

PILGRIMAGE OF SACRED SHRINES TO SPAIN AND LOURDES

May 3-14, 2019



Dear Friends,

Every time that I go to Spain I find myself in awe of how great God is and how nothing is impossible for Him. The majesty of a culture that has so many ways of expressing itself, but always with a great devotion to the divine and scared hand of God and the loving embrace of our Mother. You will discover a God who has inspired artists, writers, architects, musicians, dancers, and a host of saints who graced the Iberian Peninsula and France. Our pilgrimage will begin at the sanctuary of Santiago de Compostela. We will also cross into the small graced village lying in the foothills of the scenic Pyrenees, Lourdes. Our time of prayer at the grotto of Massabielle, near Lourdes, France, site of miraculous appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Bernadette Soubirous, will be spectacular. Lourdes is one of the beloved shrines, attracting more than a million pilgrims each year. You will visit and delight in the metropolitan beauty of Madrid, Zaragoza, Barcelona, and be enchanted by the journey that connects these cultural and sacred treasures. The elegance of sacred spaces and the legacy of honor and faith that has branded the hearts and minds of men and women throughout the millennia will certainly spark fire in your life and spirit. You will astound as we trace some of the steps of Apostles, saints, and listen to the heroic tales of the holy ones that embraced the glory of their faith. I invite you to become a pilgrim on this journey! Let us seek the holy, experience the beauty of encounter, and delight a glorious journey of faith. I assure you that this pilgrimage will be a joy filled religious experience, and an unforgettable Spiritual journey.

Father Rudy Vela, SM

Pilgrimage Director



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DAY 1: Fri., May 3 – San Antonio / En Route

Depart from for your overnight trans-Atlantic flight to Santiago de Compostela.

DAY 2: Sat., May 4 – Santiago de Compostela

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Welcome to Santiago de Compostela! You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Santiago de Compostela was declared a World Heritage City by UNESCO thanks to its monumental beauty and extraordinary conservation.

Celebrate Mass at a local church.

Dinner: Enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 3: Sun., May 5 – Santiago de Compostela

B,D

AM: City Tour of Santiago de Compostela

The city of Santiago is the final destination of a thousand-year-old pilgrim route, the Way of St. James, which since the 9th century has transformed this finis terrae into a meeting place of Western faith and thinking. Santiago de Compostela is a stone apparition in the midst of the green forest of Northwest Spain and the nearby Galician “rias.” During your tour you will visit the incredible Romanesque Cathedral. The construction of the Cathedral began in 1075 and progressed throughout the 12th century. The city’s monumental image is characterized by the granite of its monasteries, its pilgrim hospitals, its numerous churches, its stately houses, and its squares where time stands still.

PM: The afternoon is at leisure to explore this fascinating city on your own.

Celebrate Mass in a local church.

Dinner: Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

DAY 4: Mon., May 6 – Santiago de Compostela / Burgos

B,D

After breakfast at the hotel you will continue to Burgos, the capital of the former kingdom of “Castilla Leon.” Burgos was the home of the Spanish national hero, El Cid, whose name means “The Lord” in Arabic. Founded in 884 A.D., Burgos was the capital of Castile until 1561, when its political prestige was lost to the newly declared capital Madrid. A wealth of medieval architecture characterizes Burgos, along with its numerous Romanesque fortifications, Gothic Churches, and Renaissance mansions.

Celebrate Mass in a local church.

Dinner: Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

DAY 5: Tues., May 7 – Burgos / Avila

B,D

AM: City Tour of Burgos

This morning you will enjoy a city tour of Burgos. During your tour you will visit Burgos Cathedral, one of the most beautiful Gothic Cathedrals and the third largest in Spain after Sevilla and Toledo. The Cathedral is a remarkable example of the transformation of French and German Flamboyant Gothic into a style that is typically Spanish through the natural exuberance of its decoration. The many works of art adorning the interior of the Cathedral make it an outstanding showcase of European Gothic sculpture.



