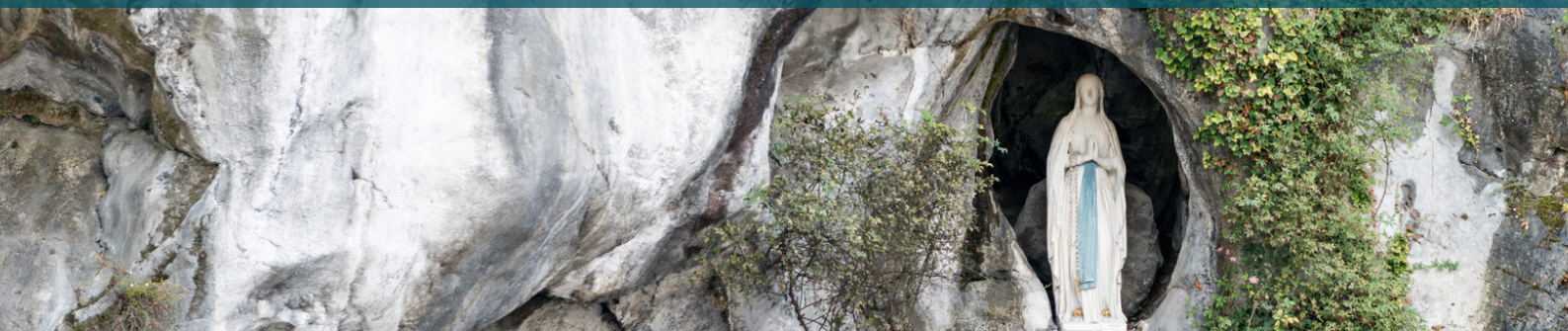




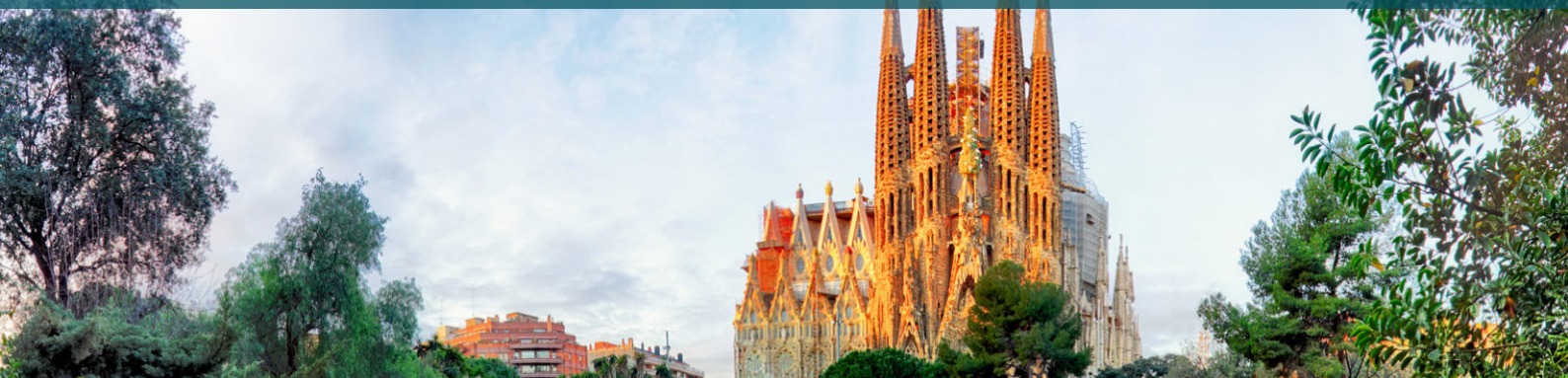
SAMPLE TOUR



PORTUGAL - SPAIN - FRANCE



CATHOLIC SHRINES AND SAINTS TOUR



LISBON – Welcome to Lisbon! It is the capital, and also the largest city in Portugal with over half a million inhabitants. Lisbon was built on seven hillsides, which can all be seen from the River Rio Tejo. The city is known for its colorful looks and picturesque vibe, with its cobbled alleyways, historic ruins and cathedrals. Old trams and funiculars still rattle along streets with old-fashioned shops and cafes. Enjoy a stroll to soak up the unique atmosphere.



1 DEPARTURE

Depart to Europe on your overnight flight.

2 LISBON - FÁTIMA

Arrive at Lisbon International Airport and meet your European Tour Manager, who will remain with you throughout the tour. Board your private bus and drive to downtown Lisbon to stretch your legs and have lunch. Enjoy a City Tour of Lisbon with a local guide.

See the highlights of the city such as Pombal square, Liberty Avenue, Rossio Square, Belem Tower, the Monument of the Discoveries on the bank of the Tagus and the UNESCO-listed monastery Mosteiro dos Jerónimos.

This afternoon, continue to Fátima. En route, make a stop in Santarém to visit the Church of Santa Maria de Marvila and the site of the Eucharistic Miracle (time to celebrate Mass if available).

