

GEORGE'S
INTERNATIONAL TOURS



PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARIAN SHRINES

Portugal * Spain * France

April 20 - May 2, 2017

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Day 1 - April 20: Depart U.S.A.

Your pilgrimage begins today as you depart on your flight to Portugal.

Day 2 - April 21: Arrive Lisbon / Fatima

After a morning arrival in Lisbon, you will meet your knowledgeable local escort, who in addition to the priest accompanying the tour, will be with you throughout your stay. Drive north to Fatima, one of the world's most important Marian Shrines and an important center for pilgrimages. Time permitting we will make a stop in Santarem for Mass at the Church of St. Stephen, famous for its venerated relic, "the Bleeding Host" en route from Lisbon to Fatima.



Day 3 - April 22: Fatima

As in most small villages in the early years of the century, the parish church was the center of life and faith in Fatima. It was here that the three children were baptized and Lucy made her first confession at six years of age. The kindly priest who heard her confession told her to consecrate herself to the Blessed Virgin and she immediately did this in front of the statue of Our Lady of the Rosary. The following day she took Holy Communion for the first time. Jacinta also frequently came here to pray. Once on the feast of the Ascension, the Blessed Virgin appeared and asked them to pray the rosary every day and ask for world peace. After Mass at the Chapel of the Apparitions, visit the Basilica to see the site of Francisco and Jacinta's graves and the village where the three children lived. Continue to Valinhos where Our Lady appeared to the children following their release. This evening participate in the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacre, site of the first Apparition.

Day 4 - April 23: Fatima / Salamanca

This morning leave Portugal for Spain. En route we will stop in Coimbra, a famous university town, to visit the Convent of Santa Clara La Nova where St. Isabella is buried. Continue on across the Portuguese-Spanish border to Salamanca, one of Spain's foremost cultural centers, a great university city and a showcase of intricately sculpted Renaissance architecture in golden stone. Visit the Plaza Mayor, which is regarded as one of the most attractive squares in Spain, and the Cathedrals Vieja and Nueva.



Day 5 - April 24: Salamanca / Madrid

After breakfast depart Salamanca and drive to the walled city of Avila, the birthplace of St. Theresa. View from outside the Monastery of the Incarnation where St. Theresa spent many years of her life and then visit the Monastery of St. Joseph and the Convent of St. Teresa. We will then stop at the Valle de los Caídos (Valley of the Fallen) where we will view the basilica and monument dedicated to those who died during the Spanish Civil War. Drive on to Spain's capital, Madrid. We will then proceed to the Royal Monastery of El Escorial which was built as a residence for the King of Spain and a monument to commemorate the Spanish victory over the French in the battle of Saint Quentin on 10 August 1557 (feast day of St. Lawrence). We will then drive on to Spain's capital, Madrid.

Day 6 - April 25: Madrid

This morning's city tour of Madrid will show some of the history and tradition of Spain, including the Prado Museum - with its masterpieces of El Greco, Goya, and Velasquez, the University with Cervantes' monument, Puerta del Sol and the Retiro Park. We will then take an excursion to Toledo, whose old quarter is a treasure of artistic and architectural riches. Preeminent among these is its huge Cathedral, whose contents include works by Velásque and El Greco, who spent his last years in this city. See his masterpiece, the Burial of the Count of Orgaz, which is housed in the Iglesia de Santo Tomás. Return to Madrid and enjoy a Flamenco dinner show.



Day 7 - April 26: Madrid / Zaragoza

Depart Madrid for Zaragoza. This is the chief city of Aragon and had traditions connected with the story of St. James and is the birthplace of the great Spanish painter, Francisco Goya. Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Pilar, where the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. James in 40 AD.



Day 8 - April 27: Zaragoza / Lourdes

After Mass, depart Zaragoza and drive to the Sanctuary of Torreciudad in Huesca for a visit. We will cross the Spanish-French border and proceed to Lourdes, one of the great pilgrimage shrines in the world. It was here where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette in 1858 proclaiming herself the "Immaculate Conception". This evening we will participate in the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the Candlelight Procession.

Day 9 - April 28: Lourdes

You have all day to experience the special atmosphere of this beautiful town. Attend Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, visit the Basilica of St. Pius X, see the house where Bernadette lived during the Apparitions, and visit several of the sites where miraculous cures have taken place. After dinner, join the candlelight procession.



Day 10 - April 29: Lourdes / Barcelona

Depart Lourdes and drive 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 Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia and explore the colorful markets of Las Ramblas before transferring to our hotel.

Day 11 - April 30: Barcelona

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.

Day 12 - May 1: Barcelona

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 enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.



Day 13 - May 2: Barcelona / U.S.A.

This morning we will transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

TOUR COST

\$3,549.00

per person based upon double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$622.00.

This price includes:

- ✘ Roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles
- ✘ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✘ Accommodation in First Class/4 star hotels
- ✘ All hotel taxes and service charges
- ✘ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ✘ Arrival and departure transfers
- ✘ Baggage handling at hotels
- ✘ Land travel by deluxe motorcoach
- ✘ Comprehensive sightseeing with professional local guides
- ✘ Professional tour manager
- ✘ All entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✘ Daily Mass

Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

Reservations and Payment: Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. Final payment is due 65 days prior to departure.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply: if canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days prior to departure, \$250.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking. Additional cancellation charges may apply depending upon the cancellation terms of our suppliers.

Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, George's International Tours agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

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Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"): George's International Tours is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if the Seller of Travel was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale and the passenger is located in California at the time of payment. Please be advised that passengers purchasing from outside of California are not covered by the TCRC. Eligible passengers may file a claim with TCRC if the passenger is owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which the Seller of Travel failed to forward to a proper provider or if such money was not refunded to you when required. The maximum amount which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to the Seller of Travel, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating Seller of Travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale. You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 6001, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001; or by faxing a request to 415-927-7698.

Travel Documents: A passport with a minimum of 6 months validity remaining is required of all U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens do not require visas for entry to Spain, France or Portugal. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. George's International is not responsible for visas or passports.

Tour Cost: All quoted prices are based upon fares, tariffs and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 20 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

Tour Documents and Tickets: Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 3 weeks of departure.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. You will be responsible for paying to the airline any additional charges for additional checked baggage or overweight baggage (if excess weight is permitted). George's International Tours is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

Air Transportation: Air travel is in economy class on American Airlines (or any other IATA carrier). Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing. Fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend that you have comprehensive travel insurance. Insurance may be purchased directly through George's International Tours and registration forms will be provided upon receipt of your deposit or you may purchase online at www.georgesintl.com. George's International Tours acts only as an intermediary between you and the insurance provider and in no event shall George's International Tours be liable to any person or entity whatsoever for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, compensatory, consequential, or punitive damages related to insurance coverage purchased.

Not Included: Passport and visa fees, gratuities, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of airport allowance, optional sightseeing tours, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

Responsibility Clause: The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. George's International Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries.

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Please refer to www.georgesintl.com for further disclosures concerning travel risks, travels with special needs or disabilities, and arbitration.

Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

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RESERVATION APPLICATION

Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines (April 20-May 2, 2016)

Group Reference Number: 042017A-I

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Name (as printed on your passport): First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____	
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):	
Passport number:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Passport date of issue:	Passport date of expiration:
Country of citizenship:	Date of birth:
Street address:	
City:	State: Zipcode:
Home phone:	Work phone:
Mobile phone:	Email address:

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Please check one: Double occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (\$622.00 additional) <input type="checkbox"/>
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:
If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:

Please enclose a deposit of **\$300.00 per person** made payable to **George's International Tours** and mail to:

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