PM: City Tour of Avila

In the afternoon you will travel to Avila and celebrate Mass at the Convento de la Encarnacion (subject to availability). Then you will enjoy a tour of Avila including the main Carmelite sites. Avila is a wonderfully well-preserved, middle-age walled city, enthroned on a hilltop. Fine Romanesque churches, Gothic cathedrals, and the ruins of still proud and challenging castles are Avila's landmarks. Most notably, Avila is the city of Saint Teresa de Jesus, one of the greatest mystics of the Catholic Church. It is where she was born, lived much of her life, and where she began the Order of the Discalced Carmelites. You will visit the Convent of Saint Teresa. In the purest Carmelite Baroque style it has a Latin-cross layout with a central nave and four chapels on each side.



Dinner: Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

DAY 6: Wed., May 8 – Avila / San Lorenzo Del Escorial / Madrid

B,D

AM: Excursion to San Lorenzo Del Escorial

After breakfast at the hotel you will depart Avila and travel to Madrid. En route you will visit the Monastery of El Escorial. The magnificent Monastery and Summer Palace were built by King Philip II in the 16th century. You will visit the Royal Palace, the Pantheon of Kings, the Pantheon of Princes, Chapterhouses, the Basilica, and the Library. The austere, monumental domed church is surrounded by 44 chapels, each exquisitely decorated. The Royal Pantheon, of black marble contains the tombs of Spanish royalty and the halls house an art collection including works by El Greco, Bosch, Titian, and Tintoretto. The Library houses a rare collection of manuscripts and about 40,000 books. The rooms of Maderas Finas are known for their exquisite inlaid wood decorations.



PM: Panoramic Tour of Madrid

Upon your arrival in Madrid you will enjoy a panoramic tour, which will give you an idea of the history, monuments, characteristics, and customs of Madrid. You will have the opportunity to see all different and interesting views of Madrid from “Borbones, Austrias, Isabelino” and the contemporary quarters of Madrid to the Barrio de la Morería (Moorish Quarter), the architecture of the old Madrid, the elegant squares, Oriente, España, University Campus, Casa de Campo, Mayor Street, Puerta del Sol, Neptuno, Atocha, Alcalá Gate, Retiro Park, the bullring, Colón Square, Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Cibeles Square, and Gran Vía Street.



Celebrate Mass in a local church.

Dinner: Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

DAY 7: Thurs., May 9 – Madrid / Zaragoza

B,D

AM: After breakfast at the hotel you will depart Madrid and travel to Zaragoza. The city of Zaragoza lies between its two cathedrals and spreads down into the Ebro basin of which it is the capital. Zaragoza is Spain’s fifth largest city, equally renowned for its impressive Roman ruins, its modern shopping complexes, and innovative gastronomy.



PM: Sightseeing Tour of Zaragoza

Your tour starts at the central Plaza España or Plaza del Pilar. You will visit the Basilica de Nuestra Señora del Pilar (Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar), the La Seo Cathedral, and see the Ayuntamiento (City Hall). Next you will visit the magnificent Aljafería Palace, one of Spain's most exquisite Islamic buildings.

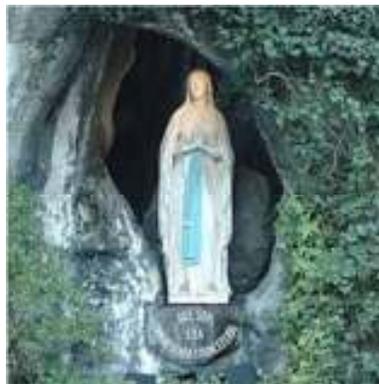
Celebrate Mass in a local church.

Dinner: Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

DAY 8: Fri., May 10 – Zaragoza / Lourdes

B,D

AM: This morning you will travel to Lourdes, the greatest pilgrimage center in the world. Lourdes, the world's most beloved shrine for Catholics, is nestled in a valley in the southwestern part of the Hautes-Pyrénées. On February 11, 1858, the Virgin revealed herself to a poor shepherd girl, Bernadette Soubirous. Eighteen such apparitions were reported. Bernadette died in a convent in 1879. She was beatified in 1925, and then canonized in 1933.



