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Fatima-Spain-Lourdes & More



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12 Days

Day 1: Depart point of origin.

Day 2: Arrival-Lisbon-Fatima

Upon landing at Lisbon Portela Airport, we will pick up our luggage and proceed to be greeted by our tour guide and/or driver. Then transfer to our Hotel in Fatima for dinner and overnight.

Day 3 Fatima

Today will surely be a memorable experience, as we pray and meditate upon one of Our Blessed Mother's apparition sites. Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children; Lucia (age 10), Jacinta (age 7), and Francisco (age 9). These apparitions occurred monthly from May until October of 1917. Historically, as the entire world was in true turmoil, Our Lady's most prominent message during this time was to pray for world peace. The destruction of the world at that point in history was also mentioned by Our Lady in her messages of Fatima, and more specifically, in her second secret to the children. Our profoundly reflective day begins with a visit to the Little Chapel of the Apparitions. This simple, yet modern, chapel is the site where the Virgin Mary first appeared on May 13, 1917. Continue with a visit to the stunning neoclassical church, the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary. This Sacred space contains the tombs of St. Francisco, St. Jacinta, and Sister Lucia. View the monument that commemorates the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the square. Due to Our Lady's consistency in Her messages to pray the Rosary, this Basilica also features fifteen altars, dedicated to the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary. Then we enjoy dinner and a comfortable night's rest in Fatima.

Day 4: Fatima – Salamanca

Depart Fatima and head to Salamanca, following a full breakfast at the hotel. Salamanca is a city in the Castilla y Leon region, and is known for its large University, the oldest in Spain that is still active, along with its prominent culture. Our walking tour will bring us by the most noteworthy sites such as; the grand Plaza Mayor, La Clerecia, a church and college of the Jesuit Order that was constructed in the seventeenth century; La Casa de las Conchas, currently a public library, the University of Salamanca, the oldest University in Spain and the third oldest in Europe; the Roman Bridge, extends along the River Tormes, La Iglesia de San Marcos, constructed in the Romanesque style, La Iglesia de San Martin, a church devoted to St. Martin de Porres, who is the patron saint of mixed-race people. Following this eventful day, we will return to the hotel for a delicious meal and an overnight at the hotel in Salamanca.

Day 5: Salamanca - Alba de Tormes - Avila – Burgos

This morning, after breakfast, we will board the bus and enjoy a short transfer to the village of Alba de Tormes. This town is home to the Carmelite Monastery that Saint Teresa founded in 1571. Upon arrival in Alba de Tormes, we will celebrate Mass at this Monastery where the saint died and was buried. Following Mass, we will have the opportunity to visit the museum dedicated to St. Teresa of Avila. We will then enjoy free time for lunch on our own, before continuing to the medieval city of Avila. Upon arrival in Avila, we will immediately notice the perfectly preserved eleventh-century walls that surround the old town. The conservation of architecture in this city, to which St. Teresa was born. The Cathedral de Avila encompasses the Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance styles of its time. La Basilica de San Vicente in Avila, stands on the site of the martyrdom of St. Vincent. Visit the Incarnation Convent, where St. Teresa became a nun. After walking in the footsteps of St. Teresa, continue our journey to Burgos. Upon arrival in the historic capital of Old Castile, enjoy dinner & overnight at our hotel.

Day 6 Burgos - Loyola – Lourdes

Following breakfast, transfer from Burgos to Loyola to visit the birthplace of St. Ignatius, founder of the Jesuit Order. St. Ignatius dedicated himself to becoming a soldier of the Christian faith, and as a result of many tribulations, he wrote the ever-famous Spiritual Exercises. In Loyola, we will see the 17th century Basilica that is dedicated to this remarkable Saint. After meditating on the life of this founder of the Jesuit Order, we will enjoy free time for lunch and board the bus for Loyola Sanctuary. We then will continue to Lourdes with a spectacular view of the Pyrenees Mountains. Upon arrival in Lourdes, we will check-in to our hotel and enjoy a splendid dinner and peaceful overnight.

Day 7: Lourdes

Today we will explore a small town that is nestled within the Pyrenees Mountains. During our time in Lourdes, we will pray and meditate in yet another site of Our Lady's apparitions. Our Lady first appeared to Bernadette in 1858, and announced herself as "The Immaculate Conception", near the Grotto of Massabielle. Throughout our time in Lourdes, we will have the opportunity to attend Mass at the Grotto, where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette; watch a video presentation that explains, in detail, the story of Lourdes; drink water from the miraculous spring that has healed many; and submerge yourself in the healing baths. Dinner & overnight at the Hotel.

