

Our Lady of Lourdes
Pilgrimage to
Portugal
• Spain • France

Fátima
Lourdes
Avila

plus Paris, Madrid, Lisbon and more

2-15 September 2024

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Monday, September 2, 2024

We meet at OR Tambo International in Johannesburg to depart for our journey to Portugal.



Church of St Anthony in Lisbon



Eucharistic Miracle church, Santarém



Candlelight procession in Fátima

Tuesday, September 3

On arrival in **Lisbon**, we are met by our guide. We then enjoy a tour of the Portuguese capital. We visit the **St Mary Major Cathedral** (known to locals simply as the Sé) which was built in 1147. It is the seat of the Patriarch of Lisbon. Nearby we may pray at the **birthplace of St Anthony of Padua** (or Sr Anthony of Lisbon) in a church that also has relics of the beloved saint. Our tour also includes secular sites such as the famous **Belém Tower**. Overnight: Lisbon

Wednesday, September 4

After breakfast, we go to see one of the most famous recognised Eucharistic Miracles in the world! In the small town of **Santarém**, the 16th-century Santíssimo Milagre Church marks the site of a 13th-century Eucharistic Miracle, which can be seen above the altar. We then proceed to **Fátima**. In the evening we may take part in the spectacular **Candlelight Procession** which brings together Catholics from all over the world Overnight: Fátima

Thursday, September 5

Today we explore **Fátima**. We visit the well-preserved homes of the three children in the nearby village of **Aljustrel**, and see the wall at which the famous photo of the three was taken. We also see **Valinhos**, where Our Lady appeared in August 1917, and the spot where the angel had appeared to the children in 1916 to prepare them for Our Lady's coming. In the **Sanctuary of Fátima** we may pray at the Little Chapel of the Apparitions and light candles in the adjacent enclosure. We visit the **Basilica of Fátima**, which contains the tombs of the three children (two of whom died before adulthood), and have time to pray in the **Perpetual Adoration Chapel**. In the evening we can again take part in the candlelight procession during which the Rosary is recited in different languages. Overnight: Fátima

Friday, September 6

After breakfast we leave Portugal and cross into Spain to reach **Alba de Tormes**, where **St Teresa of Ávila** died in 1582. In the church of the **Annunciation Convent** we can see **St Teresa's tomb**. The saint had fallen ill while visiting the convent and asked for her bed to be placed above the altar so that she would not miss the celebration of the Eucharist. This is now her final resting place. In the **convent museum** we can see relics of St Teresa, including her heart, as well as relics of her fellow Carmelite St John of the Cross. We then drive to her hometown, **Ávila**. Overnight: Ávila



Francisco & Jacinta's home



Apparition Chapel in Fátima



Tomb of St Teresa in Alba de Tormes



The walled city of Avila



St Teresa Convent in Avila



Almudena Cathedral in Madrid

Saturday, September 7

Today we explore **Ávila**, the “City of Stones and Saints”, and on a guided tour follow in the steps of the town’s two great Doctors of the Church, St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross. We visit **St Teresa’s Convent**, which includes the room in which she was born. We see **Incarnation Convent**, where she and St John of the Cross were active. In the afternoon we have some time at leisure to explore the impressive city walls and beautiful old city. Overnight: Ávila

Sunday, September 8

After breakfast we drive to **Madrid**, the capital of Spain. In the company of our expert guide, we see important Catholic sites, such as **Almudena Cathedral**, home to the miraculous statue of Our Lady of the Wall, and of historical and cultural interest such as the **Royal Gardens**, the **Royal Palace**, and the famous **Puerta del Sol** and **Plaza Mayor** squares. Of course we have some time at leisure to enjoy this great city. Overnight: Madrid