Dinner: Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Tonight you will join in the spectacular Candlelight Procession in Lourdes.

DAY 9: Sat., May 11 – Lourdes

B,D



AM: Walking Tour of Lourdes

After breakfast at the hotel you will Celebrate Mass at the Grotto (subject to availability) where, more than 100 years ago, the Blessed Virgin appeared to Bernadette. Proceed to Rosary Square for a guided tour of the beautiful Our Lady of the Rosary Basilica, which was built between 1883 and 1889. You will also tour the Basilica of St. Pius X, the largest underground Basilica in the world! Walk across the pedestrian bridge over the Le Gave River, to the Church of St.

Bernadette. Visit the little Cachot (former prison cell) where St. Bernadette's family lived at the time of the apparitions. Your next stop is the Museum of St. Bernadette.

PM: The remainder of the day is at leisure for personal devotions, the miraculous baths, and the Candlelight Procession.

Dinner: Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

DAY 10: Sun., May 12 – Lourdes / Barcelona

B,D

AM: This morning you will depart Lourdes and travel to Barcelona, the capital of the ancient principality and modern autonomy of Cataluña. It is one of the most prosperous and dynamic cities of Spain. In Barcelona, history and traditions go hand in hand with emerging fashion and new trends in cuisine, culture and art. Barcelona offers the possibility to enjoy the sea as well as the mountains.

PM: The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or start exploring Barcelona on your own.

Celebrate evening mass in a local church.

Dinner: Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

DAY 11: Mon., May 13 – Barcelona / Montserrat / Barcelona

B,D

AM: Sightseeing Tour of Barcelona

Barcelona is known as the capital of Modernism and the place where the famous architect Antoni Gaudí worked and lived. Gaudí, one of the greatest innovators of his time, has left behind numerous treasures for you to discover. Your tour starts with the Sagrada Família (Holy Family) Basilica, Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece, which is Barcelona's most famous landmark. Admire the richly and symbolically decorated facades.

Next, you will discover Gaudí's bizarre Park Güell, which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is easy to get lost in the whimsical design of compelling public park with a perfect integration of the architectural elements in nature. Continue to Passeig de Gràcia to see Gaudí's famous apartment buildings like Casa Mila "La Pedrera," Casa Batlló and other modernist buildings. Arrive at the Plaza de Catalunya, the starting point of your walking tour of the old city center. You will see the Ramblas, Cathedral Square, the Gothic Quarter, Plaza Sant Jaume where the City hall is located and the headquarters of the Catalanian government.



PM: Excursion to Montserrat

In the afternoon you will enjoy an excursion to Montserrat. After driving through picturesque little villages you will arrive at the incomparable setting of the mountain of Montserrat, which rises majestically to 4,051 feet. Visit the Royal Basilica of Montserrat, which holds the famous 12th century Romanesque carving of Virgen Moreneta, the Black Virgin. The Royal Basilica has been one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Spain for hundreds of years.



Return to Barcelona.

Celebrate Mass in a local church.

Dinner: Enjoy a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant.

DAY 12: Tues., May 14 – Barcelona / San Antonio

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Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back to San Antonio. You return with wonderful memories and feeling spiritually renewed.

B=breakfast; D=dinner



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**PRICE FROM SAN ANTONIO: \$4599.00 p/person, double occupancy
\$ 989.00 single room supplement
The price includes all air taxes and fuel surcharges.**

COST INCLUDES

Air: Round-trip airfare from San Antonio, economy class

Hotels: 10 nights in first class hotels, all rooms with private facilities

Meals: Breakfast and dinner daily

Sightseeing: Extensive as per itinerary * All sightseeing in private deluxe motor coaches and includes the services of expert English speaking guides and entrance fees

Tour Director: Experienced English speaking Tour Director will accompany group throughout Spain and France

Transportation & Transfers: In private deluxe motor coaches

Miscellaneous: Hotel taxes and service charges * Baggage handling and portage at the hotels

TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR PRICE: Tour price is based upon current tariff and exchange rates and is subject to change. It is based upon a minimum of 30 fully paid passengers. In the event this minimum is not met a surcharge will be levied.