Day 8: Lourdes - Andorra – Montserrat: This morning after breakfast we will travel along the French Pyrenean valleys, crossing the mountain range by way of Andorra. This tiny country has turned into a small commercial enclave. We will enter Spain and will arrive -in the very heart of Catalonia- at Montserrat, a peculiar geological formation, declared a natural park, picturesque from any angle. Here we will find the Marian Sanctuary of Montserrat with “La Moreneta” Possibility of celebrating or attending Holy Mass as well as renewing wedding vows. Dinner & Overnight in Montserrat.

Day 9: Barcelona

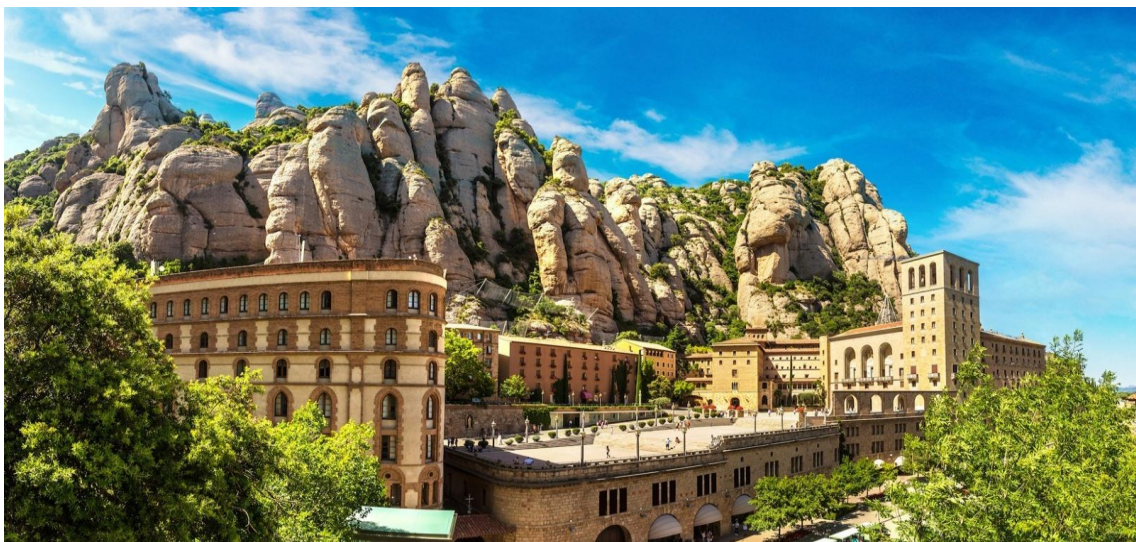
Today we Travel to Barcelona and enjoy a panoramic tour visiting the grand avenues of the Eixample district with its modernist buildings -notably the homes on the Paseo de Gracia such as Lleó Morera, Amatller, Batlló and Milá- and the Sagrada Familia, masterpiece of architect Gaudí. Following a stop in another of his better known works, the Güell Park, we will arrive at the top of Montjuich with its magnificent views of the city and the coast. We will explore the vast historical district on foot and visit Santa María del Mar, the Gothic quarter, the Cathedral and Las Ramblas, the emblematic pedestrian walkway. Return to Montserrat for dinner & overnight.

Day 10: Montserrat-Zaragoza-Madrid

This morning, we will leave Catalonia and we enter Aragón, discovering its capital Zaragoza. The city has important monuments including the Aljafería -the ancient palace of the Arab governor, with its Gothic Cathedral “the Seo of San Salvador” and “the Basilica del Pilar”, site of the Virgin’s appearance to apostle Santiago. Later we proceed to Madrid for dinner & overnight.

Day 11 Madrid

After breakfast we experience a first glimpse of Madrid provided by a scenic tour that will allow us to appreciate the dimension and beauty of this city as well as its vital points such as Paseo de la Castellana, Gran Vía, Alcalá Street and Plaza de España. Nearby we find one of the best examples of the Bourbon urban layout: the Paseo del Prado with its fountains, gardens and museums. Of special interest are the Mile of Art, Prado Museum, the Reina Sofía Museum and the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum. We will also visit its Cathedral La Almudena as well as the historical center with the Main Square and the Puerta del Sol. Overnight & dinner in Madrid.

Day 12: Return Home from Madrid airport

Price includes:

- * Round trip Airfare.
- *4* hotels on H/B basis (Breakfast & Dinner included)
- * Air-Conditioned deluxe tour Bus + free Wi-Fi.
- * Professional licensed English-speaking Tour Guide.
- * Entrance fees: Museum of Fatima/Avila Cathedral/Basilica del Pilar Zaragoza
- * Whispers (Listening devices).
- * Transfers from Airport to hotels and back in Lisbon and Madrid.
- * City council tax.
- * Everyday Mass where possible.

Price Excludes:

- * Travel Insurance; (can be purchased through our website)
- * Everyday Lunch.
- * Drinks during meals.
- * Tips to Hotels, Guide, Driver, Restaurants.
- * Any personal item
- * Any other item not mentioned in the included part