St Mary's Cathedral in Burgos



Lourdes Sanctuary



Lourdes' Grotto of the Apparition

Monday, September 9

Today we see visit one of Spain’s most historic cities: **Burgos**, capital of the region of Castile. There we visit the Gothic St Mary’s Cathedral, one of Spain’s greatest churches. Its construction began in 1221, and it includes the tomb of El Cid, the famous knight from medieval Spain’s history. Today it is a UNESCO World Heritage site. We then proceed to coastal Spain. Overnight: San Sebastian (tbc)

Tuesday, September 10

Today we leave Spain and cross into France to arrive in the town of one of the world’s great sites of pilgrimage. On arrival in **Lourdes** we check into our hotel, which is near the sanctuary, and then have Mass. In the afternoon we do the magnificent **Stations of the Cross**. After dinner in our hotel, we have an opportunity take part in the **candlelight procession** through the sanctuary, a different experience to the one we had in Fatima. We can do so again tomorrow night. Overnight: Lourdes

Wednesday, September 11

Today is our **Lourdes** day: We have a guided tour of the sanctuary as well as sites connected to St Bernadette, such as **Boly Mill** (where she was born), the **Cachot** (the converted jail where her family lived), the church of her baptism, the **St Bernadette Museum**, and so on. In the afternoon we have ample time at leisure to explore the sanctuary, including its three basilicas, make use of the baths with the healing waters, and so on. Overnight: Lourdes



Sacré Coeur Basilica in Paris



The Eiffel Tower in Paris



Miraculous Medal Chapel in Paris

Thursday, September 12

In the morning we leave Lourdes to take a high-speed train to **Paris**. There we are met by our guide to visit the magnificent **Sacré-Coeur Basilica**, where perpetual adoration has been going on uninterrupted, day and night, for almost 140 years. We also have time to explore the famous **Montmartre** area, with its church of St Pierre and artists' colony. Overnight: Paris

Friday, September 13

We enjoy a panoramic tour of **Paris** to see famous landmarks as the **Eifel Tower** (of course with a photo op!), the **Arc de Triomphe**, **Champs Elysée**, **Notre-Dame Cathedral** and so on. We visit the **Miraculous Medal Chapel** in Rue de Bac, where Our Lady appeared to St Catherine Labouré. We then visit the nearby **tomb of St Vincent de Paul**. After some free time we transfer to Charles de Gaulle airport to begin our way home.

Saturday, September 14

We arrive in Johannesburg in the morning, tired but fortified by our holy journey which brought us in contact with Our Lady and faith in Portugal, Spain and France.

Breakfasts and Dinners included. Daily Masses in great churches!

How to book on this beautiful pilgrimage

A deposit of R9,600 secures your place on this unforgettable pilgrimage.

Est. Price: R63,549 (sharing, ex-Jhb; subject to currency, airport tax fluctuations. Calculated on 25+ passengers, at R20,23 to the euro)

Includes: All flights ex-Johannesburg (incl. airport taxes), accommodation in 3/4-star hotels (sharing) with breakfast and dinner, transfers, travel insurance, travelling on air-conditioned luxury buses, high-speed train Lourdes-Paris, English-speaking tour guides, entrance fees as per itinerary.

Excludes: Tips (for guides/drivers), hotel taxes, visa (Schengen), personal expenses, travel to and from O.R. Tambo Airport/Jhb.

Name of Account: Fowler Tours

Bank: Standard Bank

Acc no: 27 045 7542 (current account)

Branch code: 026509

Beneficiary Reference: 'RIVONIA' plus your name

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RESERVATION FORM

(one form per person, photocopies of form are permitted):

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Payment is to be made to:

Account Name: Fowler Tours
Bank: Standard Bank
Account no: Acc no: 27 045 7542 (current account)
Branch code: 026509
Name of trip: Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France
Led by Fr Paul Beukes OMI
Duration: 2-15 September 2024 ex-Jhb
Cost: Estimated: R63,549 (subject to fluctuations)

How did you hear about this pilgrimage? ☐ Fowler Tours ☐ Parish ☐ Internet/Social Media ☐ Other

