalha with its Santa Maria de Vitoria, Nazarre, and Alcabaca. In the evening, join in the Candlelight Procession. Return to your hotel in Fatima for dinner and overnight.

DAY 04 FATIMA / AVILA

After breakfast, board your bus and travel to Avila. On the way, stop at Ciudad Rodrigo for lunch. Then continue to Avila for dinner and overnight.

DAY 05 AVILA / BURGOS

Sightseeing of Avila, the city of Kings and of Saints, which is completely encircled by 11th century walls. This is the birthplace of St. Theresa, where you will view the preserved body of St. Theresa of Avila in the Carmelite Convent and celebrate Mass at the Cathedral. Onto Burgos for dinner and overnight.

DAY 06 BURGOS / LOYOLA / LOURDES

After breakfast, we will sightsee the city of Burgos. A home of a magnificent Cathedral, and burial place of many Spanish Kings. Visit the cathedral built in pre-gothic style, then we will travel to Loyola, birthplace of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuit Order. Visit the Basilica of Loyola, where you will have mass and then see the Tower house where the Saint was born. Continue to Lourdes for dinner and overnight.



Burgos

DAY 07 LOURDES

This morning you will have a walking tour of Lourdes, which will include a visit to Bernadette's house, Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, the Miraculous Spring, the Shrine of Bernadette, and the XII century Castle. This afternoon, do the Stations of the Cross where you will have the rest of the day at leisure to participate in the different ceremonies or private devotion. After dinner attend the Candle Light Procession.



DAY 08 LOURDES

Free day. Attend the evening candle light procession. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 09 LOURDES / PARIS

Depart to the train station this morning to catch your direct TGV train to Paris. Upon arrival into Paris, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This afternoon, you will have a tour of the Eiffel Tower, visit the first floor, see Arch de Triumph, and Champs Elysees. Dinner and overnight in Paris.

DAY 10 GIVERNEY / LISIEUX / PARIS

Leave Paris this morning on a full day trip to Giverny and Lisieux. Stop at Giverny and see the house and garden of the famous painter Monet. Then continue to Lisieux, home of St. Therese whom Pope Pius X called "the greatest Saint of modern times ", see the Convent of St. Therese, and the Buissonets, the house where she lived with her parents, and the Convent. Celebrate Mass at the magnificent cathedral of St. Therese "THE LITTLE FLOWER". Return to Paris for dinner and overnight.



DAY 11 PARIS

Today's sightseeing of Paris to include the chapel where Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Laboure and you will view the incorrupt remains of St. Catherine. We will visit the Shrine of St. Vincent de Paul (founder of the Congregation of the Mission) where we will see the incorrupt body of the saint, as well. Celebrate MASS AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH, and then continue sightseeing of Paris with Notre Dame Cathedral, visit Montmartre, the delightful Bohemian community, and the Sacre Couer, the Basilica in Montmartre dedicated to the Sacred Heart. Visit the Sainte Chapell (Holy Chapel), a gothic marvel, was built by King St. Louis to house the Crown of Thorns, which was redeemed from the Venetians in the year 1239, and other relics including nails and pieces of wood from the Cross of Calvary. In the stone lacework of the chapel are set the most ancient stained glass windows in Paris, depicting 1,130 scenes from the Bible. Dinner and overnight in Paris.



DAY 12 PARIS / HOUSTON

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Houston.

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Early Registration is highly encouraged!
Seating is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The Tour Price Includes:

Air Transportation: Airfare is based on special contract agreements with various international airlines and include certain restrictions and deadlines. These fares are subject to cancellation penalties, and once tickets are issued, they are NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE AND CANNOT BE USED TOWARDS FUTURE TRAVEL. Please refer to our CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY below. Airfare and tour prices are based on prices effective as of JANUARY 1, 2024 and are subject to change without notice.

