

Join Magnificat Travel for an unforgettable spiritual journey!

We invite you to journey to Rome and France with the St. Bernadette of Lourdes American Volunteers. These volunteers are those physicians and nurses who serve the sick and injured annually in the First Aid Station in the Lourdes Sanctuary. Lay volunteers from age eighteen have the opportunity to serve in a variety of settings. In addition, the annual pilgrimages are made up of pilgrims who wish to increase their spirituality, and the walking sick seeking the graces of healing.



Day 1, May 30, 2009: In Transit

We begin our pilgrimage with our transatlantic flight to Rome.

Day 2, May 31, 2009: Assisi

Upon arrival in Rome, we transfer to Assisi. Before arriving in Assisi we will stop in lower Assisi to visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, the enclosed Porziuncola, the thornless bush, the ever-present doves and the cave where St. Francis retired for prayer.



Next, we will visit the upper and lower Basilicas of St. Francis which contains frescoes by Giotto featuring the 28 episodes from the "Life of St. Francis". Continue to the Basilica of St. Clare, where we will celebrate Mass and see many relics from her life and have time to pray beside her body. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

Day 3, June 1, 2009: Assisi After breakfast, we will celebrate Mass at the tomb of St. Francis. Then, take a walking tour of Assisi. We will have the opportunity to view many of the sanctuaries and the architectural wonders along the medieval streets of this compact town, which has changed very little with time. Visit the Abbey

of San Pietro with its magnificent stained glass windows. Overnight and Dinner in Assisi.

Day 4, June 2, 2009: Assisi/Sienna/Rome

After breakfast, we are off to the beautiful town of Sienna, the birthplace of Saints Catherine and Bernardine. It is truly one of Italy's loveliest medieval cities. Here we will visit the home of St. Catherine, stroll the Piazza Del Campo, one of Italy's finest squares, and visit the Cathedral and the Basilica of St. Francis, containing the miraculous consecrated hosts that have remained intact since 1730. View the incorrupt head of St. Catherine at the Basilica of St. Dominic where we will also celebrate Mass. Later we travel to Rome. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 5, June 3, 2009: Rome

Breakfast and early morning Mass at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. We will next attend a Papal Audience. We will then have a guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, and the Vatican Museum, which houses the masterpieces of Michaelangelo, including the Last Judgement. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 6, June 4, 2009: Rome

Breakfast and early morning Mass at St. Peter's Basilica.



After Mass you will have the opportunity to visit the tomb of John Paul II. Next, visit St. Peter in Chains Church which contains the masterpiece statue of Moses by Michaelangelo. We will also visit the St. Callixtus Catacombs. They make up a portion of a cemeterial complex occupying an area of 90 acres and are more than 65 feet deep. Buried inside are 16 popes, tens of martyrs, and many Christians. We will also visit the Holy Stairs, the Basilica of St. Mary Major, and the Basilica of St. John Lateran. If time permits, we will walk through the city

center to view many breathtaking fountains and the famed Spanish Steps. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 7, June 5, 2009: San Giovanni Rotondo

Breakfast and early morning departure from Rome to the wonderful town of San Giovanni Rotondo with two stops. First we will stop to visit the Abbey of Montecassino founded by St. Benedict of



Norcia that, although completely destroyed during World War II, has been completely restored to its ancient splendor. Here, we will celebrate Mass. Our second stop will be in the small village of Pietralcina to visit the birthplace of St. Padre Pio. He is venerated for having suffered with the stigmata for 50 years. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni.

Day 8, June 6, 2009: San Giovanni Rotondo

After breakfast, celebrate Mass at the Capuchin Monastery Chapel. After Mass, we will tour the sanctuary where we will see the old church and the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918. We will also have an opportunity to view his exhumed body. We will see the confessional where he spent innumerable hours with a multitude of pilgrims, directing them on their journey toward God. Enjoy a breathtaking view of the Cargano Peninsula and a visit to the Grotto of Michael the Archangel. Six different popes, St. Francis, and at least four other saints have knelt in prayer at this grotto, seeking the protection of St. Michael. A panoramic view of the ocean and the surrounding countryside awaits us at this most celebrated shrine of early Christianity consecrated by St. Michael himself in 490. Return to San

Giovanni for devotions and reflection. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni.

Day 9, June 7, 2009: Rome/Lourdes

Today we travel to Lourdes via Rome. Upon arrival in Toulouse you will visit the Basilica of St. Fernin where we will have Mass and venerate the relics of St Thomas Aquinos. Later we will continue our journey to Lourdes. Dinner and Overnight in Lourdes.

Day 10 - 14, June 8-12, 2009: Lourdes

Today you will arrive in Lourdes. It is one of the most visited pilgrimage sites for over the past 150 years.



Lourdes is the birthplace of St. Bernadette to whom Our Lady appeared in 1858 near the Grotto of Massabielle.

During our stay in Lourdes, we will have the chance to celebrate daily Mass at the Grotto, enjoy a

video presentation imparting the story of Lourdes, and walk in the footsteps of St. Bernadette. Experience an inspirational Way of the Cross as you walk the life-sized Stations of the Cross overlooking the holy Grotto. Our tour of Lourdes includes visits to the sanctuary, the Basilica of St. Pius X, outdoor adoration at the Adoration Tent, and an experience of the baths. You may choose to attend the blessing of the sick, and participate in nightly candlelight processions requested by Our Lady. Dinner and overnight in Lourdes.

Day 15, June 13, 2009: In Transit

After an early morning breakfast, we will transfer to the airport where we will depart for our return transatlantic flight home.

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- Round Trip Airfare
- Motor Coach Transportation
Bus Transfer while in Europe
Air Conditioned
- Hotel Accommodations
13 Nights
Double Occupancy
Private Bath
- 14 Breakfasts
- 14 Dinners
- Pilgrimage Director, Translator & Tour Guide
- Orientation Meeting
- Masses and Spiritual Activities Coordinated
- Pilgrimage Guidebook

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- Tips
- Lunches
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- Taxes & Fees*

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Receive \$200 Discount If
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Pilgrimage Cost: **\$3690**

Upon Registration	\$500 (non-Refundable Deposit)
November 15, 2009	\$800
January 15, 2009	\$800
February 15, 2009	\$800
April 15, 2009	Balance + Taxes & Fees*

**Estimated taxes & fees (\$300-\$400) are approximate. Please see terms and conditions for more information on Cancellation/Interruption Insurance, taxes, and other important information regarding this pilgrimage. A supplement will be added if rate increases above \$1.42 USD per €1.00 EUR. We reserve the right to change or adjust the itinerary in order to enhance your pilgrimage experience.*



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May 30 - June 13, 2009