

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE WALKING WITH ST. IGNATIUS

ITALY, VATICAN, FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL

INCLUSIONS what your tour price of \$5400 CAD includes

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AIRFARE- Return Economy Class Group Airfare as per the Itinerary

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ACCOMMODATION In 3* Hotels (Twin Bedded Room)

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MEALS - Continental Buffet Breakfast, Packed/ Buffet Lunches & Dinners as Mentioned.

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Services of Royale Orchid Tour Manager or/ and Local Guides in Select Cities.

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SIGHTSEEING & ENTRANCE Fees, Transfers, Surface Transportation As Mentioned By A Deluxe AC/Air Cool Coach.

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DAILY MASS AT UNFORGETTABLE locations

EXCLUSIONS

- Any increase in Airfare, Visa Fees, Airport & Govt Taxes and the rate of exchange leading to an increase in surface transportation and land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure. The tour price is subject to increase, without notice.
- Any expenses such as Tourist Tax and of personal nature such as portorage, laundry expenses, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menus provided by us, mini-bar, telephone calls, tips to the drivers, hotel waiters, local guides etc. are to be borne by the passengers. Meals are pre-set and a choice of menu is not available.
- Anything not mentioned in "What your Tour Price Includes box"
- Tips: @ 75 Euro per person for the entire duration of your tour.
- Any change in date of travel/ deviation from original group travel dates that will result in an increase in airfare and applicable taxes.
- Personal Insurance.

BOOKINGS AND DEPOSITS - You must complete and sign the official Royale Orchid Booking form given below and read terms and conditions of the tour below. Please enclose an initial non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person (adult / child) towards the cost of the tour. All cheques must be payable to Royale Orchid Tours and Holidays upon which you will receive an official receipt. Your receipt is written confirmation of your tour. However, it is not valid for travel on tour.

BALANCE PAYMENTS - Balance payments towards the costs of the tour must reach us at least 90 days prior to departure of the tour Date.

AMENDMENTS - A transfer from one tour to another will be treated as a cancellation from a tour and a fresh booking of another. Therefore, cancellation rules will apply. Tour Itinerary/ Hotel/ Airlines/ Flights/ routes are subject to change without prior information.

CANCELLATION - All services such as airline seats / hotel accommodation / ground transportation are pre-booked well in advance. We are liable to pay penalties to all our suppliers/ vendors if these services are released within the mentioned period.

If cancellation is made:

90 - 61 days prior to departure - 25% of tour package price less Deposit

60 - 46 days prior to departure - 50% of tour package price less Deposit

45 days or less prior to departure - 100% of tour package price

DAY 1 - DEPARTURE FROM CANADA

Pack your bags and set off on your tour. We will be travelling by Air Canada to Lisbon.

DAY 2 - LISBON, PORTUGAL - FATIMA

On arrival at Lisbon Airport we clear all formalities and proceed to board our coach for Lunch and a guided sightseeing tour of Lisbon, the bustling capital City of Portugal. See the enormous monument dedicated to Henry the navigator, as well as the 16th century Belem Tower, the Moorish Citadel, and the impressive Black Horse Square. Visit the CATHEDRAL LA SE where St. Anthony was baptized, and JERONIMOS MONASTERY, which dates back to the mid-1400's and was built in reverence to the Virgin Mary for Vasco de Gama's successful voyage to India. Later we proceed onwards to Fatima. As we drive to Fatima, the excitement mounts as we draw closer to Our Mother. This evening enjoy a delicious Dinner. Overnight at the hotel in Fatima

DAY 3 - FATIMA

This morning after breakfast, we visit the village and home of the three children Jacinta, Lucia and Francisco. Then we proceed on a tour of the Square (the largest square in Christendom) including the sites of the Apparitions, Rosary Basilica with the tombs of the visionaries and the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and other main sites. Later follow along the beautiful Way of the Cross along the Via Sacra (The Sacred Way) culminating in the chapel of Calvary, which overlooks all of Fatima, rest of the day is free for you to visit the holy places on your own. Dinner and overnight at Fatima