Surface/Land Transportation: All surface/land transportation described in the itinerary will be provided by modern motor coach, designed for highway travel. Groups will be met and transferred upon arrival and departure.

Hotels: We only use first-class hotels. Hotel accommodations are based on double occupancy (2 per room). We reserve the right to substitute hotels of similar quality for those specified in

Single Room Supplements: If you would like a single room, there is an additional cost of \$1,200.00 that will be added to the tour price. Single rooms are limited and will be reserved on a first come first serve basis. If you request a roommate and none is available, you will be considered a "forced single," and charged one half (½) of the Single Room Supplement cost.

Meal Plan: Meal plans include two (2) meals per day, breakfast and dinner, with timing depending on the itinerary. Taxes and service charges normally appearing on restaurant bills are included in the tour price for these meals. A list of any and all dietary requests or food allergies must be emailed to cathy@inspirationaltoursinc.com for hotel / airline accommodation at least seven (7) days before departure. We cannot guarantee any dietary accommodations but will make all efforts to secure special dietary requests. In the event airlines or hotels are unable to accommodate dietary requests, you will be responsible for your meals; it is the individual's responsibility to choose appropriate foods while on the tour. Unused meals will NOT be reimbursed.

Baggage: Inspirational Tours, Inc. restricts all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage (max. 50 lbs.) and one (1) carry-on (max. 18 lbs.). All passengers should check with the airline for up-to-date baggage weight/dimension information and restrictions, which are subject to change at any time before departure.

Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges: are included in the tour price and are subject to change.

Tips On The Tour: Tips to guides, porters, headwaiters, and drivers are included in the tour price, unless otherwise specified.

The Tour Price Does Not Include: Expenses related to issuance/renewal of passports, laundry, mineral waters, wine & liquor, after-lunch/dinner tea, coffee, or food not included in the meal plan above; additional baggage; expenses of carriages, guides, sightseeing or other services other than those specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary; insurance for baggage or personal trip or health insurance; all items of a personal nature, in addition to those not listed above as being included in the tour price.

Booking Conditions: Deposits and Payment: A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person, payable via cash, check or money order, is required at the time of registration. No registration will be processed without a deposit. Invoices for final balances are issued at or near 90 days before departure. Full and final payment is due 60 days before departure. Registrations received within 90 days of departure require payment in full. If there is any outstanding balance by the Final Payment due date listed on your invoice, all travel services will be subject to automatic cancellation and cancellation fees will apply. A service reinstatement fee may be added to your invoice and must be paid in advance in order to apply for reconfirmation of services, WE ONLY ACCEPT CASH, CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS FOR THE **REGISTRATION FEE.** Payment by credit card is accepted ONLY for final balances or payments towards final balances; all credit card payments will be assessed a 3% non-refundable convenience fee, which will be added to the total amount being charged.

Cancellations and Refund Policy: All cancellations MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING VIA FAX, E-MAIL OR U.S. MAIL. The date of the cancellation request is the date used for purposes of any assessed cancellation fees. Please note that Registration Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE as stated on the Registration Form. Cancellation fees (as to any monies paid over the deposit for a tour with a non-refundable deposit) depend on the timing of the cancellation request, and are as follows: request received between time of registration and up to 59 to 45 days prior to departure—cancellation fee of 50% of tour cost; request received 44 days or less prior to departure through date of departure—assessed 100% of the tour cost (air and land, and any deviation fees) as the cancellation fee. Additional charges/fees for deviations and/or upgraded seats may require full payment at time of booking/confirmation, and may be nonrefundable; if a non-refundable air ticket has been issued prior to receiving notice of a cancellation request, you will be 100% responsible for those fees, in addition to the cancellation penalties listed above. Package cancellation fees include airfare. Once airfare is purchased, either at time of booking, including but not limited to, deviations or seat upgrade requests, or at time of full payment, airline tickets will be issued and are always subject to a 100% penalty. Once full payment is received, Inspirational Tours, Inc. will issue airline tickets, which are non-refundable. If the tour is canceled for any reason, including but not limited to, tour leader's decision, decision of Inspirational Tours, Inc., weather or natural disasters, strike, acts of war, terrorism, acts of god, quarantine, disease, virus, epidemic, pandemic, compliance with government orders, travel restrictions issued by the U.S. Department of State, or any other force majeure event, Inspirational Tours, Inc. reserves the right to charge a minimum \$300.00 administrative fee per person, plus any non-reimbursable expenses incurred from airlines and/or overseas operators. ALL RESERVATIONS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON

