



# FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

June 7-17, 2024

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## Day 1 - June 7: Depart USA

Depart the United States on our overnight flight to France.

## Day 2 - June 8: Arrive Paris / Lisieux

Upon arrival in Paris this morning we will be met by our tour manager who will be with us throughout our journey in France. Board our motorcoach and drive to Lisieux, the home of St. Therese the "Little Flower of Jesus" to visit the home where she lived as a child, the Carmelite Convent where she was a nun, the Basilica of St. Theresa where we will celebrate Mass, and the Cathedral of St. Peter. Overnight in Lisieux. (D)



## Day 3 - June 9: Lisieux / Mont St-Michel

After Mass depart Lisieux and drive along the Normandy coast to Bayeux, the first town to be liberated by the Allies in 1944. Continue to St. Laurent to visit the National Cemetery and Omaha Beach, one of the sites where the Allies came ashore on D-Day. Drive on to Mont-Saint-Michel, the principal shrine of the Archangel Michael and one of the medieval wonders of Europe. Dinner and overnight will be in Mont-St-Michel. (B/D)



## Day 4 - June 10: Mont St-Michel

Today we will enjoy a complete visit of Mont-Saint-Michel including the Grande Rue, St.

Aubert's Chapel, and the Benedictine Abbey, which is perched atop the rock island. Celebrate Mass in the Romanesque Church of St. Michael. Dinner and overnight will be in Mont-St-Michel. (B/D)



## Day 5 - June 11: Mont St-Michel / Orleans

Following breakfast drive through the scenic Loire Valley to Chartres, home to what most believe to be the greatest Gothic cathedral in Europe. The stained glass windows of this Cathedral are world-renowned. Over 150 windows illustrate biblical stories and daily life in the 13th century. After Mass in Chartres, continue to Orleans where Joan of Arc led French troops to victory over the English. Visit the old Cathedral of St. Croix. Dinner and overnight will be at our hotel in Orleans. (B/D)

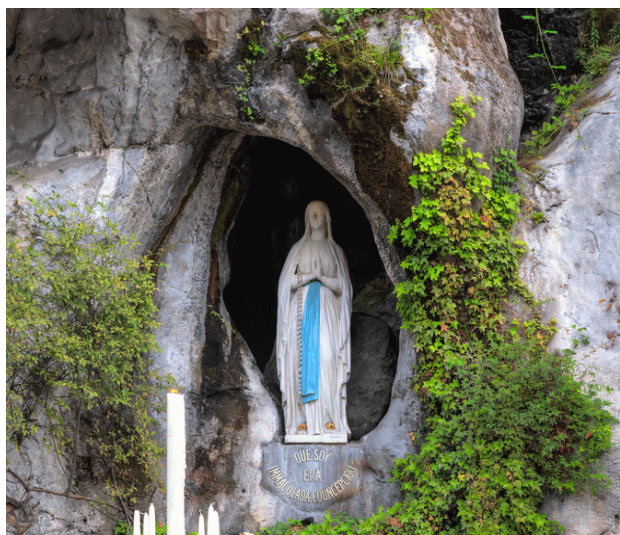
## Day 6 - June 12: Orleans / Lyon

Drive from Orleans to Nevers where we will visit the Convent of St. Guillard to view the incorrupt body of St. Bernadette. Here the Saint spent her life in prayer and solitude following the apparitions of the Blessed Mother to her in Lourdes. Proceed to Paray le Monial where Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary to promote devotions through His Most Sacred Heart. Following Mass at the Visitation Chapel we will visit the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and the Chapel of St. Claude La Colombiere which contains the relics of its namesake saint. We then continue to nearby Lyon for overnight. (B/D)

## Day 7 - June 13: Lyon / Lourdes

After breakfast we will drive to the train station and board our train to Toulouse. Upon arrival in Toulouse we will be met by our waiting motor coach and drive to Lourdes, one of the great pilgrimage shrines in the world. It was here in Lourdes where Our Lady appeared

to St. Bernadette in 1858 proclaiming her the “Immaculate Conception”. (B/D)

