

Journeys of Faith with Ceci presents
A MARIAN PILGRIMAGE
FEATURING THE SHRINES OF
FRANCE AND FATIMA

with Fr. Nicholas Akindele



October 1-14, 2023
14 Days



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Total Trip Cost

\$4,495.00

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\$895.00

Prices are per person

*Group Air Price based on an estimated cost and a minimum of 10 passengers; subject to change.

Prices are valid only if the deposit is received no later than June 19, 2023

Final payment due August 2, 2023

Trip Code: 23MJ10FRCT

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This active program

requires walking twelve

to fifteen thousand

steps daily, often on

uneven surfaces,

cobblestones, and

some stairs.

DAILY ITINERARY

† October 1, Sunday, DAY 1: DEPART U.S.A.

Depart this evening on an overnight flight from Chicago to Paris. Dinner and breakfast are served on the plane.

† October 2, Monday, DAY 2: PARIS

Welcome to France. We are greeted by our English-speaking tour guide and assisted with the transfer to our hotel. We celebrate Mass at the Chapel of Miraculous Medal, and we visit the Church of St. Vincent de Paul nearby. Then, we enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to relax and get acclimated to a new time zone. Dinner is at the hotel. Overnight in Paris. (D)

† October 3, Tuesday, DAY 3: PARIS

This afternoon we have a panoramic tour of Paris, including the Champs Elysee, the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral (outside view), the Madeleine Church, and Montmartre with its magnificent Sacre Coeur Church, where we celebrate Mass and have time to explore the Basilica. The rest of the day is at leisure. Tonight, enjoy the opportunity to sample some of the local bistro food on your own. Overnight in Paris. (B)

† October 4, Wednesday, DAY 4: PARIS – NEVERS – PARAY LE MONIAL

This morning we drive to Nevers where St. Bernadette lived for twelve years as a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Nevers. The Saint suffered from a number of illnesses such as asthma, tuberculosis of the lungs, and a tubercular tumor in her right knee. For this reason, St. Bernadette received "The Last Sacraments" three times and eventually passed away in 1879, at the age of thirty-five. Visit the Convent of Saint Gildard, celebrate Mass and enjoy lunch before continuing to Macon for dinner and overnight. (B.L.D.)

† October 5, Thursday, DAY 5: PARAY LE MONIAL – ARS

We begin our day with a visit to the Chapel of the Visitation, where Jesus exposed His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, in the seventeenth century. These apparitions allowed St. Margaret to rest herself upon Jesus' Sacred Heart, and to experience the unconditional love for humanity. During our visit to this Holy place, we will have the opportunity to view relics of the beloved Saint, located beneath a wax figure of St. Margaret. In the afternoon, we drive to Ars where we visit the Shrine dedicated to Saint Jean Marie Vianney, the patron saint of the priesthood. We visit the presbytery and the Basilica, where we will find the incorrupt body of the Cure of Ars. Here we celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight in Macon. (B.D.)

† October 6, Friday, DAY 6: PARAY LE MONIAL – AVIGNON

This morning we depart for Avignon, the city once known as the Capital of the Catholic Church, as it was the Papal seat for most of the 14th century. We visit the Palace of the Popes with its many steps and celebrate Mass before settling into our hotel. Overnight Avignon (B.D.)

† October 7, Saturday, DAY 7: LOURDES

Following breakfast, transfer to Lourdes. After time to check into our hotel, we celebrate Mass at the Basilica. In the afternoon we have a walking tour of the Sanctuary, including the Grotto and the Basilica, and we will watch a video presentation explaining the apparitions of Lourdes. This we will join the Candlelight Procession. Overnight in Lourdes. (B.D.)

† October 8 AND 9, Sunday and Monday, DAYS 8 AND 9: LOURDES

We start the day with Mass at the Grotto, followed by a walking pilgrimage schedule, which includes comprehensive spiritual activities. We have the opportunity to bathe in the Baths, where miraculous cures have taken place, and pray Stations of the Cross. We will attend the Blessing of the Sick, and in the we join the spectacular Candlelight Procession where thousands of visitors pray the rosary and sing hymns in honor of the Mother of God. Overnight in Lourdes. (B.D.)

† October 10, Tuesday, DAY 10: LOURDES - AVILA

We depart this morning on the long drive from Lourdes to Avila, the magnificent walled city dedicated to St. Teresa of Avila. Here the atmosphere has changed very little since the days of St. Theresa, to whom the city is dedicated. St. Theresa the great mystic, was the first woman

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to be named a Doctor of the Church. We will visit: the crypt of La Santa Convent, built on the site of the house where she was born; La Encarnacion Convent, where St. Theresa became a nun and home to the most comprehensive museum dedicated to her life. We will see the Cathedral and the Cuatro Postes (four columns) which commemorates St. Teresa, who at the age of seven convinced her brother to run away with her, to die as martyrs in the land of the Moors. Their uncle caught them at this site, Cuatro Postes, and returned them home. Dinner and overnight in Avila. (B.D.)

✝ **October 11, Wednesday, DAY 11: AVILA – FATIMA**

Today we journey through Spain toward Portugal. Late in the afternoon, we arrive in Fatima, one of the most visited pilgrimage sites in the world, which is well-known for the story of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in 1917. Overnight in Fatima. (B.D.)

✝ **October 12, Thursday, DAY 12: FATIMA**

Our walking tour of Fatima includes visiting Aljustrel, where the shepherd children lived, Valinhos, the site of Our Lady's appearance after the children returned from prison, and the Basilica and the tombs of the children on the Cova da Iria. Mass is scheduled at the Little Chapel of Apparitions or at the Basilica. Tonight we participate in the Candlelight and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Overnight in Fatima. (B.D.)

✝ **October 13, Friday, DAY 13: FEAST OF THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN**

This morning we celebrate Mass at the Basilica, pray the Way of the Cross, and see the Chapel of St. Stephen and Lucia's Well, where the Angel spoke to the children. Additional time is dedicated for prayer and reflection. Overnight in Fatima. (B.L.D)

✝ **October 14, Saturday, DAY 14: RETURN TO THE USA**

This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flights home. (B.)



YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare from Chicago to Paris x Lisbon to Chicago
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- First-class hotels for 12 nights
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Buffet breakfast daily
- 2 lunches in a restaurant with wine
- 10 hotel dinners at the hotels (standard 3-course menu, beverages available at an additional cost)
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant accompanied by ½ bottle of wine per person
- All transfers with a private A/C motor coach as per itinerary
- Professional English speaking tour director throughout
- Sightseeing tours as per itinerary
- Entrance fees included to sites specifically listed (outside view means no entrance is included)
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- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Confirmation of daily Mass
- Whisper sets for groups of 30 or more passengers
- We recommend you consider purchasing CFAR Travel Protection

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- Personal expenses
- Medical Insurance
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Gratuities for the guide(s), driver, and wait staff (please refer to the suggestions we will make available to you).
- Church donations

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- Any airline baggage charges
- Baggage handling at train stations, airports, and hotels in excess of one suitcase per person
- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or portage charges

DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT: A **deposit of \$500.00** per person by check should accompany the enrollment form and a copy of your passport picture page by **June 19, 2023. Final payment is due by August 2, 2023. A late payment fee of \$100 will be charged per person for all payments received after the final payment date.** Please mail your payment to: **Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822 Attn: Margot Jensen, 800-842-4842, margot@select-intl.com.**

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