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Fatima

Santiago De Compostela

Lourdes

28 August ~ 6 September 2012
9 Nights

Accompanied by Spiritual Director

Price: €874

And €25 insurance (optional)

Fly one way to Lisbon with return flight from Lourdes

Day 1: Tuesday, 28 August 2012

Depart Dublin Airport for flight to Fatima.

The village of **Fatima** in Portugal is a renowned place of pilgrimage, home to one of the world's most famous Marian Shrines.

It was in a place called Cova da Iria that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children, Lucia Santos and her cousins Jacinta Marto and Francisco Marto, on 13 May 1917 and on the 13th day of the five following months. Our Lady of Fatima – or Our Lady of the Rosary, as the apparition identified herself to the three children – told the children that she had been sent by God with a message for every man, woman and child living and promised that Heaven would grant peace to all the world if her request for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed.

Check into hotel for 3 nights full board.

Day 2~3: Wednesday, 29 August: Thursday, 30 August 2012

In Fatima. Visits to Chapel of the Apparitions, Cova da Iria, Valinhos, Laca do Cabeco, homes of the visionaries, the old Parish Church, Rosary Basilica where lies the remains of Francisco and Jacinta and the chapel of perpetual adoration. We also do the Hungarian Way of the Cross and visit Dominican Convent and Wax Museum.

Those taking the optional tour depart for Santarem and Lisbon. In Santarem we will visit the Church of the Holy Miracle, scene of the famous Eucharistic Miracles in the 13th Century, the monument of St Irene who is believed to have had associations with Cova Da Iria in Fatima. Portas Do Sol a famous Belvedere looking down on River Tagus. In Lisbon we will visit the Church of St Anthony and also the Crypt which contains the very room in which the Saint was born. The Cathedral of Lisbon which still contains the Baptismal Font of St Anthony. The Church of Jeronimos the most beautiful example of Manueline Architecture in Portugal. Lunch in the hotel for those not on tour.

Day 4: Friday, 31 August 2012

In morning depart for Santiago de Compostela.

Santiago de Compostela (also Saint James of Compostela) is the capital of the autonomous community of Galicia and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Located in the north west of Spain in the Province of A Coruña, it was a "European City of Culture" for the year 2000. The city's Cathedral is the destination today, as it has been throughout history, of the important 9th century medieval pilgrimage route, the Way of St. James (Galician: *Camión de Santiago*, Spanish: *Camino de Santiago*). The Archdiocese of Santiago de Compostela hosted one of the Catholic World Youth Day gatherings.

Check into hotel for 2 nights dinner, bed and breakfast.

Day 5: Saturday, 1 September 2012

In Santiago De Compostela visits to places associated with St. James . This University city and market town its origin to the fervent devotion of Pilgrims to St. James. We see the magnificent Cathedral with the tomb of St. James, Palace of Gelmirez, Church of Santa Maria del Sar Royal Hospital and the Monastery of San Martin Pinario.

Day 6: Sunday, 2 September 2012

After breakfast depart Santiago De Compostela for **Santander**, travelling via Bilbao. Santander a colorful Spanish city with impressive architectural features. The Cathedral Santander's oldest building is a splendid gothic structure. Check into hotel for 1 night dinner, bed and breakfast.

Day 7: Monday, 3 September 2012

After breakfast depart Santander to **Lourdes**.

It was the events of 11 February 1858 that changed the future Lourdes, a small rural town, hidden in the Pyrénées. On that day a young girl of 14 years, Bernadette Soubirous, went with her sister and another girl to gather wood along the banks of the river Gave. Above an open cave Bernadette saw "A Beautiful Lady". She appeared to her eighteen times between 11th February and 16th July. But it was the words that were spoken on the 13th apparition that were to be decisive for the future of Lourdes: *"Go tell the priests to build a chapel here and come here in procession"*. It was not until the sixteenth apparition on 25th March that the "Lady" revealed herself: *"I am the Immaculate Conception"*.

Check into hotel for 3 nights full board.

Day 8 ~ 9: Tuesday, 4 September: Wednesday, 5 September 2012

In Lourdes. Visits to Grotto, Baths, Basilicas and take part in the Blessing of the Sick, Blessed Sacrament and Torchlight processions. There will also be a short walking tour to places associated with St Bernadette inc. Boly Mills, Cachot, Hospice, Parish Church, Cemetery etc.

Day 10: Thursday, 6 September 2012

Transfer to Lourdes Airport for return flight to Dublin.

The above is the proposed programme and could be subject to change

Transport & Accommodation included:

- Direct flight from Dublin to Lisbon
- Transfer on arrival to hotel in Fatima
- 3 nights accommodation in 3 star hotel in Fatima
- Breakfast, lunch and evening meal served each day at hotel
- Transfers to Santiago de Compostela and Santander hotels
- Breakfast and evening meal served on each hotel
- Transfer to hotel in Lourdes
- 3 nights accommodation in 3 star hotel in Lourdes
- Breakfast, lunch and evening meal served each day at hotel
- Transfer to Lourdes airport for direct flight to Dublin
- Luxury air-conditioned coach for all transfers and tours

Tours & religious programme included:

- Guided walking tour of Lourdes visiting places associated with St. Bernadette. Guided visit to the Grotto, Baths and Basilicas
- Half day coach tour to Aljustrel, Valinhos etc., whilst in Fatima
- Guided tour of the Sanctuary Square
- Half-day sightseeing tour of Fatima visiting the places relating to the children and the locations of Apparitions
- Full religious programme organised by Joe Walsh Tours / Cara

Optional:

- Full day tour of Lisbon
- Full or half day tour of Nazare or Half day tour of Santrem
- Full or half day tour of Coimbra or Half day tour of Ortiga/Ourem
- Optional insurance €25 (conditions apply). Please note that there is an additional insurance premium for €25 of passengers aged 86 to 94 years

Notes:

- Price per person sharing twin/double rooms with facilities
- Price is inclusive of taxes and charges
- Single rooms are on request at a supplement of €30 per night
- A non-refundable deposit of €200 is required for booking
- English speaking guide throughout the tour
- Porterage at airport and hotels included in price
- Full assistance of Joe Walsh Tours representative at airports

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