

THE MARIAN SHRINES OF PORTUGAL, FRANCE & SPAIN

**With the spiritual leadership of Fr. Gabriel Forero, Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Mississauga
August 22 to September 2, 2024**



We invite you on an Exclusive spiritual and cultural journey of a lifetime! Our 12-day pilgrimage includes Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, Zaragoza, Montserrat & much, much, more... see breathtaking landscapes with palaces, historical sights. Experience local treats and indulge in delicious meals. Pray at beautiful shrines dedicated to Our Lady and Saints, enrich your Catholic faith and open your heart to receive Blessings and Graces along the way that will encourage you throughout your lifelong pilgrimage.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 THURSDAY AUGUST 22

FLIGHT TO LISBON

We will fly from Toronto to Lisbon aboard Air Canada. Relax and enjoy your flight with complimentary meals and entertainment on board. Group seating for our flight will be assigned by the airline.

DAY 2 FRIDAY AUGUST 23

SANTAREM-FATIMA

Welcome to Portugal! Upon arrival and clearing customs and immigration, we meet our professional English-speaking Tour Manager and board our bus to drive us to Fátima, where the Blessed Mother appeared in 1917 to three simple shepherd children and exhorted mankind to pray for world peace. On the way, we will stop in the town of Santarem to venerate the 13th century Eucharistic Miracle at St. Stephens Church. We arrive in Fatima, check-in in our hotel and time to rest. Meet for prayers and Candlelight Procession after dinner.

Overnight: Fatima

Dinner

DAY 3 SATURDAY AUGUST 24

FATIMA

This morning we follow the Stations of the Cross and visit Aljuzrel, where the children's hamlet is still preserved in its original state, and Valinhos where Our Lady appeared after the children's return from prison. We pray at the Little Chapel of Apparitions and visit the tombs of Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia at the Basilica of the Rosary. Free time for private prayers. After dinner you may join the Candlelight Procession

Overnight: Fatima

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4 SUNDAY AUGUST 25

FATIMA-COIMBRA-NAZARE-FATIMA

We visit Coimbra and pray at the Carmelite Convent where Sister Lucia lived until her death in 2005. Next, the coastal village of Nazaré, named after the Biblical "Nazareth" in the IV Century, is Portugal's most famous fishing village. Here you'll have free time to explore, and if you wish taste the local seafood in one of the many restaurants along the beach. Back in Fatima, enjoy free time for private devotion.

Overnight: Fatima

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5 MONDAY AUGUST 26

ALBA DE TORMES-AVILA

We depart from Fatima and travel into Spain through spectacular scenery of the Castilla y la Mancha countryside towards Alba de Tormes, it was here that St. Teresa died in 1582. We pray at the Carmelite Convent and see two of her most sacred relics, her left arm and her heart along with relics of Saint John of the Cross. We drive to the walled city of Ávila and get settled in our hotel for the next 2 nights.

Overnight: Avila

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6 TUESDAY AUGUST 27

AVILA

Surrounded by perfectly preserved XI Century walls, this is where St. Teresa was born and where she founded the Order of Carmelites. Her appearance and energy can be seen throughout the city, quite difficult to miss. From the pen of St. Teresa, these words of hers reverberate within and without: **"It is love alone that gives worth to all things."** We pray at the Monastery of the Incarnation and the convent of St. Teresa, where the saint experienced her remarkable vision of the angel. There is a bronze statue of the Saint outside the convent church, and perhaps a pilgrimage to Avila is not complete without a photo with her in front of this church. The afternoon is free for a little rest and explore the hidden treasures of the city at your own pace.

Overnight: Avila

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7 WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28

AVILA-LOYOLA-LOURDES

Departure for Loyola, the birthplace of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. Pray at the 17th-century Basilica dedicated to St. Ignatius and visit his home. Continue the journey into France and arrive in Lourdes. Tonight you may join in the Candlelight Procession and pray the Rosary.

Overnight: Lourdes

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8 THURSDAY AUGUST 29

LOURDES

During our stay in Lourdes, we will have an opportunity to pray at the Grotto and walk in the footsteps of St. Bernadette. We will see the Boly Mill where St. Bernadette was born, pray for the sick, drink water from the miraculous spring and visit the healing baths. After dinner you may join the Candlelight Marian Procession.

Overnight: Lourdes

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9 FRIDAY AUGUST 30

LOURDES-ZARAGOZA-MONTSERRAT

We depart for Zaragoza and pray at one of Spain's most important Marian Shrines dedicated to Our Lady of the Pilar. The shrine is built on the site where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. James the Apostle on his way to northwestern Spain. Accompanied by celestial music, angels and a brilliant light, Our Lady encouraged St. James and his disciples on their journeys. This apparition was unlike any other, because when Our Lady appeared to St. James, she was still living on earth in Jerusalem. During the vision, St. James was given a wooden statue which is now in the center of the Basilica. In the afternoon we travel to Montserrat, home of the Black Madonna - affectionately known in Catalonia as La Morenita. Our hotel, an old monastery building, has provided accommodation to pilgrims since 1563. We get settled in our rooms and attend the Rosary and Vespers before dinner.

Overnight: Montserrat

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10 SATURDAY AUGUST 31

MONTSERRAT-BARCELONA

After praying at the Monastery of Montserrat we journey to Barcelona. Enjoy a panoramic tour including the Plaça de Catalunya and Paseo de Gracia. We check-in at our hotel and enjoy free time to explore on our own, do some shopping, walk around the Ramblas or visit the Boqueria Market for a tasty lunch.

Overnight: Barcelona

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11 SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1

BARCELONA

Our last day of pilgrimage. We celebrate closing prayers at the unfinished Basilica de la Sagrada Familia, one of the most magnificent churches in the world. We break for lunch and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Tonight, we celebrate a Farewell Dinner.