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSITS:

A deposit (by check) of \$1000 p/person is required at time of registration, along with a signed registration form. A second deposit of \$1000 p/person (by check) is due on or before November 3, 2018. **You will be billed for the balance, which is due on or before January 30, 2019 either by check or money order. All registrations received after January 30, 2019 must be accompanied by full payment.**

CANCELLATION TERMS:

Cancellations received:

Prior to Jan. 3, 2019:	\$200 p/person
From Jan. 3-Jan. 31, 2019:	\$500 p/person
From Feb.1-Feb. 28, 2019:	\$1000 p/person
From March 1, 2019 onward:	No refund

All cancellations must be received in writing.

NOTE: Comprehensive insurance is available to cover trip cancellation and interruption, baggage protection, medical, accidental death & dismemberment and emergency evacuation and repatriation. A descriptive booklet will be mailed to you upon receipt of your deposit.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Economy class via any regular IATA carrier. Any cancellation, itinerary change or failure to use confirmed air space may be subject to penalties levied by the airlines at the time of ticketing. **Air tickets, once issued, are non-refundable. This is in addition to above "Cancellation Terms."**

PASSPORT/VISA REQUIREMENTS: A valid passport is required for all tour members. U.S. citizens do not require visas for travel to Spain and France. If you are not a U.S. citizen call the Consulate of EVERY country you will enter (even in-transit when changing planes) to check on visa requirements. **ALL passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date of the tour.**

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE: Passport, visa, and insurance, All items of a personal nature, beverages and meals not included in the

tour. Gratuities to guides, bus drivers, tour escort, and hotel and restaurant staff. Optional tours and excess baggage charges. Transfers are not included if you arrange your own air. There is no refund for unused land arrangements or any cost incurred through absence or deviation from the stated itinerary for any reason, including illness.

RESPONSIBILITY: FAR HORIZONS, a division of Tzell Travel, NJ and/or their agents, give notice that all tickets issued by them and all arrangements for transport or for hotel accommodations made by them, are made by them as agents for the passenger upon the express condition that they shall not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason of defect of any vehicle conveying the passenger or through the act of default or any company or persons engaged in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or otherwise in connection therewith, or of any hotel, or employee. FH and/or their agents can accept no responsibility for losses or accidental expenses due to delay or changes in schedules, defaults or overbookings by hotels, sickness, weather, strike, war, acts of terrorism or other causes. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger. Baggage is at "owner's risk" throughout the tour unless insured. FH reserves the right to withdraw the tour, or any part of it, to make such alternations in the itinerary as they deem necessary or desirable. FH has no special knowledge or information regarding any supplier insolvency, unsafe conditions, terrorist or social unrest, health hazards or weather hazards, other than what has appeared in the public media. For information about possible dangers at your destination please call the Travel Advisory Section of the State Dept. at (202) 647-5225. For medical information contact the CDC at (877) 394-8747. You hereby release FH from any claims arising from any causes not within our control. By using your tickets, you acknowledge that you have read the foregoing and agree to it.

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RESERVATION REQUEST

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Enclosed is my/our deposit of \$1000.00 p/person for the above Pilgrimage to Spain and Lourdes.

Homeland Security rules require that you provide us with your exact name as it appears on your PASSPORT and your date of birth.

Name: (1) _____
Surname First Name Middle Name

Date of Birth: (1) _____

Name: (2) _____
Surname First Name Middle Name

Date of Birth: (2) _____

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Do you have any food allergies/dietary restrictions? _____

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Your reservation will be considered official only after your full payment has been received. Should you cancel after your reservation has been received, the cancellation penalties in the "Tour Conditions" apply. I/We have read and agree to the terms and conditions which apply to this tour, especially noting the cancellation and responsibility clauses.

Signature: _____ Date: _____