

# FRANCE, SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

# **Day 01: DEPARTURE FROM CANADA**

#### Day 2: PARIS

We complete immigration and move to our hotel. We then drive to the glittering French capital Paris, the 'City of lights' Dinner and overnight in Paris.



#### DAY 3: PARIS \* CITY TOUR OF PARIS \* VISIT THE EIFFEL TOWER

After breakfast, enjoy a guided panoramic city tour of famous monuments like the Louvre, Garnier's Opera the largest opera theatre in the world, the Place de la Concorde the site of the infamous guillotine, the Champs Elysees one of the most fashionable streets in the world, the Napoleonic Arc de Triomphe and the Palace des Invalides, which is the final resting place of the Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte. Later this afternoon, after lunch end the day taking in the dazzling overview of the glittering city as you ascend by an elevator to the 3rd level of the Eiffel Tower! Elevators take you up on this spectacular ascent providing glimpses of the extraordinary bold architecture of the monument. The 180-meter climb ends with a breathtaking view of Pairs. Evening enjoys delicious dinner at a restaurant. After dinner we proceed to our hotel. Overnight in Paris.

# **Day 4: Paris to Nevers**

We proceed to Nevers, where Bernadette was buried. It was to Bernadette Soubirous, a simple and humble young girl, that the Virgin Mary chose to appear in Lourdes on several occasions in 1858. She presented herself as the Immaculate Conception. Bernadette joined the sisters of Charity of Nevers where she took care of sick and poor people. A poor young girl, chosen among all by the Virgin Mary, she will make her poverty a real wealth: "Jesus alone for Riches" (Sister Bernadette). Evening enjoys delicious dinner at a restaurant.





After dinner we proceed to our hotel. Overnight in Nevers.

DAY 5: Onwards to Lourdes: Lourdes – Mother Dearest, we come to Thee...

Early next morning, we board our coach to Lourdes. Packed breakfast will be provided.

Sit back in the comfort of the 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 1858 near the grotto of Massabielle.

After dinner, proceed for the evening rosary at the Grotto, a spiritual uplifting moment. Overnight in Lourdes.



# DAY 6: Lourdes (A Day with our mother)

After breakfast, 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 path of the stations of the Cross on the mountain overlooking Lourdes, visit the relic room and drink from the water of the miraculous spring. Continue with your visit to the shrine till late evening. After an early dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Lourdes.

# Day 07: Barcelona, Spain

This morning, we proceed to Catalonia's lively and beautiful capital, Barcelona. Dinner & overnight in Barcelona.

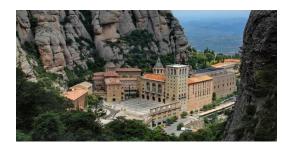


#### Day 08: Barcelona

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 09: 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 10: 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 11: Madrid

Today after breakfast, we will leave Zaragoza and will go to Madrid. Lunch and dinner will be provided.



#### Day 12: Madrid

After breakfast, we will leave for a guided tour. Set out on a half-day tour to visit a pair of Madrid icons, the Prado Museum and the Royal Palace. The Prado Museum is one of the most important art galleries in the world. Its main corpus is nourished by the royal collections treasured for centuries by different imperial dynasties. Together with Las Meninas de Velázquez and Goya's May 3rd 1808, the galleries are full of masterpieces from the Spanish, Italian and Flemish schools. After your visit of the Prado, you'll continue to Madrid's Royal Palace, visiting the largest palace in all

of Western Europe. Built during the 18th century by Felipe V, the first king of the bourbon dynasty, it is used in modern times by the Spanish Crown. As you visit, admire the official reception rooms, the museum area, the Royal Chapel, the Throne Room and the private rooms of King Carlos III and Queen Isabel II. Conclude with a transfer back to your hotel.

#### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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: Continuation of our Lisbon Tour

Lunch and Dinner will be provided.

#### **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 INCLUDES: CAD \$5900 (SINGLE SUPPLEMENT IS CAD \$900)

- 1. AIRFARE: Return economy class group airfare as per the itinerary
- 2. ACCOMMODATION: in First Class Hotels (Twin Bedded Room)
- 3. MEALS: Continental buffet breakfast, packed / buffet Continental lunch and dinners as requested.
- 4. Services of Royale Orchid Tour Manager or / and Local Guides in select cities.
- 5. Sight-seeing & entrance fees, transfers, and surface transportation by a deluxe A/C coach.

#### WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- 1. Any increase in airfare, Visa Fees, Airport Tax & Govt. Tax 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. The tour price is currently calculated at 1 EURO = CAN \$1.5
- 2. Any expense such as local tourist tax, and of personal nature such as porterage, 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.
- 3. Anything not mentioned in "WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES BOX"
- 4. Tips: EURO 120 PER PERSON
- 5. Any change in date of travel / deviation from original group travel dates, which will result in an increase in airfare and applicable taxes.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

The above cost is based on a minimum group of 30 passengers traveling together.

Tour itinerary/Hotel / Airline/ Flights/Route is subject to change without prior information.

For Inquiry, please contact: Brian Andrade at 778-999-4599

# **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 – 60 days prior to departure - 25% of tour package price less deposit

61 – 46 days prior to departure – 50% of tour package price less deposit

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