



Marian Pilgrimage to Western Europe

October 13-26, 2024 - 13 Days

ITALY (VATICAN) – FRANCE – SPAIN – PORTUGAL

Featuring: Vatican Tour, Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square, Visits to Assisi (St. Francis), San Giovanni Rotondo (St. Padre Pio), Padua (St. Anthony) Loyola (St. Ignatius), Lourdes and Fatima.

We thank Father Keith Wallace for being our spiritual leader for this tour.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8951 (Immaculate Conception - Port Perry) is organizing the tour and will be receiving a commission for this, which will be directed to the Immaculate Conception Parish Maintenance Fund.

The expected cost is **\$3,300.00 per person** plus the cost of airfare (Individuals are to book their flights, approximately **\$1,300.00 per person**). Acceptance on first come – first serve basis.

An information session is being held **Feb 18, at 1pm** in the church hall at Immaculate Conception Parish in Port Perry

Included in Cost:

- Accommodation in 4-star hotels (double occupancy - 2 persons per room)
- Meals - Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Daily Travel by deluxe motorcoach
- Sightseeing and Entrance fees per the itinerary Tour Manager
- Local Guides in some cities
- Taxes, Gratuities and transfers

Not Included in Cost:

- City tax to hotels, travel insurance and airfare
- Accommodation for a single occupancy room (price to be advised)

Tour provided by EuroWorld DMC

We must have a minimum of 45 confirmed registered and deposits made to book the tour.

Interested? Please send an email to <mailto:kofc8951trip2024@gmail.com> to confirm your spot. An information session will be planned with the registered group once we have confirmed the minimum group requirements.

A condensed itinerary and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document have been developed for all interested individuals. The Itinerary and FAQ can be found on the Immaculate Conception Parish website at <https://immaculateconceptionpo.archtoronto.org>

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Assemble at Toronto International Airport on 12th October to board Flight to Lisbon.

Day 1: TORONTO – LISBON - FATIMA 13th October



Arrival in Lisbon, Transfer to Hotel in Fatima. Arrive Fatima Visit Our Lady of Fatima church The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared six times to three shepherd children near the town of Fatima, between 13 May and 13 October 1917. The Blessed Virgin Mary is also referred as Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima. Candle light procession on your own and free time for religious activities. Check-in to Hotel. Overnight stay at hotel in Fatima.

Day 2: FATIMA – VALLADOLID 14th October

After Breakfast free time own for religious activity. Then we proceed to Valladolid. dinner and overnight stay at Hotel in Valladolid.



Day 3: VALLADOLID – LOYOLA - LOURDES 15th October



Breakfast at hotel. We proceed to Azpeitia to visit the monastery of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Then proceed to Lourdes. Join the Candle Light Procession at night Dinner and overnight at Hotel.

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Day 4: LOURDES 16th October

After breakfast we have time for religious activity on own, After lunch Walking tour of Lourdes. We visit Lourdes, the famous Catholic pilgrimage center, located in the South West of France at the foot of the Pyrenees Mountains. The Virgin Mary appeared to a 14-year-old girl, Bernadette. Lourdes today welcomes more than 5 million visitors annually from 150 countries. Visit the three main Basilicas, pray at the Grotto and drink water from the miraculous spring. Visit Sacre Coeur to see the Baptismal font where St. Bernadette was baptized. Visit the healing waters. These are 7 pools with water coming from the Miracle Source Join the Candle Light Procession at night Dinner and overnight at Hotel.



Day 5: LOURDES - NEVERS 17th October

After breakfast, check out from Hotel and proceed to Nevers. Nevers is a town and the prefecture of the Nièvre department in the Bourgogne-Franche-Comté region in central France. En-route we have Lunch & then proceed to Nevers Dinner and overnight at Hotel in Nevers.



Day 6: NEVERS - TURIN 18th October

After breakfast, check out & visit St Bernadette, Espace Bernadette Soubirous Nevers is a former convent and the motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of Nevers in Nevers, France, and is where the body of Saint Bernadette reposes. In 1970, it was converted into a sanctuary run by volunteers and a few sisters who administer to pilgrims and manage the building & then proceed to Turin. Dinner and overnight at Hotel in Turin.

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Day 7: TURIN - PADOVA 19th October

After breakfast, check out and drive to Turin Cathedral is a Roman Catholic cathedral in Turin, northern Italy. Dedicated to Saint John the Baptist. It is the seat of the Archbishops of Turin. It was built during 1491–1498, adjacent to a bell tower which had been built in 1470. Later proceed to Padova. Dinner and overnight at Padova



Day 8: PADOVA - ASSISI 20th October



Breakfast at hotel. Transfer basilica of St. Anthony in Padua. The original St. Anthony of Padua Church was built in 1725 by the local Italian community of Istanbul, but was later demolished and replaced with the current building which was constructed on the same location. The current St. Anthony of Padua was built between 1906 and 1912. After Lunch proceed to Assisi.

Dinner and overnight at Assisi.

