



#### **Day 1 - Thursday, February 11: IN TRANSIT**

Today we begin our pilgrimage on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Depart en route to France.

#### **Day 2 - Friday, February 12: LOURDES**

Upon our arrival in Paris this morning, we transfer to Lourdes. One of the most visited pilgrimage sites for over 150 years, Lourdes is the birthplace of St. Bernadette to whom Our Lady appeared in 1858 near the Grotto of Massabielle. Dinner and overnight in Lourdes.

#### **Days 3 - Saturday, February 13: LOURDES**

During our stay in Lourdes, you will have a chance to celebrate daily Mass at the Grotto, enjoy a video presentation telling 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 stay in Lourdes includes visits to the sanctuary, the Basilica of St. Pius X, and an experience of the baths. You may choose to attend the blessing of the sick and participate in the nightly candlelight procession requested by Our Lady. Dinner and overnight in Lourdes.

#### **Day 4 - Sunday, February 14: LOURDES**

Today is our final day in Lourdes. You may want to take some time for prayer and reflection on your stay in Lourdes. Don't forget to collect Holy Water from Our Lady's Spring in the Grotto. Dinner and overnight in Lourdes.

#### **Day 5 - Monday, February 15: PARIS**

After breakfast we will depart Lourdes and continue to Paris. Once there, we will visit the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal to celebrate Mass, view the incorrupt body of Ste. Catherine Labouré. Following Mass we will visit the Church of St. Vincent de Paul and then continue on our guided tour of this beautiful city, visiting the magnificent Notre Dame Cathedral. Dinner and overnight in Paris.

#### **Day 6 - Tuesday, February 16 (Mardi Gras): PARIS**

After Breakfast we will travel to the famous Sacré Coeur, the Basilica dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus where we will celebrate Mass. After our visit, the rest of the day is free. You may choose to visit the Louvre Museum, stroll down the Champs Élysées, visit the Luxembourg Gardens, shop in the Galeries Lafayette, view Modern Art at the Pompidou Centre, climb the Eiffel Tower, or visit any other exciting site in Paris. Dinner and overnight in Paris.

#### **Day 7 - Wednesday, February 17 (Ash Wednesday): CHARTRES**

Today, we travel to Chartres. We will celebrate Mass at the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Chartres. This cathedral is considered to be the finest gothic cathedral in France. It is almost perfectly preserved in its original design and details. Its sculptures remain intact and its stained-glass windows are all originals. Take the afternoon on your own to spend in prayer and reflection. Dinner and overnight in Paris.

## Day 8 - Thursday, February 18: LISIEUX

Today we travel to Lisieux. Upon arrival we will celebrate mass at the Carmel where Ste. Thérèse spent the last eight years of her life. Take the opportunity to absorb the spirituality of Ste. Thérèse, whom Pope Pius X called "the Greatest Saint of modern times." Her extraordinary love for God and service to humanity come alive as you visit the Basilica of Ste. Thérèse and Les Buissonnets, her family home. On display are relics, clothing, and personal objects belonging to Thérèse. In the afternoon, you may choose to participate in the outdoor way of the cross with meditations from Ste. Thérèse. Later you will have the opportunity to visit the Carmel Chapel and the museum next to the convent. Dinner and overnight in Lisieux.

## Day 9 - Friday, February 19: NORMANDY

The final day of our pilgrimage takes us to Normandy. First we will visit the Normandy American Cemetery which contains the remains of 9,387 American military killed during the invasion of Normandy on D-Day during World War II. Despite heavy losses, by the end of June 6, 1944 the US 1st and 29th Divisions, and the 2nd and 5th Ranger Battalions, had gained a foothold at Omaha. Next we will visit Mont-Saint-Michel, a small rocky island. According to tradition, the archangel Michael appeared to St. Aubert, bishop of Avranches, in 708 and instructed him to build a church on the rocky islet. But Aubert repeatedly ignored the angel's instruction until Michael burned a hole in the bishop's skull with his finger. The dedication to St. Michael occurred on October 16, 708. Mont-Saint-Michel is connected to the mainland via a thin natural land bridge. The tides in the area shift quickly and actually come in at 1 meter per second. The mount was nicknamed "St. Michael in Peril of the Sea" by medieval pilgrims making their way across the tidal flats. Here, we will celebrate Mass, tour the Benedictine Abbey, and take in the amazing view from on the mount. Dinner and overnight in Lisieux.

## Day 10 - Saturday, February 20: IN TRANSIT

Depart en route to the US.

### PILGRIMAGE INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip Airfare
- Motor Coach transportation while in France
- Hotel Accommodations
  - 8 Nights
  - Double Occupancy
  - Private Bath
- Meals
  - 9 Breakfasts
  - 8 Dinners
- Tour Escort
- Tour Guide
- All religious activities coordinated

### PILGRIMAGE EXCLUSIONS

- Cancellation / Interruption Insurance
- Tips
- Lunches
- Airline Taxes & Fees\*

### PRICE

Pilgrimage Cost: **\$2050** + Airline Taxes & Fees\*

### EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

Register by **May 18, 2009** and receive a **\$200 discount!**

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Upon Registration	\$350 (non-refundable deposit)
June 30, 2009	\$375
July 31, 2009	\$375
September 30, 2009	\$375
October 30, 2009	Balance
November 30, 2009	Airline Taxes & Fees*

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