



Our Lady of Fatima Basilica

12 Day/11 Night Pilgrimage from

Fatima to Lourdes

Plus Loyola, Nevers, Paris, more!

Suggested Travel Dates:

April 21-May 2, 2008
September 8-19, 2008



Gave de Pau River & Lourdes Basilica

Cost on request

Mass celebrated daily at selected sites.

Cost Includes:

- Round trip air;
- One way TGV fast rail Lourdes/Paris;
- 10 Nights at great, centrally located hotels in private rooms with two beds & private bath;
- 2 meals daily (breakfast daily; 9 hotel dinners & 1 lunch);
- Comprehensive sightseeing as described in itinerary on page 2 by private, deluxe coaches with English speaking escorts, local guides, entrance fees;
- Hotel taxes & services;
- Porterage of one bag per person.

Limited Single Rooms may be available at a supplement of \$700

NOT INCLUDED: Items not specified above, e.g. most lunches & 1 dinner ; optional sightseeing; optional cancellation insurance (\$175), group gratuities (we recommend collecting \$100 per person prior to departure); items of a personal nature, passport & visa (if applicable) fees; air taxes & fuel surcharges, which will be added to final invoice—\$260 effective 10/06, subject to change.

Led by:
(Group Leader Here)

Celebrate 150th Anniversary Of Lourdes Apparitions in 2008!

- ◆ **Portugal:** *St. Anthony of Padua's birthplace; Santa Rem Eucharistic Miracle; Our Lady of Fatima and Aljuster village; UNESCO World Heritage site Batalha Monastery.*
- ◆ **Spain:** *Salamanca Cathedral; St. Ignatius Loyola's birthplace in Basque country.*
- ◆ **France:** *Our Lady of Lourdes and sites associated with the life of St. Bernadette; the Saint's tomb in Nevers; Miraculous Medal Chapel and Notre Dame in Paris.*

To Join, call : 000-000-0000 Email:

Add \$175 per person optional Cancellation Insurance to above rate at time of deposit to cover cancel fees in event of medical emergency.

BOOKING FORM

Grp #2712 From Fatima to Lourdes Pilgrimage . Enclosed is deposit of \$____ (\$350 per person + \$175 optional insurance) for __# of persons due immediately to secure your place. Final payment is due on receipt of invoice on _____.

Checks payable to: **GTA TOURS**

Mail to:
(Organization's address here)

Name: (Mr./Mrs./Ms) _____
Enter your legal name as it appears on passport—no nicknames, please!

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

___Twin Room ___Single Room @ \$700 Supplement ___Triple Room

Sharing room with _____ **Valid U.S. Passport Required**

Business Telephone _____ E Mail: _____

Home Telephone _____

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1/MON—DEPART

DAY 2/TUE-ARRIVE LISBON/FATIMA. On arrival, meet English-speaking guide and transfer to the medieval "Alfama" district of Portugal's lovely capital city. Celebrate Mass at the birthplace chapel of St. Anthony of Padua, enjoy some free time to eat lunch on your own, then transfer to nearby Fatima, site where the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children. (D)

DAY 3/WED—FATIMA. In the morning, visit the spectacular Shrine including Apparition Chapel, the Basilica and nearby Aljuster village, where the children were born. Pray the Way of the Cross. Join the evening candlelight procession to the site of the apparitions which occurred monthly: May 13 to Oct. 13, 1917. (B,D)

DAY 4/THU—NAZARE, BATALHA, OBIDOS. Today explore the glorious countryside around Fatima: Visit the Church of the Holy Miracle in Santarem, site of a Eucharistic miracle; the fascinating Batalha Monastery, a medieval masterpiece and UNESCO World Heritage site. Stop at the charming hill town of Obidos, once a summer retreat for royalty. Return to Fatima. (B,D)

DAY 5/FRI—FATIMA/SALAMANCA. In the morning, depart eastward out of Portugal, crossing into Spain, skirting Extremadura Province, homeland of the Conquistadors to Salamanca, the great university city for Castilian Spain. Tour the beautiful Plaza Mayor, considered to be one of the finest squares in Europe and visit the Cathedral, built in Romanesque style and dating from the 12th century. (B,D)

