

12 Day Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France
visiting Lisbon, Aljustrel, Valinhos, Fatima,
Santiago de Compostela, Burgos, Leon, Lourdes, Zaragoza & Madrid

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Miracle of Fatima

June 14th – 27th, 2017



Spiritual Director
Rev. Kristopher Fuchs

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round trip air from Houston Airport
- 3 & 4 Star First Class Hotels
- Breakfast & Dinner Daily
- Air-conditioned motor coach
- English speaking guide
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at hotels
- All taxes and service charges

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary in Fatima
- The Tombs of Sister Lucia and Blessed Jacinta and Francisco
- Visit the homes of the Children in Aljustrel
- Valinhos where the Angel appeared to the children in 1916
- Church of St. Anthony of Padua in Lisbon – St. Anthony's birthplace
- Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela
- Chalice of Doña Urraca
- Candlelight Procession in Lourdes
- Basilica of Our Lady of Pillar, Zaragoza
- Panorama of Madrid
- And much more...

Pilgrimage Price: \$ 3,899.00 Double/Triple per person Single Supplement \$ 760.00

Pilgrimage Price from New York: \$ 3,699.00 Double/Triple per person

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES - TIPS TO DRIVER AND GUIDE \$ 104.00 which will be billed on your final statement.

ITINERARY

Wed, June 14th: Houston/Lisbon- Depart Houston Airport on your overnight flight to Lisbon. Dinner served in flight.

Thu, June 15th: Lisbon/Santarem/Fatima - Upon arrival in Lisbon, we are transferred to **Fatima**. En route we stop at **Santarem** where we will have the opportunity to venerate the "Eucharistic Host." The story of the miracle centers on an early 13th century woman with an unfaithful husband. Desperate to regain his faithfulness and save her marriage, she consulted a sorceress. The sorceress said she would cure the husband's infidelity for the price of a consecrated host. After much deliberation, the woman decided to commit the sacrilege. The next time she attended Mass at the 12th century Church of St. Stephen, she took the consecrated host from her mouth, wrapped it in a veil and headed quickly for the door. But before she had taken more than a few steps, the host began to bleed. It bled so much that concerned parishioners thought she had cut her hand and attempted to help, but she ran out of the church.

Back at home, she threw the bloody host in a trunk in her bedroom. Her husband did not come home until late, as usual. In the middle of the night, they were both awoken by a mysterious light emanating from the trunk. The woman confessed to her husband what she had done and they both knelt in repentance before the miracle. The next morning, the couple told the parish priest what had happened. The priest placed the miraculous host in a wax container and returned it to the Church of St. Stephen. Word spread quickly, and the townspeople hurried to the church to see the miracle. The next time the priest opened the tabernacle that contained the miraculous host, another miracle occurred. The wax container was found broken into pieces, and the host was enclosed in a crystal pyx. This pyx was placed in a silver monstrance, where it can be seen today.

After an investigation, the Catholic Church approved the miracle. The Church of St. Stephen was renamed the Church of the Holy Miracle, and it is one of Portugal's most visited pilgrimage sites. St. Francis Xavier visited the Church before setting off for missionary work in India.

After our visit, we continue to Fatima. We arrive in Fatima by late morning. After time to rest, we visit the Capelhina where Our Lady appeared and then on to the Basilica to see the Tombs of Sister Lucia, Blessed Jacinta and Francisco.

Fri, June 16th: Fatima/Aljustrel/Valinhos/Fatima - This morning we tour **Aljustrel** where we visit the homes of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco and Sister Lucia and perhaps meet some of their relatives. Then on to **Valinhos** where Our Lady appeared to the children in August 1917 and where the Angel appeared to the children in 1916. We continue to the Parish Church of Fatima where the children and their parents received the sacraments. We return to Fatima for a free afternoon of private devotion.

Sat, June 17th: Fatima/Batalha/Alcobaca/Nazare/Fatima- Morning departure to **Batalha** to see the Monastery of Santa Maria da Vitória which was built in answer to a vow made by King John I to the Virgin Mary. Elected by UNESCO as a World Heritage site, it is a grand monument to the closing phase of Portuguese Gothic architecture. Next we visit the Monastery of **Alcobaca** in the fertile valley formed by the Alcoa and Baça's Rivers. King Afonso Henriques built the monastery to fulfill a vow he made to the Cistercian Order, when he conquered Santarém from the Moors. Our last stop is **Nazare** where, on hot days, the ancient local fishing art is brought to life, with the skipper calling the men down to the sea. The men run down the beach and help push the "candil" - a small fishing boat - down to the sea. In the past this was a daily scene on Nazaré beach. Nowadays the fishermen still mend their nets on the beach, tell fishing yarns and prepare their equipment for bait fishing. After lunch, on our own, we return to Fatima.