DAY 4 - FATIMA - SALAMANCA

After breakfast, board your coach to begin your journey to Loyola via the bustling university town of Salamanca in Spain. Sit back and enjoy the drive through the beautiful and scenic countryside. Salamanca, known as the Golden City owing to the colour of its historic sandstone buildings. We visit La Clerencia, a church and college of the Jesuit Order, constructed in the seventeenth century; La Casa de las Conchas, currently a public library, but also a monument noted and decorated by its shells, symbolizing the ever-famous pilgrimage to Santiago (El Camino); the University of Salamanca, the oldest University in Spain and the third oldest in Europe; the two joint Salamanca Cathedrals (old and new), one of a Gothic/Romanesque style and the other a Renaissance style, respectively; the Roman Bridge, extending along the River Tormes, is a national monument and among one of Salamanca's sturdiest bridges; La Iglesia de San Marcos, constructed in Romanesque style, containing breathtaking paintings that portray many scenes of Our Lady's life. Overnight in Salamanca.

DAY 5 - SALAMANCA - LOYOLA

Today after breakfast we proceed to Loyola known locally as the town of Azpeitia, the village of St. Ignatius' birth: While in Loyola we will visit significant sites associated with Ignatius, the 17th century Sanctuary of Loyola, one of the world's most unusual Baroque constructions. The sanctuary was built in honour of St. Ignatius. The sanctuary complex also includes the ancestral home of the Loyola family, where the saint was born; the medieval parish church of San Sebastián de Soreasu where he was baptized, the hermitage of Our Lady of Olatz, where he used to pray. Also, enjoy the countryside, walk, and meditate. Evening Mass in the Chapel of Conversion. Overnight in Loyola

DAY 6 - LOYOLA - PAMPLONA- LOYOLA

Today after breakfast we will visit the town of Pamplona where St Ignatius was gravely injured in the leg at the Battle of Pamplona and where, during his long convalescence, he underwent a profound and gradual spiritual conversion. This is a city full of history and deep-rooted traditions. The streets and squares of its historic quarter still preserve a significant collection of monumental buildings dominated by its churches and medieval walls. After Lunch we will return to Loyola. Free time later in the afternoon to enjoy the countryside, walk, and meditate. Dinner and Overnight in Loyola

DAY 7 – ONWARDS TO LOURDES – MOTHER DEAREST, WE COME TO THEE....

Early morning, we board our coach to Lourdes, packed lunch will be provided. Sit back in the comfort of your coach and watch the countryside fly by as we zoom towards Lourdes. We arrive in the picturesque Lourdes, the birthplace of St. Bernadette to whom Our Lady appeared in 1859 near the Grotto of Massabielle. After dinner, proceed for the evening rosary at the Grotto, a spiritually uplifting moment. Overnight at your hotel in Lourdes.



DAY 8 – LOURDES – A DAY WITH OUR MOTHER

After breakfast, the day is free for personal activities. Connect with the Lord during mass at the awe inspiring underground Basilica of St. Pius X, learn and be inspired by the story of Lourdes and walk in the footsteps of St. Bernadette at the movie presentation. Walk the station of the Cross on the mountain overlooking Lourdes, visit the relic room and drink from the water of the miraculous spring. Continue with your visits to the shrine till late evening. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Lourdes.

DAY 9 – LOURDES – ZARAGOZA

After breakfast we board our coach to Zaragoza and visit the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar, the name given to the Blessed Virgin Mary who supernaturally appeared to the Apostle St James the Greater in AD 40 while he was preaching. This was the first Marian Apparition, although it is unique because it is the only one to have occurred while Mary was still alive on Earth. Overnight in Zaragoza

DAY 10 – ZARAGOZA – MONTSERRAT – MANRESA

Today after breakfast we proceed to Manresa and we will also visit the pilgrimage site of Montserrat and its countryside. Situated 4,055 feet above sea level in a mountain range composed of striking pink conglomerate a form of sedimentary rock, this is the site of the Benedictine abbey that boasts the Black Virgin of Montserrat Sanctuary, patron saint of Catalonia. Here, Ignatius remained in an all-night vigil before the altar of the Virgin where he hung up his armament, sword, and all signs of his military past. We'll celebrate Eucharist in the chapel behind the Black Madonna. Dinner & overnight Manresa



DAY 11 – MANRESA – BARCELONA

Today enjoy a guided sightseeing tour which includes a drive around Montjuic to see the Olympic Stadium and a great panoramic view of the port and city. Continue to the city center's Plaza Catalunya and Paseo de Gracia to admire Gaudi's eccentric Houses Batllo and Mila as well as his SAGRADA FAMILIA, an unfinished architectural masterpiece that is still a consecrated expression of the Catholic faith. Dinner & overnight in Manresa