Deviations/Seat Upgrades: Deviation policies vary by airline and are normally allowed only on the return journey, from the same departing city as the group, and is subject to availability. There is a minimum change fee of \$150.00 per person, plus any additional airline charges. Seat upgrade requests may also require additional fees by the airlines and vary. Any additional fees required to be paid by the airline for deviation requests and/or seat upgrade requests will need to be approved by the passenger in writing before confirmed/reserved, and if the request requires payment at the time of confirmation, this must be paid by the passenger at the time requested, and may be non-refundable. ALL deviation or seat upgrade requests must be made in writing, at least 90 days prior to your departure date.

Tour Prices: All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements in this tour are based on rates, (including foreign exchange rates), in effect at the time of the original tour agreement with your tour host and Inspirational Tours, Inc. and are subject to increase without notice prior to departure. NOTE: Our tours are based on a minimum number of participants. We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any tour for any reason including insufficient participants, or events beyond our control. Any cancellation will be advised at the soonest date possible. Inspirational Tours, Inc. will not be held responsible for any costs related to the issuance and/or cancellation of airline tickets or visa fees that are not refunded by those

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Passports: It is your responsibility to provide us with a copy of your current passport with your Registration Form. Validity date on passports must be for at least six (6) months after the date of return of the tour as per the tour dates, or any deviation request. If we do not receive a copy of your current passport, the information you provide on your Registration Form will be used for ticketing purposes. If ANY information provided (name, date of birth, etc.) does not match what is on your passport, you may be subject to penalties or fees for corrections to airline tickets, and/or may be denied boarding by the airline. Any name change, including minor spelling corrections, may require reservations to be canceled and re-booked. Reservations will then be subject to availability and pricing at the time of re-booking; any increase in airfare will be borne by the passenger. Inspirational Tours, Inc. will not be held responsible for the denial of services by a carrier due to any name or passport discrepancies. If you have a passport issued from any country other than the U.S., it is your responsibility to contact the embassies of the countries to be visited to determine if a visa will be required, and if so, it will be your responsibility to obtain such visa before departure. Please contact us for further information if this applies to you.

Travelers Needing Special Assistance: We recommend you please select a tour suitable to your physical capabilities. Our tours are often-times fast paced and may require lengthy walks over uneven terrain and/or steps. If you require any form of mobility assistance or for any sight/hearing disabilities, you are required to notify us before registering so we can best assist you and/or determine if this tour is suitable. Inspirational Tours, Inc., tour leaders/coordinators, guides, drivers or other tour, hotel, transfers or ship personnel will not provide individual services, such as assistance with walking, pushing wheelchairs, or helping one embark/disembark motor coaches, cruise ships, etc. We reserve the right to reject participation or remove an individual from a tour in the event that notification was not provided and/or when, in our sole judgment, continued participation would significantly hinder the services to be provided to all guests. Expenses, including cancellation fees and/or costs for alternate travel plans or to return home, will be the responsibility of the passenger. All unused services are non-refundable. Wheelchairs & Walkers: certain features of tours may not accommodate wheelchairs, scooters, or other special equipment. We cannot provide individual assistance to travelers with wheelchairs or other mobility devices. We regret that some itineraries cannot accommodate these devices. You are required to notify us before registering of a need for a wheelchair, walker or other mobility devices.

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