Sun, June 18th: Fatima/Lisbon/Fatima - Morning departure to **Lisbon**. Upon arrival in Lisbon, we have a panorama of this beautiful city. We visit the Belem Tower, the Monastery of St. Jeronimo, the birthplace, now Church of St. Anthony of Padua. But, remember, in Portugal, he is known as St. Anthony of Lisbon. After we visit his home and venerate his relic, we visit the cathedral where he was baptized. After our day in Lisbon, we return to Fatima.

Mon, June 19th: Fatima/Santiago de Compostela - Morning departure to **Santiago de Compostela**. Upon arrival we visit the Cathedral of Santiago.

Tue, June 20th: Santiago de Compostela - This morning we have a Tour of Santiago de Compostela including the Cathedral. Santiago's name and fame both derive from Saint James the Apostle (Santiago), whose holy relics are enshrined under the cathedral's altar. Legend has it that James preached in Spain before being martyred in Jerusalem in 44 AD and his body was brought back to Spain after his death. The tomb of St. James was discovered here in 819 AD and a small church was soon built over the shrine by the king.

The present Santiago Cathedral, an impressive Romanesque structure with a Baroque facade, was begun in 1078 after the previous church was destroyed by Moorish invaders. A thriving town soon developed around the cathedral and Santiago became a major pilgrimage destination, surpassed only by Jerusalem and Rome. Devout pilgrims traveled long distances along the Camino de Santiago (Route of St. James), a series of pilgrimage roads throughout France and Spain, to pray at the tomb of St. James and gain religious merit.

Over the last century, newer pilgrimage sites like Fatima and Lourdes have surpassed Santiago in popularity, but many devout Catholics still make the trek to pay their respects to St. James. In addition, Santiago's magnificent cathedral, medieval buildings, and charming streets draw thousands of tourists each year. Many modern travelers to Santiago, both religious and nonreligious, choose to reach the holy city by walking, biking, or riding horseback on the paths of the historic Camino de Santiago.

Wed, June 21st: Santiago de Compostela/Leon/Burgos – Our first stop today is the Basilica of San Isidoro where historians say the Chalice of Doña Urraca has been since the 11th century. The chalice is a jewel-encrusted onyx chalice which is alleged to be the Holy Grail, the cup from which Jesus drank and served Holy Communion is within. It belonged to Urraca of Zamora, daughter of Ferdinand I of Leon. After our visit, we continue to Burgos. Burgos Cathedral is a Gothic cathedral. It is notable for its vast size, magnificent Gothic architecture, and unique history. Burgos Cathedral was added to the World Heritage List in 1984. The construction of a cathedral at Burgos was ordered by King Ferdinand III of Castile and Mauricio, the English-born Bishop of Burgos. Construction started on the site of the former Romanesque cathedral on July 20, 1221. The high altar was consecrated in 1260 then there was a lengthy hiatus of almost 200 years before construction started up again. The cathedral was finally completed in 1567, with the addition of the lantern spire over the main crossing (which rises above a delicate openwork star vault). In 1919 the cathedral became the burial place of Rodrigo Díaz de Vivar ("El Cid"), and his wife Doña Jimena.

Thu, June 22nd: Burgos/Lourdes - Morning departure to **Lourdes**. Upon arrival in Lourdes we visit the Grotto. This afternoon we see the Blessing of the Sick. After dinner, we join the *Candlelight Procession*.

Fri, June 23rd: Lourdes - This morning we visit the sites associated with Saint Bernadette. We begin our day with Mass at the Shrine. Next we have a Walking Tour of the Basilica and Grotto. We have free time to take the Baths before our tour of the city including Boly Mills and the Church where St. Bernadette was baptized.

Sat, June 24th: Lourdes/Zaragoza – Morning departure to Zaragoza to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Pillar. According to ancient local tradition, soon after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, Saint James was preaching the Gospel in Spain, but was disheartened because of the failure of his mission. Tradition holds that on 2nd January 40 AD, while he was deep in prayer by the banks of the Ebro, the Mother of God appeared to him and gave him a small wooden statue of herself and a column of jasper and instructed him to build a church in her honor: "This place is to be my house, and this image and column shall be the title and altar of the temple that you shall build." About a year after the apparition James is believed to have arranged to build a small chapel in Mary's honor, the first church ever dedicated to the honor of the Virgin Mary. After James returned to Jerusalem, he was executed by Herod Agrippa in about 44 AD, the first apostle to be martyred for his faith. Several of his disciples took his body and returned it for final burial in Spain. This first chapel was eventually destroyed with various other Christian shrines, but the statue and the pillar stayed intact under the protection of the people of Zaragoza.

Sun, June 25th: Zaragoza/Madrid - Morning departure to Madrid. Upon arrival we have a panorama of the city.

Mon, June 26th: Madrid

Free day to enjoy Madrid on your own. Dinner on your own this evening.

Tue, June 27th: Madrid/USA - Morning departure to Madrid airport for our return flight to Houston

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