Overnight: Barcelona

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 12 MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2

FLIGHT HOME

At the agreed time, transfer to the airport for our return flight. **END OF OUR PILGRIMAGE.**

Breakfast

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$ 4,985.00 CAD

Price includes Fuel Surcharge & Airport Taxes (\$ 795.76 CAD) and are subject to change without notice until the time of ticketing. Staying in an individual room pay \$ 880 CAD Supplement--See next page for complete list of inclusions



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THE TOUR INCLUDES

- ✓ Round trip airfare from Toronto
- ✓ 10-night accommodation in First Class hotels double occupancy (3* hotel in Montserrat), std room
- ✓ Breakfast and Dinner daily
- ✓ Mineral water and a glass of local wine with all dinners
- ✓ Private coach transportation throughout
- ✓ Entrance fees, tours and visits with English speaking escort/guide
- ✓ Daily Mass and/or Spiritual activities
- ✓ Hotel taxes and service charges
- ✓ Fuel surcharge & Airport taxes (at time of printing \$ 795.76 CAD, subject to change at any time without notice until time of ticketing)

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- ✓ Lunches
- ✓ Passports: Canadian Citizens require only a passport valid for minimum 6 months after the return date
- ✓ Gratuities to guides, drivers and other local staff: **Eur 150.00** (cash only) per participant collected ahead for your convenience
- ✓ Costs of personal nature, optional tours, excess baggage charges
- ✓ Insurance for medical, Cancellation and Interruption, baggage (strongly recommended)

BOOKING

A \$ 400 non-refundable deposit is required at time of booking. If you opt to purchase Non-Medical or All-Inclusive insurance, it must be purchased at time of first deposit. Bookings after **May 8, 2024** are subject to availability and full payment is due at time of booking.

PLEASE NOTE ALL PAYMENTS ARE 100% NON- REFUNDABLE.

CANCELLATIONS AND CHANGES

If you must cancel, Gateways International must be informed in writing immediately. A \$75 CAD fee will be applied for any changes you wish to make to the group's itinerary. Changes after full payment is received will be treated as cancellations.

PHYSICAL HEALTH

Participants on this tour take full responsibility for being fully able to participate in the daily scheduled activities of the group, noting that tours organized by Gateways International require physical fitness. There is daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, and at times sidewalks and uneven terrain. One may choose not to participate in parts of the sightseeing; however, there is no refund for missed sightseeing.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL HEALTH & CANCELLATION INSURANCE

CAD \$Premium per person	All-Inclusive	Non-Medical	Staying in single room add
up to 59 years	334.00	294.00	41.00
60-64 years	405.00	334.00	48.00
65-69 years	488.00	370.00	56.00
70-74 years	647.00	423.00	63.00
75-79 years	978.00	602.00	97.00

- ✓ All-Inclusive Worldwide Plan provides coverage for cancellation and interruption up to sum insured, trip delay, \$ 10 million emergency medical, baggage & personal effects, baggage delay, personal money loss, passport loss, airlift accident and travel accident. When the travel advisory is not into effect, Emergency Medical coverage for COVID-19 will be available only for fully vaccinated individuals or those not medically eligible.
- ✓ See the [Policy Brochure](#) for the full description and eligibility.
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- ✓ Premium per person is subject to change without prior notice

All participants must hold Trip Cancellation/Interruption + Emergency Medical Insurance to travel with us. Proof of coverage if purchased elsewhere must be provided at the time of booking.

All participants must comply with the travel regulations and guidelines of Public Health and the Ministry of Health of each country we visit. Proof of vaccination and further testing MAY be required at time of travelling.

Please contact us if you live outside the Province of Ontario and for other types of coverage.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage (Psalm 84)

FR. GABRIEL FORERO, PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARIAN SHRINES – AUG. 22 TO SEPT. 2, 2024 DEPOSIT REGISTRATION FORM – COPY OF PASSPORT REQUIRED

Name (as per passport): First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address: _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Dietary restrictions: _____ Do you have any Medical problems? _____

Passport #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ ☐ Enclosed is a photocopy of my passport (page showing name and photo)

☐ I have a roommate ☐ I need a roommate (subject to availability) ☐ I want to travel Single, **Pay \$ 880 CAD Supplement**

Emergency Contact in Canada #1: Phone _____	Email _____	Relationship _____
Emergency Contact in Canada #2: Phone _____	Email _____	Relationship _____

☐ Enclosed is my **deposit of \$400 CAD** – By eTransfer to accounting@gateways-international.com or by cheque payable to Gateways International, for credit card complete below

☐ I authorize Gateways International to charge the deposit of **\$400 CAD** now and/or balance (plus or minus changes in Airport taxes and supplements if applicable) on my credit card listed below by **May 8, 2024**.

Credit Card Type: VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____ AMERICAN EXPRESS _____ Card Number _____

CVV _____ Exp. Date _____ Name as it appears on credit card _____

Signature _____ Date _____

INSURANCE: Please add the following Travel Insurance to my package (Payment will be collected separately)

☐ All-Inclusive Worldwide Plan ☐ Non-Medical Plan ☐ I decline insurance. Proof of my own Emergency Medical & Cancellation/ Interruption policy attached.

My signature below indicates that I have read and agreed to the Terms and Conditions outlined by Gateways International in this brochure. I also understand that Gateways International strongly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation and interruption insurance, which is not included in the trip price, and that Gateways International's cancellation policy cannot be waived for any reason. If I do not purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance, I will not hold Gateways International liable in any matter that would have been covered or not by this added insurance.

Signature Participant: _____ **Date:** _____

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