Day 9: ASSISI – SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO – 21st October

Breakfast at hotel. Assisi is the land of St. Francis and (the first Franciscan house), the place of his death and the thorn-less rose garden. Visit the Basilica of St. Francis, including the tombs of St. Francis and his disciples. The Lower and Upper Basilicas are filled with world famous frescoes that depict the lives of Jesus and St. Francis, as well as other saints. We transfer to San Giovanni Rotondo.



Day 10: SAN GIOVANNI ROTANDO - ROME 22nd October

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Pio of Pietrelcina, widely known as Padre Pio, was an Italian Capuchin friar, priest, stigmatist, and mystic. He is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church, celebrated on 23 September. Pio joined the Capuchins at fifteen and spent most of his religious life in the convent of San Giovanni Rotondo. Later transfer to Rome.

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Dinner at Restaurant Overnight stay at hotel in Rome.

DAY 11: ROME 23rd October

Breakfast at hotel Transfer to Vatican City the smallest state in the world. Proceed to St. Peter's Square for Papal Audience. Visit the St. Peter Basilica Lunch at Restaurant, we visit St. John Lateran, one of the major Basilicas & then have a City tour of Rome we see Colosseum (outside view) Trevi Fountain. Then we proceed for Dinner at Restaurant Overnight stay at hotel in Rome.



Day 12: ROME – TORONTO 24th October

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Rome FCO airport to board flight to Toronto.

Day 13: ARRIVE TORONTO

Arrive back home with wonderful memories of the tour and all the new friends and families that you met, we are sure you will relive the memories over and over again. We thank you for choosing to tour with us.

**Tour End **

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Knights of Columbus role in this pilgrimage?

Council 8951 is working as a sales agent of Royal Tours and will receive a commission from the funds paid by travelers. This is a fundraising initiative of the council and the funds raised will be used to support charitable, community and parish needs.

Where can I find out more information about the tour operator?

The tour operator is based in India and has offices in both England and France. One of our local council members has travelled with the operator in the past and has first-hand experience with them. Information about Royal World Tours may be found at <http://www.royalworldtours.in>.

What hotels will be booked?

The tour operator will book 4-star hotels for each night of the tour. In most circumstances your stay will be one night at each location.

How will we travel during the tour?

If you are booking your flights with the group you will meet your guide at the airport in Lisbon. If you are travelling on your own, you must arrive and meet the group at the Lisbon airport. Throughout the trip you will travel on a modern, air conditioned/heated motor coach throughout the trip. At frequent intervals the group will visit and walk through many holy sites, scenic locations and communities. During the trip the tour group will arrive at a hotel where you will have time to relax, dine, and discuss the day's adventures.

What meals and style of food should I expect?

The tour operator will arrange for three meals per day (breakfast, lunch and supper) and western-style menus will be arranged. Whenever possible, choices will be offered.

I have dietary restrictions. May I request a lactose-free, gluten-free, vegetarian, or vegan menu?

Yes, you may request a restricted diet in advance of travel. During the trip your tour guide will ensure each restaurant on the tour is prepared to meet your needs.

Who will be our leader during the tour?

Father Keith Wallace will join the tour as a spiritual advisor, and he will be accompanied by a tour guide appointed by Royal World Tours. The tour guide will have responsibility for the logistical needs and day-to-day communication among the group.

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Will we attend Mass regularly and on Sundays?

Yes, Father Keith will celebrate Mass frequently throughout the trip and on Sundays. When appropriate, the tour may join local parishes and attend Mass within the community being visited.

What if I become ill during the trip?

You are advised to arrange for your own medical insurance for the entire period you are abroad. If you require medical attention the tour guide will arrange it for you. If you are unable to continue your travel with the group an appropriate plan will be made.

I have restricted mobility. Should I attend?

This tour will consist of walking, navigating stairs, and significant outdoor activity. If you have restricted mobility this may not be an appropriate tour for you.

If I become ill before the tour dates, can I receive a refund?

Deposits and payments for this tour are non-refundable, however, you may appoint a substitute traveler in your place.

How should I dress?

You should dress casually and comfortably, however please be reminded that you will be visiting many holy sites and churches. In Europe it is customary for women's shoulders to be covered inside churches, and men should not wear shorts. You should ensure you wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to stand for long periods of time. Additionally, you should bring appropriate clothing in case of rain.

If something goes wrong during this trip, who will be in charge?

When groups of people travel together there will inevitably be some unavoidable confusion. For example, someone may oversleep and miss breakfast. Someone may lose their wallet and need a replacement ID. Someone may have blisters and can't walk, etc., etc. The tour guide will be the "on-the-ground" coordinator to ensure everyone's needs are met. All travelers are reminded that a heaping dose of kindness and understanding will ensure all travelers have a positive experience.

If a more significant issue arises (like a traffic accident, damage from severe weather, etc.) the tour operator Royal World Tours will coordinate an appropriate response. The Knights of Columbus nor Immaculate Conception parish will have any responsibility in such matters. All travelers will be asked to sign a waiver acknowledging the roles of each of these parties.