1.) RESERVATION FORM

Title: ____ Name (as it appears on your Passport)_____

Address:_____

_____ Code:_____

Date of Birth:_____ ID Number:_____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Email: _____

Passport Number:_____ Expiry Date:_____

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Preferred first and surname for Name Badge: _____

Sharing With: _____

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Emergency Contact Person

Name: _____

Cell number: _____ Email: _____

Relationship: _____

2.) PASSPORT (required to travel)

- ☐ Photocopy of passport inside page showing name and photo is enclosed / clear scan attached
- ☐ I am applying for a passport and understand that I must supply a copy to Fowler Tours at least three months before the departure date..

N.B.: Passports must be valid SIX months following the return date of the trip.**3.) PAYMENT TERMS & SCHEDULE:**

Deposit R9,600 to book to secure flight and hotel bookings. The deposit is non-refundable. A final invoice, reflecting the final price, will be issued 60-90 days prior to departure. Final Payment must be made within five days of invoicing. BANK DETAILS AS ABOVE. N.B.: Bank charges for cash deposits will be charged to you.

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I have received, read and agree to the TERMS & CONDITIONS and the Liability clause below, pricing terms, and payment terms outlined on this side of the form. I understand that the cancellation terms and penalties cannot be waived for any reason. If I decline to purchase travel insurance, I understand that there is no monetary recourse for any flight cancellations or delays by the airlines and I agree to the cancellation terms and penalties.

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- Roundtrip airfare from Johannesburg return; final amount subject to change
- Airport taxes
- Full accommodation as stated in the itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner in hotels
- Travel insurance (surcharge applies for travellers aged 75+)
- Roundtrip airport transfers in destinations and luxury coach for all touring
- Guided by certified local guides
- Services of local tour operator and representative of Fowler Tours
- All entrance fees as per itinerary

THE PILGRIMAGE PRICE EXCLUDES:

Mandatory tips for guide and drivers, hotel taxes, visas (Schengen), private expenses

PRICING TERMS: As per booking form. *Please note that prices herein are estimates, and are subject to fluctuations in airline fees, airport taxes and exchange rates.*

PAYMENT TERMS: In order to meet deposit schedules with suppliers for this tour, Fowler Tours charges a non-refundable deposit. Full invoice is issued 60-90 days before departure; payment of which is due within FIVE DAYS.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received in writing. No refunds of deposits, except at the discretion of Fowler Tours.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Fowler Tours will arrange for travel insurance. Surcharges apply to travellers over the age of 75.

PASSPORT: A valid passport is required of all passengers. Please apply for your passport immediately as passports are taking a long time to process. Make sure to have it in your possession at all times while on tour. It must be valid for 6 months following the return date of the trip or boarding may be denied or entry into the destination may be forbidden. Please provide Fowler Tours with a copy or clear scan of the inside page of your passport (showing your name and photo) at the time of reservation.

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DOMESTIC TRAVEL TO JOHANNESBURG: You are responsible for your own arrangements to and from Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport.

ITINERARY: The Itinerary is tentative and represents what we are planning for you, however it is subject to confirmations from many organisations. Because of changes in local schedules, we may need to alter specified events, dates and/or venues to better fit the overall plan.

TIPS: Gratuities for your guides, driver and hotel staff, and hotel taxes (if applicable) are excluded. These are mandatory. You will be advised of the total cost of these before departure, and all monies will be collected by the tour leader who will then distribute them to the various recipients.

ROOMS: Tour prices are per person sharing. Single rooms at an extra rate are limited and are available first come-first served until the supply is exhausted.

LUGGAGE: Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Travellers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking, as motor coaches are not permitted to pick up and drop off in front of major attractions. The tour is not wheelchair accessible. Any special limiting medical conditions or equipment must be advised in writing, for evaluation of feasibility, at the time of making your reservation.

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