DAY 6/SAT—SALAMANCA/VALLADOLID/BURGOS/EIBAR(LOYOLA). Travel northeasterly today stopping at the interesting city of Valladolid, where St. Teresa of Avila founded one of her convents and Burgos, a medieval gem noted at the birthplace of 11th century knight, El Cid and as pilgrim stop on the famous Way of St James. In the afternoon arrive in Basque country to spend the night in Eibar, very close to Azpeitia (Loyola), birthplace of St. Ignatius, founder of the Jesuit Order. (B,D)

DAY 7/SUN—LOYOLA/SAN SEBASTIAN/LOURDES. In the morning, visit the Monastery at Aranzazu, where the Saint received his first "illumination" while walking from Azpetia. Continue to Loyola to visit the Jesuit Sanctuary, which houses a chapel, residence, religious library and small castle where Ignatius was born. After lunch, depart for the elegant seaside resort of San Sebastian. Enjoy an afternoon stroll with vacationers for all over Spain, then continue by modern highway through the Pyrenee Mountains to Lourdes, the most spectacular of Marian shrine visited by more than 5 million pilgrims a year. (B,D)

DAY 8/MON—LOURDES. Morning walking tour of the shrine and the town include the Grotto, the Basilicas and site associated with the life of St Bernadette. In the afternoon, there is free time to take the Baths. Afternoon Blessed Sacrament Procession and evening Candlelight Procession. (B,D)

DAY 9/TUE—LOURDES (BARTRES). Free time in the morning. In the afternoon take a coach ride into the beautiful Pyrénée Mountains to the small village of Bartres for a walking tour to sites where St. Bernadette spent a part of her childhood as shepherdess. Visit the farm where she lived. Continue to the charming St. Savin Abbey, an historic rest stop on the Way of St. James. (B,D)

DAY 10/WED—LOURDES/NEVERS. Morning transfer to the rail station to board the 5 hour speed train to Paris enjoying a comfortable and scenic ride to France's capital. On arrival, meet English speaking guide and board private coach to the small town of Nevers, where St. Bernadette lived after the apparitions. On arrival, celebrate Mass at the Saint's tomb and visit the convent. (B,D)

DAY 11/THU—NEVERS/PARIS. Enjoy a leisurely drive back to Paris, stopping for an included festive farewell lunch en route. On arrival in Paris, visit the fabulous Latin Quarter on the River Seine, tour Notre Dame Cathedral and pray at Miraculous Medal Chapel on Rue du Bac. The evening is free for independent activities. (B,L)

DAY 12/FRI—PARIS/USA. (B)

Itinerary Subject to Modification.

B-Breakfast; L-Lunch; D-Dinner. Mass will be celebrated at selected sites.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

TOUR PRICING reflects a cash discount, there is a 3.5 % surcharge for payment by credit card—Mastercard or Visa.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Regularly scheduled economy class service on any IATA or ARC carrier. Air transportation based on fares in effect OCT '06, subject to change.

TARIFF & EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS: All tour prices herein are quoted in U.S. dollars and are based on tariffs and exchange levels in effect OCT '06. Rates are subject to adjustment in the event of any changes in these tariffs and exchange levels.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Rooms with two beds and private facilities throughout.

DOCUMENTS: Carry valid U.S. passport and another photo ID.

CANCELLATIONS: Refunds will be handled promptly and will be made for cancellations received in writing up to 90 days prior to departure less a \$100 administration fee. In addition, airline tickets are nonrefundable from the day they are issued, which is sometimes several months before departure. Cancellation fees: 90-45 days prior: \$800; 45-10 days prior: up to total cost.

BAGGAGE: One (1) standard size checked suitcase and carry-on that will fit under aircraft seat.

GROUP SIZE: Rates herein are based on a minimum of 31 passengers.

RESPONSIBILITY: The travel agent and the tour operator, GTA TOURS d/b/a/ GTA TOURS, POB 1008, Madison, CT 06443, Tel: 203-245-8980, or their agents act(s) only as

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