

MARIAN EUROPE

Italy, Vatican, France, Spain & Portugal

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 COUNTRIES 16 DAYS
- ROME – GUIDED SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF THE ETERNAL CITY INCLUDING A VISIT TO ST PETER’S BASILICA, VATICAN MUSEUM AND SISTINE
- ASSISI - ORIENTATION TOUR OF THIS BEAUTIFUL TOWN DEDICATED TO ST FRANCIS INCLUDING A VISIT TO THE BASILICA
- VENICE - CRUISE BY PRIVATE BOAT TO VENICE ISLANDS FOR A GUIDED TOUR ENDING WITH A TRADITIONAL GLASS BLOWING DEMONSTRATION
- MONTSERRAT - VISIT OF THE BLACK VIRGIN OF MONTSERRAT SANCTUARY IN BARCELONA SITUATED 4,055 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL
- BARCELONA - A FUN GUIDED IN DEPTH CITY TOUR AROUND MONTJUIC INCLUDING A DRIVE TO THE OVERWHELMING FAMED GOTHIC STRUCTURE OF SAGRADA FAMILIA
- LOURDES - WALK WITH OUR LADY ON THE CANDLE LIGHT PROCESSION IN LOURDES
SPIRITUALLY REFRESHING HOLY BATH IN THE LOURDES WATER
- FATIMA - VISIT THE TOWN OF THE 3 CHILDREN WITH OUR LOCAL EXPERT IN FATIMA
A GUIDED TOUR OF THE SANCTUARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA INCLUDING VISITS TO THE TOMBS OF THE 3 CHILDREN
- LISBON- GUIDED PANORAMIC CITY TOUR VISITING ALL THE FAMOUS SIGHTS IN LISBON
- ALL MEALS INCLUDED BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 01: Departure from Canada

DAY 02: Arrive in Rome

Depart Canada by flight for Italy, on arrival at Rome Airport we clear all formalities and proceed to board our coach to our Hotel in Rome. This evening enjoy a delicious Dinner. Overnight at the hotel in Rome.



DAY 03: 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 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. Rome was not built in a day, the truth of this oft-quoted adage hits you with full force, as we proceed for sightseeing tour of a lifetime. The Basilica of St. John in Lateran, 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. After a delicious dinner, overnight in your Hotel in Rome.



DAY 04: Rome -Assisi – Padua

Today after breakfast, we board our coach and drive towards Padua, 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.

After lunch we board our coach and proceed towards Padua and drive through stretches of olive groves and vineyards to the beautiful city of Padua and the magnificent **Basilica of St. Anthony**. Walk through the beautiful Padua Square with its lovely gardens and fountains. Later after a delicious dinner check into your hotel. Overnight in Padua /Mestre.

DAY 05: Venice – ST. MARKS SQUARE - MURANO GLASS FACTORY – Turin

After breakfast, we embark on a full 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 Dodges**. 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.



Next, it’s on to Turin, en route we enjoy a packed lunch. We arrive into Turin and visit the Holy Shroud, kept in the Royal Chapel of the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist. We also visit the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians, it was originally part of the home for poor boys founded by St. Don Bosco. It contains the remains of Saint John Bosco and 6000 relics of other saints. According to legend a vision of the Virgin Mary appeared in a dream to Saint John Bosco in 1844 and revealed the site of the martyrdom of the Turinese saints. The Basilica was built on the site of their death. After a delicious dinner, overnight at your

Hotel in Turin.

Day 06: Turin - Montpellier

This morning, we proceed to Montpellier.



Day 07: Barcelona

Today after breakfast we 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. Dinner & overnight Barcelona

Day 08: Barcelona

After breakfast 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 Barcelona



Day 09: Barcelona – 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: 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 11: 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 12: Onwards to Spain and Portugal – Fatima via Salamanca

After breakfast, board your coach to begin your journey to Fatima via the bustling university town of Salamanca in Spain. Sit back and enjoy the drive through the beautiful and scenic countryside. We will stop for a packed lunch en route. After lunch continue towards Salamanca, known as the Golden City owing to the colour of its historic sandstone buildings. We arrive into the city late evening and proceed for dinner. Overnight in Salamanca.



DAY 13: Fatima

After breakfast, as we drive to Fatima, the excitement mounts as we draw closer to Our Mother. The atmosphere of intense spirituality and the importance of Fatima have been attested to by the visits of two Popes: Paul VI and Jon Paul II. 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 in Hotel.



DAY 14: Fatima

This morning after breakfast, we visit the village and home of the three children Jacinta, Lucia and Francisco. This afternoon after lunch you have your own personal time to devotion and prayer to our dear Mother. Dinner and overnight at Fatima.

DAY 15: Lisbon

Today after breakfast we head for 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. Overnight at your hotel.



DAY 16: 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.

WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE OF \$5400 CAD INCLUDES

1. AIRFARE- Return Economy Class Group Airfare as per the Itinerary
2. ACCOMMODATION In 3* Hotels (Twin Bedded Room)
3. MEALS - Continental Buffet Breakfast, Packed/ Buffet Lunches & Dinners as Mentioned.
4. Services of Royale Orchid Tour Manager or/ and Local Guides in Select Cities.
5. SIGHTSEEING & ENTRANCE Fees, Transfers, Surface Transportation As Mentioned By A Deluxe AC/Air Cool Coach.

WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- 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
- 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.

PLEASE NOTE

The above cost is based on minimum 30 passengers travelling together.

Tour Itinerary/ Hotel/ Airlines/ Flights/ routes are subject to change without prior information.

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