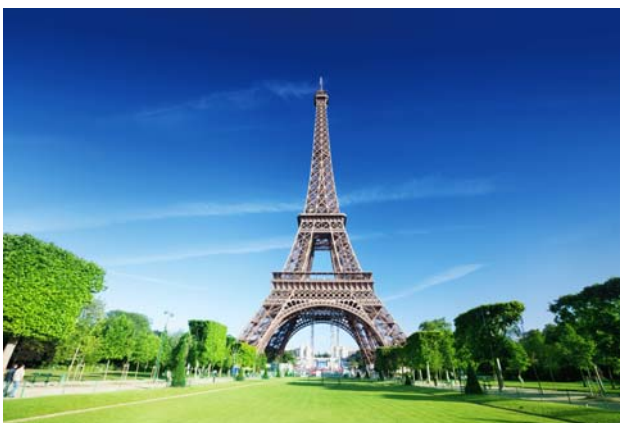


### Day 8 - June 14: Lourdes

Today we will have all day to experience the special atmosphere of this beautiful town. Attend Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, the site where the Virgin appeared. Also visit the Basilica of Pius X (the world’s largest underground church), see the house where Bernadette lived during the Apparitions, and visit several of the sites where the miraculous cures have taken place. This evening we will participate in the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the Candlelight Procession. (B/D)

### Day 9 - June 15: Lourdes / Paris

Depart Lourdes this morning by train and return to Paris. Upon arrival in Paris we will be picked up at the train station and drive to visit the Louvre Museum where we will explore world famous works of art including the Mona Lisa by Da Vinci. Transfer to our hotel for overnight. (B/D)



### Day 10 - June 16: Paris

This morning we will enjoy a full day tour of the “City of Lights” including visits to the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame

Cathedral, Sainte Chapelle which was built in 1248 to house Our Lord’s Crown of Thorns and other relics, the famous Opera House (outside visit), the Arc de Triomphe (outside visit), and Montmartre with its magnificent Basilica of Sacre Coeur. This afternoon we will proceed to the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal at Rue du Bac where Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830. After Mass, return to our hotel. (B/D)

### Day 11 - June 17: Paris / USA

After a morning at leisure we will check out from our hotel and transfer to the airport in the afternoon to catch our flight which arrives back in the United States this evening. (B)

## PILGRIMAGE COST

**\$4,882.00**

*per person based upon double occupancy*

*For single occupancy please add \$804.00.*

### This price includes:

- ✘ Roundtrip airfare from New York JFK
- ✘ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✘ Accommodation in Superior 3 star hotels in Lisieux and Mont-St-Michel and in 4 star hotels in Orleans, Lyon, Lourdes and Paris
- ✘ All hotel taxes and service charges
- ✘ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ✘ Arrival and departure transfers
- ✘ Baggage handling at hotels
- ✘ Land travel by deluxe motorcoach
- ✘ Comprehensive sightseeing with professional local guides
- ✘ Professional tour manager
- ✘ All entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✘ Daily Mass

*Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.*

*For those who prefer to arrange their own flights the Land-Only cost is \$3,773.00 per person.*

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## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

**Reservations and Payment:** Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. Final payment is due 65 days prior to departure.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be in writing. Cancellations received after 5PM Pacific Time or on weekends/holidays will be processed the next business day. The following per person cancellation charges will apply: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days prior to departure, \$250.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking. Additional cancellation charges may apply depending upon the cancellation terms of our suppliers.

**Refunds:** Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, George's International Tours agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

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**Travel Documents:** A passport which is valid for a minimum of 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U.S. citizens. Visas are not required for U.S. citizens. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to determine your visa requirement status. George's International Tours is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

**Tour Cost:** All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 20 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

**Tour Documents and Tickets:** Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 3 weeks of departure.

**Baggage:** Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. You will be responsible for paying to the airline any additional charges for additional checked baggage or overweight baggage (if excess weight is permitted). George's International Tours is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

**Air Transportation:** Airfare is in economy class on Air France (or any other IATA carrier). Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares/flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

**Hotels:** Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted, and should be requested at the time of booking.

**Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend that you have comprehensive travel insurance. Insurance may be purchased directly through George's International Tours and registration forms will be provided upon receipt of your deposit or you may purchase online at [www.georgesintl.com](http://www.georgesintl.com). George's International Tours acts only as an intermediary between you and the insurance provider and in no event shall George's International Tours be liable to any person or entity whatsoever for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, compensatory, consequential, or punitive damages related to insurance coverage purchased.

**Not Included:** Gratuities (\$200.00 recommended per person), COVID-19 testing (if required), passport and/or individual visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of airport allowance, optional sightseeing tours, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

**Responsibility Clause:** The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. George's International Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries.

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Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

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