

# world youth day

August 8 – 22, 2011

**Day 1: August 8, 2011**

**In Transit**

Departure from Houston International Airport to Rome, Italy.

**Day 2: August 9, 2011**

**Assisi**

Arrival in Rome. Group will transfer to Assisi. Before arriving in Assisi, we 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. Arrival in the town of Assisi for hotel check-in and independent lunch. Afternoon at your leisure to relax or explore in depth this unique small city. Evening Mass by the tomb of St. Francis in his beautiful Basilica. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.



**Day 3: August 10, 2011**

**Assisi**

Buffet breakfast. Your optional morning walking tour with a tour guide of Assisi includes 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 upper and lower Basilicas of St. Francis containing the frescoes of Giotto featuring 28 episodes from the "Life of St. Francis". Continue to the Basilica of Saint Clare, you will see many relics and have time to pray beside her incorrupt body. Visit the Abbey of San Pietro with its magnificent stained glass windows. This afternoon, travel to Rome. Dinner and overnight in Rome.



**Day 4: August 11, 2011**

**Rome**

Today after breakfast we travel to "The Eternal City". Take a guided tour of the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel with the masterpieces of Michelangelo, including the Last Judgment and St. Peter's Basilica. Walk through the city center to view the many breathtaking fountains and famed Spanish Steps. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

**Day 5: August 12, 2011**

**Rome**

Today, we will receive a special Papal Blessing in St. Peter's Square. Short orientation tour of Rome, which includes the Colosseum, the Trevi Fountain, Piazza Venezia, Piazza di Spagna, and many others. The afternoon is free at your leisure. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

**Day 5: August 13, 2011**

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## **Lourdes**

Today we will transfer to Leonardo Da Vinci airport in Rome for our flight from Rome to Toulouse, France. After landing we will then take a private motorcoach to Lourdes. Dinner and overnight in Lourdes.

## **Day 6 and 7: August 14 and 15, 2011**

### **Lourdes**

During our stay in Lourdes, we will have the chance to celebrate 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 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 8: August 16, 2011**

### **Santiago de Compostela**

After an early breakfast we leave Lourdes and we travel to one of the most ancient pilgrimages sites, Santiago de Compostela. Dinner and Overnight in Santiago

## **Day 9: August 17, 2011**

### **Santiago de Compostela**

Today you will visit the most popular pilgrimage destination outside of Rome and Jerusalem



during the Middle Ages, the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. It still receives hundreds of thousands of visitors every year. The relics of St. James the Apostle are enshrined in the crypt located below the high altar. Another highlight of the Cathedral is the botafumeiro, a three-foot-high iron incense burner that is suspended by a two hundred-foot rope and swung over the heads of the congregation. Dinner and overnight in Santiago.

## **Day 10: August 18, 2011**

### **Avila**

Today you will start your day very early in the morning as we travel to Avila, with a stop at Alba de Tormes. Today you will travel to Alba de Tormes where you will visit the Carmelite Convent. Enshrined there in a glass reliquary is St. Teresa's incorrupt heart and arm. Dinner and overnight in Ávila.

## **Day 11, August 19, 2011**

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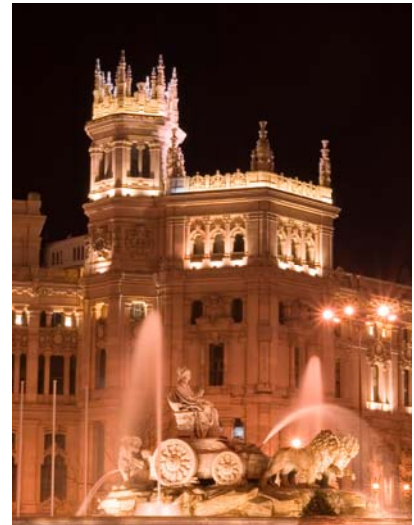
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## **Avila/Madrid**

Today you will visit the Convent of St. Teresa. The convent stands over the site of her birth. It is an active convent and much of it remains closed to visitors, but pilgrims can visit the very spot where the saint was born, now an elaborate chapel in the Baroque church. The chapel is decorated with scenes of the saint demonstrating her powers of levitation. The Sala de Reliquias contains the relics of St. Teresa and St. John of the Cross, her spiritual advisor. Also on the site is a small garden where St. Teresa played as a young girl. In the afternoon we travel to Madrid to participate in the very moving experience of the Way of the Cross performed by the Youth of the World. Overnight in Avila.



## **Day 12, August 20, 2011**

### **Madrid**

When at breakfast, make sure to eat protein in preparation for the pilgrimage walk in the afternoon. Following breakfast we'll pack our bags for an unforgettable camping trip. With the assistance of our Magnificat Travel Pilgrimage escort, we will board our private motor coach and make our way to the proposed site for the Evening Vigil (subject to final scheduling). Meals will be made available as part of your WYD Registration Package. Sleep out under the stars as you pray at the vigil with thousands of youth from around the globe and His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI. Sleep well- tomorrow morning is the awesome final mass!



## **Day 13, Sunday 21:**

### **Madrid**

This morning the Holy Father will celebrate the closing Mass of World Youth Day. Receive the Holy Eucharist in the presence of the Pope – an experience you will never forget. We'll return to our hotel accommodations in Avila for dinner and a much needed night's sleep.

## **Day 14, August 22:**

### **USA**

In the morning, we'll transfer to our designated International Airport for our return flight to the US. Our WYD pilgrimage may be over, but the memories we've made will last forever.



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## PILGRIMAGE INCLUSIONS

- Motor Coach Transportation to Houston
- Round Trip Airfare from Houston
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  - Bus Transfer while in Europe
  - Air Conditioned
- Hotel Accommodations
  - 13 Nights
  - Double Occupancy
  - Private Bath
- Meals
  - 14 Breakfasts
  - 14 Dinners
- Pilgrimage Director, Translator, & Tour Guide
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- Orientation Meetings
- Pilgrimage Escort
- World Youth Day Registration
- Mass & Spiritual Activities Coordinated
- Hospitality Packet
- Pilgrim T-Shirt

## PILGRIMAGE EXCLUSIONS

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

## PRICE

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## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Upon Registration	\$300 (non-refundable deposit)
November 1, 2009	\$265
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March 1, 2010	\$265
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July 1, 2010	\$265
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November 1, 2010	\$265
January 1, 2011	\$265
March 1, 2011	\$265
May 1, 2011	\$265
June 1, 2011	Airline Taxes & Fees*

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