Each year, The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima attracts between 4 and 5 million visitors. Back in October 1917, three shepherd children are believed to have seen six apparitions of the Virgin Mary. She delivered several messages and predictions about the future. During her last apparition, it is said that over 50'000 witnesses saw the sun moving around in the sky in a way which defied the laws of cosmology.

Enjoy a Welcome Dinner and overnight in Fátima.





SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - Santiago is a one-of-a-kind-city, its vibe influenced by millions of travelers who have come here over the past millennium. It is the final stop of the famous Camino de Santiago pilgrimage trail. The city became a symbol during the Spanish Christians' struggle against the Islam. Santiago was completely destroyed by Muslims in the 10th century and rebuilt in the 11th century. Nowadays, a rich history is shown in the Romanesque, Gothic and Baroque buildings which form this ancient city.



3 FÁTIMA

Breakfast at your hotel. This morning will be devoted to a visit of the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Fátima* and the birthplaces of Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia, the children to whom the Virgin appeared for the first time on May 13th, 1917.

The Basílica de Nossa Senhora do Rosário is known for its 65 meter-high bell tower and for its statue of Our Lady of Fatima which is located right above the main entrance to the Basilica. Inside the Basilica, one can find the graves of the three shepherd's children who witnessed the apparitions back in 1917. Also, there are fifteen altars that correspond with the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary – the apparition and events around the apparition are illustrated in the stain glass windows.

*Optional: celebrate a private mass with your priest.

In the evening, join the Rosary and candlelight procession. Enjoy dinner and overnight in Fátima.



4 FÁTIMA - COIMBRA - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

After breakfast at your hotel, board your private bus and drive north to Santiago de Compostela. On the way to Spain, make a stop in Coimbra to have lunch and to discover the beauty of this town.

Coimbra used to be Portugal's medieval capital and is the location of the country's most prestigious university. The city's history goes back to Moorish times, its vibe being simply picturesque due to its cobbled lanes and stunning cathedral. In summertime, Fado singers will join Portuguese guitar players in the city and create an atmosphere you will not find anywhere else.

Group dinner and overnight at your hotel in Santiago de Compostela.

BILBAO - One of the places to be in the North of Spain and definitely one of the treasures of the Basque Country. Bilbao is known for its green surroundings and beautiful coastline. In the city, you can find stunning parks and plazas, as well as riverside promenades, which mark the city skyline. Make sure to visit the famous Guggenheim Museum while you are here!

5 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Have breakfast at your hotel. This morning, celebrate Mass at St. James Cathedral. After Mass, enjoy a Walking Tour with a local guide. This tour will include a visit of the Tomb of St. James the Apostle and the Museum and Church of Santa Maria del Sar.

The Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela has important historical value to Spain and the Christian world. Pilgrims come here to pay their respects to the Apostle which will conclude their mental and physical journey before going home.

In the afternoon, go on an excursion to Pontevedra. Visit the Sanctuary of the Pilgrim, the Praza da Ferreria and the Basílica de Santa Maria Maior.

Pontevedra is a small town, located by a riverside and charming interlocking lanes and squares. The flagship of Columbus, the Santa Maria, was built here. Santuario de la Virgen Peregrina is part of the historic center of Pontevedra and was built in a square in 1778. The sanctuary was dedicated to the Pilgrim Virgin who is still seen as the patron of the province of Pontevedra and the Portuguese part of the pilgrimage route to Santiago.

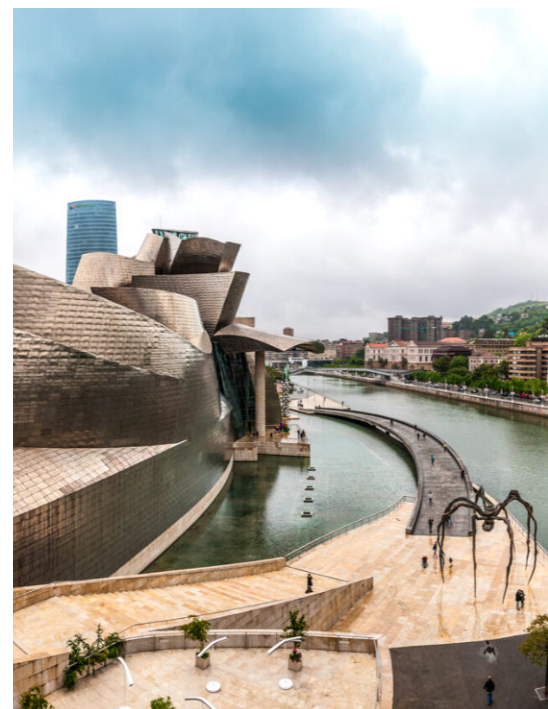
Enjoy dinner and overnight in Santiago de Compostela.

6 SANTIAGO - GARABANDAL - BILBAO

After breakfast, board your private bus and drive through the beautiful countryside to Garabandal. Visit places where apparitions took place: for instance, where the Angel St Michael first appeared, the first apparition of Our Lady, the "pines" and the Miracle of Garabandal.

The Garabandal apparitions were apparitions of Saint Michael the Archangel and the Blessed Virgin Mary. They are claimed to have occurred to four young schoolgirls between 1961 and 1965 in San Sebastián de Garabandal.