DAY 12 – BARCELONA – VENICE

Today we check out of our hotel and fly from Barcelona to Venice. Overnight in Venice / Padua

DAY 13 – VENICE / PADUA

After breakfast, we embark on a half day trip to magnificent Venice. We proceed to take a Vaporetto (water taxi) or our own private boat to this charming city built atop 118 tiny islands without streets, crisscrossed by 160 canals and linked by 400 footbridges. Explore all the sights and sounds of St. Mark's Square, the Basilica was built to house the Saints remains, the Bell Tower and the Palace of the Doges. Stop for a photograph at the Bridge of Sighs, feed the pigeons or visit the World-famous Murano Glass Factory and learn the art of glass blowing. We have Lunch in Venice and then proceed to Padua to visit the magnificent Basilica of St. Anthony. Walk through the beautiful Padua Square with its lovely gardens and fountains. Later after a delicious dinner overnight in Padua

DAY 14 – ROME –ASSISI- ROME

Today after breakfast, we board our coach and drive towards Rome, en route we will visit the quaint town of Assisi. On arrival at Assisi we will explore this hilltop town and walk the narrow winding streets with its story book stores and shops. Towering above the town is the Basilica that still retains something of the atmosphere of the early 1200s. Take in the view of the countryside from the top of the huge 13th century Basilica which also has many of St. Francis' possessions and a series of frescoes depicting his life. Then a short walk takes you to the Basilica of St. Clare, who was one of his most devoted followers.



After lunch we board our coach and proceed towards Rome, on our way we will visit the Chapel of St. Ignatius - mark the place outside the city where Ignatius, on his way to Rome, stopped to pray and received his mysterious vision of Christ and the Father.

Later we will visit Capitoline Hill overlooking the Forum. The stairs that lead to the square, known as the Cordonata, were designed by Michelangelo (as well as the pavement pattern of the square). Walking along the famous staircase of Michelangelo, we reach the Church of Gesu, the Mother Church of the Order of the Jesuits, which began in 1568. Here is where St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Order of the Jesuits, rests in peace. Here we will celebrate the Mass. We will also visit the Ignatian Rooms that are nearby. Overnight in Rome.

DAY 15 – ROME

This morning after breakfast we will celebrate the Mass in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, the largest church in Rome dedicated to the Virgin Mary. At the Christmas of 1538, Ignatius celebrated his first mass. Then we will visit the Papal Basilica of San Juan de Letran. It was here that St. Francis persuaded Pope Innocent III to give him permission to begin the Franciscan Order. The night before, the Pope had seen a man in a dream, holding the unstable building of St. John Lateran. The next day, when Francis appeared before Pope Innocent, His Holiness recognized the face of the dream and consented to Francis' request. In the vicinity is the Santa Staircase, supposedly the stairs that Christ ascended before his condemnation by Pontius Pilate. We will then visit the Victor Emmanuel Monument, and Tribute is paid to the brave Gladiators of Rome, as you pass the mighty Colosseum. Pass the ruins of the Roman Forum and end at the famous Trevi fountain. Legend has it that if you make a wish and toss a coin over your left shoulder into the fountain, you are sure to return to Rome. Lunch at a local restaurant then some free time for you late afternoon. Dinner and overnight in your Hotel in Rome.

DAY 16 – ROME – VATICAN & PANORAMIC CITY TOUR OF ROME

After breakfast we board our coach to Vatican City, the smallest nation in the World. Today is the Papal audience (subject to no changes to the schedule of the pope).

The most famous square of Vatican City is St. Peter's Square with St Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the World, unsurpassed in beauty to which millions of tourists and pilgrims come from around the world. Gaze in awe at Michelangelo's Pieta and Bernini's amazing bronze canopy.

After a delicious lunch at a Continental restaurant, get into a world like no other in the Vatican Museum, see awe inspiring relics and works of art. The Tapestry gallery, Raphael Rooms and the most overwhelming Sistine Chapel, Michelangelo's masterpiece on the ceiling and his famous last Judgement. Farewell dinner and overnight in Rome



DAY 17 – GOODBYE EUROPE

Today after breakfast, it is time to say goodbye to Europe as you board your coach to the airport for your flight back home. Good times need never end, after your check-in formalities are completed, sit back, relax, and enjoy the in-flight services and meals as you relive the high points of your tour.