



FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

May 7-17, 2025

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Day 1 - Wednesday, May 7: Depart USA

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart the United States on our overnight flight to Paris. Meals and drinks will be served on board.



Day 2 - Thursday, May 8: Arrive in Paris / Caen

Upon arrival in Paris we will be met by our tour director who will accompany us throughout our stay in France. Drive to Lisieux, about a three-hour drive from Paris. We will celebrate Mass in the Basilica dedicated to St. Therese of the Child Jesus, commonly known as the Little Flower. We will also visit the home of the Martin Family, where St. Theresa and her sisters were raised by their holy parents, canonized saints. Late this afternoon, we will check in at our hotel in Caen.



Day 3 - Friday, May 9: Caen / Mont Saint Michel /Caen

After breakfast we will drive to Colleville-sur-Mer to visit the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial and see the almost 10,000 white marble crosses, which glow in memory of the soldiers who died at Omaha Beach during the massive Allied landing on June 6, 1944. This was the eye of the hurricane, where the end of WWII began. Mass will be celebrated in memory of these soldiers in the haunting cemetery which crowns the beach. After Mass, we will drive to Mont Saint Michel, the principal shrine of the Archangel Michael

and one of the medieval wonders of Europe. Return to Caen for overnight.

Day 4 - Saturday, May 10: Caen / Rouen

Board our motorcoach and drive to Giverny, the home of the painter Claude Monet. The famous water garden at Giverny inspired some of Monet's finest works. After a brief visit, we will continue to medieval Rouen, the capital of Normandy, to admire its ancient Cathedral. Next, we will wander through the narrow streets beneath the Gros-Horloge (Great Clock) to the old market square and visit the Museum of Joan of Arc with her armour, banner, and fascinating collections. Transfer to our hotel in Rouen for overnight.



Day 5 - Sunday, May 11: Rouen / Orleans

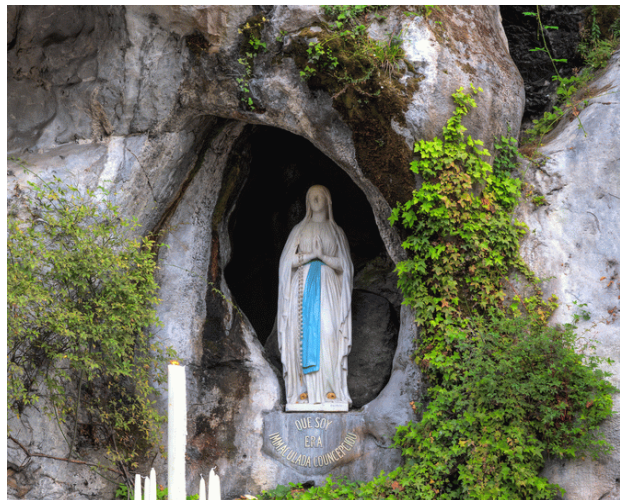
Following breakfast, drive through the scenic Loire Valley to Chartres, home to what most believe to be the greatest Gothic cathedral in Europe. The stained-glass windows of this Cathedral are world-renowned. Over 150 windows illustrate biblical stories and daily life in the 13th century. After Mass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

Day 6 - Monday, May 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 devotion 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 overnight.

Day 7 - Tuesday, May 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 motorcoach and drive to Lourdes, one of the great pilgrimage shrines in the world. Here in Lourdes, Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858, proclaiming her the "Immaculate Conception."



Day 8 - Wednesday, May 14: Lourdes

Today, we will have the whole day to experience the special atmosphere of this beautiful town. Attend Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, where the Virgin appeared. Also, visit the Basilica of Pius X (the world's largest underground church), see Bernadette's house during the Apparitions, and see several sites where miraculous cures have occurred. This evening, we will participate in the Blessed Sacrament and Candlelight Processions.

Day 9 - Thursday, May 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 proceed to the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal at Rue du Bac, where Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830. After Mass, we will transfer to our hotel for check-in.



Day 10 - Friday, May 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 where we will celebrate Mass. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 11 - Saturday, May 17: Paris / USA

This morning, we will visit the Louvre Museum to explore world-famous works of art, including the Mona Lisa by Da Vinci. We will then transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport to catch our afternoon flight home.

PILGRIMAGE COST

\$5,520.00

per person based upon double occupancy

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For single occupancy please add \$868.00.

This price includes:

- ✘ Roundtrip airfare from New York JFK
- ✘ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✘ Accommodation in 4 star hotels
- ✘ 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.

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For those who prefer to arrange their own flights the Land-Only cost is \$4,554.00 per person.

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