Participate in Holy Mass, then go on the Rosary Way, climbing the mountain and contemplating the mysteries of the Rosary. Continue your drive to Northern Spain. Dinner and overnight in Bilbao.





LOURDES - a famous town located in the foothills of the Pyrenees. Lourdes became famous in France in the year 1858 due to the Marian apparitions seen by a farmer girl called Bernadette Soubirous. She later received the status of Saint. The city with the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes became one of the world's most important pilgrimage sites.

7 BILBAO - LOURDES

After breakfast enjoy a City Tour of Bilbao with a local guide.

See the highlights of the city such as Museo Guggenheim Bilbao, Casco Viejo (Bilbao's atmospheric old quarter), Bilbao's seven streets (Las Siete Calles), which date back to the 1400s, the 14th-century Gothic Catedral de Santiago, the 19th-century arcaded Plaza Nueva and the Basilica de Begoña.

Have lunch in Bilbao. Then, board your private bus and drive across the French border to Lourdes.

Check-in, have dinner and overnight in Lourdes*.

*Optional: participate in the Torch Light Procession in Lourdes tonight.



8 LOURDES

Have breakfast at your hotel. This morning, enjoy a Guided tour of Lourdes with a local guide.

Walk in the footsteps of Bernadette Soubirous by way of a spiritual and historic stroll through the city. This tour includes visits of Boly Mill (the birthplace of St. Bernadette), the Cachot (the former jail, where she lived during the apparitions) and the local parish church. End your tour with a visit of the Massabielle Grotto, the site of the apparitions.

The afternoon is free for personal devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes*.

*Optional: celebrate a private mass with your priest.

Enjoy dinner and overnight at your hotel in Lourdes.



ZARAGOZA - Being over 2000 years old, Zaragoza is an ancient city, its history marked by Romans, Arabs, Jews and Christians. The river Ebro divides the city into two parts. Its most famous site is the multi-domed Basílica del Pilar, which, in the well-known Zaragoza symbol, is reflected into the Rio Ebro.



9 LOURDES - ZARAGOZA

After breakfast, enjoy a scenic drive across the Pyrenees to Zaragoza, Spain. Have lunch upon arrival.

In the afternoon you will visit the Basílica de Nuestra Señora del Pilar to celebrate Mass.

Basílica de Nuestra Señora del Pilar is the most famous Marian shrine in Spain, commemorating apparitions of Our Lady the Pillar to St. James in 40 AD. Nuestra Señora del Pilar is the patron of Spain and all Hispanic people. This is the first church in the history of dedications to Mary and is still standing after surviving several wars and invasions. Three bombs fell on top of the church between 1936-39, none of which exploded. Columbus first sighted American land on October 12, 1492, the day of the fest of the Virgin of the Pillar.

After Mass, visit the Aljafería Palace.

The Aljafería Palace was built in the 11th century, originally built for Zaragoza's Islamic rulers. It passed into Christian hands in 1118. Catholic monarchs, the Reyes Catolicos (Fernando and Isabel), made it their private palace. Every since 1987, the palace has functioned as the seat of Aragón's regional parliament. With its Moorish, medieval Christian influences and its time serving as a Catholic King's Palace, Aljaferia Palace is a unique monument with a varied history.

Enjoy dinner and overnight in Zaragoza.



10 ZARAGOZA - MONTSERRAT - BARCELONA

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a relaxing drive along the picturesque villages of the province to eventually reach Montserrat Mountain. Upon arrival, visit the Royal Basilica, where the famous 12th-century Romanesque sculpture of "Virgen Moreneta" can be admired.

Arrive in Barcelona in the late afternoon. Your first stop here will be at the harbor, La Barceloneta neighborhood, where you can find traditional architecture and shops overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

Have dinner and overnight in Barcelona.





BARCELONA - Known as the Head and Hearth of Catalonia (Cap i Casal de Catalunya), Barcelona is the capital city of the autonomous community of Catalonia. With a population of 1,6 million, it is the second largest city of Spain. The beauty of Barcelona lies in the combination of the well preserved medieval old town (Gothic Quarter), the abundance of Catalan Modernista (Art Nouveau) architecture with masterpieces by Gaudi, and the scenery surrounding the city like the Mediterranean Sea, beaches and Montjuïc hill. Barcelona also enjoys a year round mild warm climate year and a tasteful cuisine. All this combined makes Barcelona one of the most popular destinations in the world today.



11 BARCELONA

Have breakfast at your hotel. Then meet your local guide for a Classic Barcelona City Tour.

See the highlights of this beautiful Spanish city, such as Barcelona Cathedral, the Gothic Quarter, La Rambla, Placa de Catalunya, Columbus Statue, and Plaça d'Espanya. End the tour with a visit of Montjuïc Hill for great panoramic views of the city and the port of Barcelona.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure for personal sightseeing or souvenir shopping.

Enjoy a Farewell Dinner and overnight in Barcelona.

12 DEPARTURE

After breakfast transfer to Barcelona Airport on your private bus. Upon arrival, go through customs and board your flight home.

END OF TOUR



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