

The Itinerary : Fatima, Burgos, Lourdes and Barcelona

Day 1 – September 2, 2018

Overnight Flight

Travel overnight to Portugal, one of Europe's most hospitable countries. Here you can enjoy a superb climate, historic sites and beautiful scenery.

Day 2 – September 3, 2018

Fatima, Portugal - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Fatima, Portugal's world-famous religious center.

- Dinner
- Hotel De Fatima

Day 3 – September 4, 2018

Fatima - Aljustrel - Santarem - Fatima

You may celebrate Mass* before traveling to the original town of Fatima and the parish church where the children Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia were baptized. Continue on to Aljustrel, where the children lived, and view the site of the fifth apparition in Valinhos. In Santarem, visit the Shrine of the Most Holy Miracle. At the Church of St. Stephen,** see the relic of the miraculous Host, considered among the most important Eucharistic miracles. Later, return to Fatima*** to enjoy free time for personal worship and to explore the basilica and its grounds.

- Breakfast & Dinner
- Hotel De Fatima

Day 4 – September 5, 2018

Fatima - Burgos, Spain

Attend a morning Mass* before travelling east to Burgos, known as the cradle of the Castile region. Situated on the Pilgrim's Road, Burgos stands on the banks of the Rio Arlanzon with the slender, elegant spires of its famous cathedral rising into the sky. Mass* is available this evening.

- Breakfast & Dinner
- Hotel Almirante Bonifaz

Day 5 – September 6, 2018

Burgos

Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour of Burgos' beautiful medieval town center. Spend time at the Cathedral of Burgos, a masterpiece of Spanish Gothic architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage site. The cathedral, the third largest church in Spain, offers such masterpieces as the filigree work in the spires of the towers; the stary dome; the choir; the sarcophagi and the golden staircase. Next, visit the 12th-century Monastery of Santa María Real de las Huelgas. Founded as a Royal Pantheon and a spiritual retreat for society ladies and royalty, the complex consists of the church, monastery and the enclosed premises of the Cistercian nuns. Mass* is available this evening.

- Breakfast & Dinner
- Hotel Almirante Bonifaz

Day 6 – September 7, 2018

Burgos - Lourdes, France

Today you travel northeast through the Pyrenees Mountains to Lourdes. This is where the Virgin Mary appeared in the Grotto of Massabielle to the poor shepherd girl, Bernadette, a total of 18 times between February 11 and July 16, 1858. This little market town has been a world-renowned pilgrimage site ever since. Tonight you may wish to partake in a candlelight procession.**

- Breakfast & Dinner
- Hotel Alba

Day 7 – September 8, 2018

Lourdes

After morning Mass,* enjoy a walking tour of Lourdes, visiting the places associated with the life of St. Bernadette: the "Boly Mill" (site of the birthplace of St. Bernadette), the "Cachot," and the parish church housing the baptismal font of St. Bernadette. Later, at leisure, explore the town's rich historical and natural heritage and be immersed in the atmosphere that reigned during the apparitions and the spirit of brotherhood that is still present today.

- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Hotel Alba

Day 8 – September 9, 2018

Lourdes - Carcassone - Barcelona, Spain

Celebrate Mass* before your journey through southern France's Pyrenees to historic Carcassone. You will feel as though you have gone back in time as you independently explore this well-preserved medieval city. Later, cross back into Spain and travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most fascinating cities.

- Breakfast
- Evenia Rossello Hotel

Day 9 – September 10, 2018

Barcelona

Celebrate Mass* at La Sagrada Familia (crypt), followed by a visit to the elaborate, expansive basilica. Once completed, Gaudi's masterpiece will have 18 towers: 12 dedicated to the apostles, four to the evangelists, one to Jesus and another to Mary. Later, get to know more of the city's treasures including views of Antonio Gaudi's Mila House (UNESCO), the Columbus Monument and Parc de Montjuic. The afternoon is at leisure for independent exploration or an optional excursion to the quaint mountain village of Montserrat. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a dinner celebrating the end of a memorable tour.

- Breakfast & Dinner
- Evenia Rossello Hotel

Day 10 – September 11, 2018

Barcelona - Tour Ends

Return home eager to share vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage.

- Breakfast