



# PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARIAN SHRINES

Portugal \* Spain \* France

October 15-26, 2018

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#### Day 1 - Oct. 15: Depart U.S.A.

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our overnight flight to Portugal.

# Day 2 - Oct. 16: Arrive Lisbon / Fatima

After our arrival in Lisbon we will be met by our local escort who will be with us throughout our pilgrimage. After boarding our motorcoach we will drive north to Santarem to visit the Church of St. Stephen which is famous for its Eucharistic miracle. We will then continue our drive north to Fatima where the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children in 1917.



#### Day 3 - Oct. 17: Fatima

Today we will celebrate Mass and then visit the spot where Our Lady appeared at the Chapel of Apparitions. Visit the old Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima to see the site of Francisco and Jacinta's graves. Then visit the new Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity and enjoy an opportunity to tour the museum beneath it. Next, proceed to the hamlet of Aljustrel where the three children lived during the Apparitions. Continue to Valinhos, the site where Our Lady appeared following the children's release from prison. After dinner there will be an optional rosary at the Chapel of the Apparitions, followed by the candlelight procession.

#### Day 4 - Oct. 18: 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 - Oct. 19: Salamanca / Avila

After breakfast depart Salamanca for Alba de Tormes to visit and celebrate Mass at the Carmelite Convent which contains St. Teresa's incorrupt arm and heart. Then proceed to the walled city of Avila, the birthplace of St. Teresa. Visit the Monastery of the Incarnation where St. Teresa spent many years of her life, the Monastery of St. Joseph, and the Convent of St. Teresa. At the conclusion of our sightseeing we will proceed to our hotel for check-in.

## Day 6 - Oct. 20: Avila / Zaragoza

Depart Avila this morning and drive a short distance to Segovia where we will visit the great Gothic Cathedral, the extraordinary Alcazar fortress, the splendid Roman Aqueduct and the Monastery of San Juan De La Cruz where we will see the tomb of St. John of the Cross who served as spiritual director to St. Teresa of Avila. We will then continue our drive east to Zaragoza which is the capital of Aragón and Spain's fifth largest city.



#### Day 7 - Oct. 21: Zaragoza / Lourdes

This morning we will visit and celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pilar where the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. James in 40 AD. We will also visit the Plaza del Pilar and the La Seo Cathedral. We will then depart Zaragoza and drive east across 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".



#### Day 8 - Oct. 22: Lourdes

Today we will 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 we will join the Candlelight Procession.

#### Day 9 - Oct. 23: Lourdes / Barcelona

Depart Lourdes and drive over the Pyrenees to Andorra la Vella and view Romanesque churches and stone houses in the city's old quarter. After Mass we will continue on to Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, and check-in at our hotel.

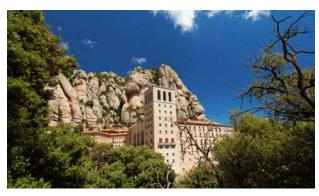
#### Day 10 - Oct. 24: Barcelona

This morning we'll visit Santa Maria del Mar (Our Lady of the Sea), a lovely church that dates from the mid-14th century. After Mass we will then visit Barcelona Cathedral which is a magnificent 14th-century building in the heart of the Gothic Quarter. Next we will visit Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia which is a magnificent, unfinished basilica of impressive proportions. Then proceed to Las Ramblas, which is not only Barcelona's most famous street, but one of the world's most famous. Enjoy some time shopping and strolling along the street to view the historic buildings, the famous Liceu Theatre and the La Boqueria Market which houses a diverse selection of goods and is one of the city's foremost tourist attractions. 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 11 - Oct. 25: Barcelona

We depart this morning for Manresa, a place of profound conversion for Ignatius. At Manresa, we will have an audiovisual presentation, a tour of the museum and celebrate Eucharist in the cave on the banks of the Cardoner River where Ignatius received a vision that provided him with insights into the spiritual life and altered the course of his own life. From the initial insights he

received here, Ignatius went on to compose the Spiritual Exercises. Ignatius remained in Manresa for a about a year and a half before continuing his journey. We then follow Iganatius' path to 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. We will then return to Barcelona and enjoy a farewell dinner in a local Catalan restaurant.



Day 12 - Oct. 26: Barcelona / U.S.A.

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

# **TOUR COST**

\$3,499.00

per person based upon double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$593.00.

#### This price includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from Philadelphia on NONSTOP flights with American Airlines
- 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
- Sightseeing with professional local guides
- Professional tour manager
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Daily Mass

Gratuities to the tour manager, local guides, drivers and hotel/restaurant staff are an additional \$165.00 per person.

#### 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.

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**Tour Cost**: All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 25 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.

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Not Included: Gratuities (\$165.00 per person will be included on your invoice), passport/entry visa fees, 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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Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

For further information on this pilgrimage please contact:

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#### **RESERVATION APPLICATION**

## Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines (October 15-26, 2018)

Group Reference Number: 101518B-INT

# PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Name (as printed on your p	assport):		
First Name:	Middle Name:		Last Name:
Name (as you wish it to app	pear on your name badge):		
Passport number:		Male □	Female $\square$
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 I	NFORMATION		
Please check one:	Double occupancy $\Box$	Single occupancy (\$593.00 additional) $\ \Box$	
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If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person? Yes $\Box$ No $\Box$			
EMERGENCY CONTACT	Т		
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Please enclose a deposit of \$300.00 per person made payable to George's International Tours and mail to:

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