



11 DAYS
FATIMA & LOURDES PILGRIMAGE
with **SANTIAGO de COMPOSTELA**

Visiting

LISBON * FATIMA * SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
SALAMANCA * AVILA * MADRID * LOURDES

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THE NEWMAN CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER
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With

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CHICAGO/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Depart from Chicago this evening on board your overnight transatlantic jet flight, arriving in Portugal the following day.

ARRIVE LISBON

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Arrive today in the capital city of Lisbon. In the 15th Century, Portugal was the first nation to begin exploration and trade far from the shores of the Mediterranean. Upon arrival in Lisbon, transfer to your hotel. (D)

LISBON/FATIMA

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

After breakfast enjoy a brief orientation tour of Lisbon before departing for the village of Fatima, the world's most famous Marian shrine. Here, on the thirteenth of each month between May and October in 1917, the Blessed Mother appeared to three young children and exhorted the world to pray for world peace. Your visit this afternoon will include the Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima, site of Francisco and Jacinta's graves, and the Little Chapel of Apparitions with the statue of "Our Lady of Fatima." Time for devotion and worship. (B,D)

FATIMA/COIMBRA/BRAGA/SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

MONDAY, MARCH 11

Depart today for Santiago de Compostela, famed pilgrimage center since the Middle Ages and Spain's holiest city. As you drive through the Portuguese countryside, you will see the holy cities of Coimbra and Braga. Coimbra is the site of the Monastery of St. Clare, which is the resting place of Queen Santa Isabel, patron saint of Portugal. In Braga, see the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception of Portugal on Mt. Sameiro, and the Shrine of the "Good Jesus" on Mt. Espinho. (B,D)

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Your morning tour of Santiago de Compostela, the capital city of Galicia, will include the magnificent 12th century Romanesque and Baroque cathedral housing the remains of St. James, patron saint of Spain. You will also see the various buildings of the University, one of Europe's oldest. The balance of the day is at leisure. **(B)**

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA/SALAMANCA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Today you will travel through the provinces of Galicia, journeying through wild and mountainous countryside with undulating farmlands to the old university town of Salamanca for overnight. **(B,D)**

SALAMANCA/AVILA/MADRID

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Depart today for the walled city of Avila where St. Teresa founded the Order of Carmelites and then to Segovia, famous for its Alcazar and a still functioning Roman aqueduct. Cross the rugged Sierra de Guadarrama on the way to Madrid, the capital city of Spain. **(B,D)**

MADRID

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

This morning you will see the white-trimmed 2,800-room Royal Palace and the exquisite gardens that surround it, the Puerta del Sol, Cervantes Memorial, the Plaza de Espana, the acacia-lined Castellana, and the Avenida Jose Antonio. Then visit the Prado Museum, housing a collection of masterpieces by Spain's artists Velazquez, Goya and El Greco. Your afternoon is at leisure for shopping or exploring on your own. **(B)**

MADRID/LOURDES

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Today you head northeast through the quaint scenery of the mountainous Spanish countryside. Then cross the border into France to the shrine city of Lourdes where between February 11th and July 16th, 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared in the Grotto of Massabielle to the poor shepherd girl, Bernadette, a total of 18 times. Scratching the ground as instructed by Mary, Bernadette saw a miraculous spring well up where none had existed before. **(B,D)**

LOURDES

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

This morning you visit the Grotto of Apparitions, Rosary Basilica, Basilica of St. Pius X and Way of the Cross over the Hillside. This afternoon is at leisure for personal devotion. Attend the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the Torchlight Procession, if available. **(B,D)**

LOURDES/CHICAGO

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Your pilgrimage is over as you drive to the airport in time for your return flight back to Chicago, arriving the same day. **(B)**

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