

July 26th, 2023 – August 7th, 2023

Visiting Avila, Aljustrel, Valinhos, Fatima, Batalha, Alcobaca, Nazare, Tomar Evora, Lisbon for World Youth Day Celebrations, and Madrid

YOUR PILGRIMAGE INCLUDES:

- Round trip air from New York
- First Class Hotels
- Breakfast & Dinner Daily
- Air-conditioned motor coach
- English speaking guide
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- All taxes and service charges
- Complete World Youth Day Program
- Daily Mass and Rosary

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Convent of St. Terese of Avila
- Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima
- The Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary
- The Capelhina where Our Lady Appeared
- The Tombs of Lucia, Blessed Francisco and Blessed Jacinta
- Ajustrel, Home of the Children
- The Parish Church where the Children received the Sacraments
- Valinhos where the Angel Appeared to the Children in 1916 and where Our Lady Appeared in August 1917
- The Fishing Village of Nazare
- Tomar city of the Knights Templar
- Visit to St. Anthony of Padua's Birthplace
- Visit Evora a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Tour of Madrid

Pilgrimage Price: \$ 3,400.00 per person double or triple

Itinerary:

Wed, July 26th: New York/Madrid: Depart on your overnight fight to Madrid. Dinner served inflight.

Thu, July 27th: Madrid/Fatima/Aljustrel and Valinhos/Fatima: Upon arrival in Madrid, we depart to Fatima. En route, we stop at Avila to visit the Convent of St. Teresa of Avila. After our visit, we continue to Fatima for check-in at our hotel.

Fri, July 28th: Fatima/ Aljustrel/Valinhios: This morning we visit **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. Fatima free day for private devotion.



Sat, July 29th: Batalha/Nazare: Morning departure to **Batalha** to visit 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 stop **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 to 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. In the afternoon we go to the upper city of Sitio.

The first church in Sítio was built over the grotto to commemorate a miraculous intervention in 1182 by the Virgin Mary. In the 12th century Portuguese knight Dom Fuas Roupinho while hunting deer one morning was caught in a dense fog and he accidently rode over the cliff. Through the intervention of Our Lady, he was miraculously saved. From the little Chapel that he had built in honor of Our Lady, you can see the hooves of the horse that is imbedded in the rock.



Sun, July 30th: Tomar: The town of **Tomar** is inside the walls of the Convento de Cristo, constructed under the orders of Gualdim de Pais, the fourth grand master of the Knights Templar in the late 12th century.

Tomar is one of Portugal's historical jewels and, more significantly, was the last Templar town to be commissioned for construction. Tomar was especially important in the 15th century when it was a center of Portuguese overseas expansion under Henry the Navigator, the Grand Master of the Order of Christ, successor organization to the Templars in Portugal.

Today we learn about the rich history of the Knights Templar in Portugal. We spend the day in Tomar learning about the Christian military force that contributed to the famous crusades during Europe's Middle Ages. We visit Almourol Castle, erected by the Knights Templar. We visit the incredible Convent of Christ, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This was the fortification where the knights resided.

Mon, **July 31**st: **Fatima**: Free day for private and to prepare for World Youth Day.



Tue, August 1st: WYD OPENING CEREMONIES: Depart Fatima for Lisbon. Upon arrival, attend World Youth Day Opening ceremonies which begins with Mass.

Wed, August 2nd: FULL-DAY EXCURSION TO EVORA: After breakfast, we depart to **Évora.** We set out across the Vasco da Gama Bridge passing over the Tagus River. The Vasco da Gama Bridge is the second longest bridge in Europe, after the Crimean Bridge and the longest one in the European Union. It was opened on March 29, 1998.

Sit back and relax! Gaze across the beautiful Alentejo plains. Our guide will tell us about the cork and olive trees, vineyards and produce that populate this serene countryside. Upon arrival in the city of Évora you will discover an abundance of culture, heritage and history formed by centuries of influence. We learn why Évora became a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We visit the Church of St. Francis, a well-preserved church built in Gothic-Manueline style. Inside we see the Chapel of Bones (Capela dos Ossos), built in the 16th century, which displays human skulls and bones upon its walls. Then we explore the Roman Temple's remnants which date back to the 1st century and visit the gardens around the palace of King Manuel where explorer Vasco da Gama was commanded to find a route to India. Next, to the Cathedral of Évora (Sé de Évora) constructed between late 13th and 14th centuries. Next, we walk along the charming streets and under Gothic arches in Évora's main Giraldo Square (Praça do Giraldo).

Grab lunch on your own and spend time in souvenir shops before rejoining the group.

After lunch, we return to our motorcoach and continue to Almendres Cromlech, one of Europe's largest stone complexes. Upon arrival, see an astounding structure of menhirs (huge stone monoliths positioned upright) dating back about 7000 years.

The Almendres Cromlech is a megalithic complex of more than 100 stones placed in a circular way and aligned with the solstices and equinoxes.

Thu, August 3rd: WYD CATECHESIS | PAPAL WELCOME: After breakfast, you will have a free day to participate in WYD events. In the evening, attend the Papal Welcome event.

Fri, August 4th: **WYD CATECHESIS | STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** After breakfast and WYD events. Join the World Youth Day Stations of the Cross.

Sat, August 5th: WYD VIGIL: Early departure for the Pilgrimage Walk to the WYD site. This evening we will join WYD participants in the Prayer Vigil with our Holy Father.

Sun, August 6th: PAPAL CLOSING MASS/Madrid: This morning, we will attend the "Mass of Sending" where the Pope will concelebrate Mass with thousands of Priests and Bishops from all over the world. After Mass we depart to Madrid.

Mon, A	ugust 7 th : Mad	rid: Morning depar	ture to Lisbon airpo	rt for our return tr	rip to the USA.
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