



## Iberian Peninsula Pilgrimage

Featuring

Spain, France and Portugal

**Barcelona, Monserrat Monastery, Sagrada Familia, Lourdes  
Oviedo, Santiago de Compostela, Fatima, Porto, Santarem, Lisbon**

**11 Days - April 13 – April 24, 2026**

Hosted by

**Father Dominic and Paula Spears**

Air & Land cost: **\$5,820** per person sharing Twin/Double & **\$7,260** per person single

Land only cost: **\$4,320** per person sharing Twin/Double & **\$5,760** per person single



### Day 1 Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>: Depart USA

The charter bus will pick up those traveling with the group at Sacred Heart D'Iberville, and head to New Orleans International Airport. The group departs from New Orleans at 12:14pm. We arrive Barcelona on April 14 at 10am.

### Day 2 Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>: Welcome to Barcelona

Once we arrive in Barcelona airport, collect our luggage, go through customs and proceed to arrivals where we are met by our guide. After boarding the coach we begin a tour of **Barcelona**, seeing several sights (some from the coach, some walking), including Passeig de Gracia with Antoni Gaudi's iconic buildings, Plaza Catalunya, Montjuic with Olympic Stadium, Ramblas and many more! Afterwards, we make our way to our hotel for check in and enjoy a lovely welcome dinner together with a Traditional Flamenco Show.



**Hotel TBD, Barcelona.....(D)**

### Day 3 Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>: Trip to Montserrat and the Sagrada



This morning after a delicious breakfast, after our driver meets us in the hotel lobby, and we enjoy a full- day excursion to Montserrat and the Sagrada. We are greeted by a local tour guide who will take us on a tour to visit sites such as **Monserrat Monastery and Basilica of the Sagrada Familia**, one a spectacularly beautiful Benedictine monk mountain retreat about one hour Northwest from Barcelona and the other a beautiful Catholic Church. We will be taking the **Cremallera Funicular** (mountain train) to the top of the mountain where we see beautiful sites as the Montserrat Monastery. Not only

is Monserrat Monastery of significant religious importance but the natural beauty surrounding the monastery is simply breathtaking. If you enjoy walking, there are also some interesting walks through the mountains where you experience magnificent views of some of the most unusual rock formations in the whole of Catalonia. We return to Madrid where we are free for the rest of the day and evening.

**Hotel TBD, Barcelona.....(B)**

**Day 4 Thursday April 16th: Depart Barcelona to Lourdes**

Once we finish breakfast this morning, we depart Barcelona and make our way to **Lourdes, France**. We take our time as we travel to Lourdes enjoying the scenery and stopping where it is convenient. After a busy day traveling, we check into our hotel just in time for dinner! We'll then have the rest of the evening after dinner to sit back and relax.



**Hotel TBD, Lourdes.....(B)**

**Day 5 Friday April 17th: Exploration Day of Lourdes**

After breakfast this morning, we are met in the hotel lobby by our guide and begin our day tour of the market town of Lourdes. We enjoy a visit to the **Basilica of St Pius X**. Hidden beneath the Boulevard Pere Remi Sempe lies the massive underground Basilica. This architecturally controversial church was completed in 1957 and consecrated a



year later by a Roman cardinal. The city of Lourdes is one of the most-visited Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world as it was the area in which the Virgin Mary appeared to a local peasant girl, who would go on to attain sainthood. The staggeringly large subterranean church was subsequently built to house the immense crowds that flood the city on feast dates and other important Catholic holy days. People come to Lourdes for water, to drink from the fountains, but also to take it back home with them. This process began just after 25th February 1858, the day on which the Virgin Mary told Saint Bernadette where to dig to find the spring. It is at this spring, which flows on the left side at the base of

the Grotto, where Our Lady invites us to come “to drink and wash ourselves”. After this spiritual experience we take some time to relax and enjoy our surroundings before having dinner on our own this evening.

**Hotel TBD, Lourdes.....(B)**

**Day 6 Saturday April 18th: Lourdes to Oviedo**

Once we finish breakfast this morning, we depart Lourdes and continue our journey to **Torrelavega** where we stop here for lunch on our own. Torrelavega's historical and artistic heritage includes the monument ensemble of **Viérnoles**, with palaces and mansions from the 17th to the 19th centuries. After we have spent some time exploring this wonderful city, we continue to our final stop of the day, **Oviedo**. We check into our hotel here before taking some time to explore the city. From narrow cobblestone streets steeped in history, to mouthwatering hearty food, and an incredible amount of public art scattered around the city, Oviedo has something for everyone to enjoy. We have dinner together in our hotel restaurant tonight.



**Hotel TBD, Oviedo..... (B, D)**

**Day 7 Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> : Oviedo to Santiago de Compostela**

This morning, enjoy some time to relax after breakfast before we take the bus to our next destination – **Santiago de Compostela**. This beautiful city is renowned for its fine dining and modern art filled streets in its old town where





we find the traditional ‘tapas’ and feel the real traditional Spanish atmosphere. Beyond the winding streets and the stone mansions, the modern side of Santiago can be seen around the university area, in its art galleries, and above all in two places: the Galician Contemporary Art Centre and Cidade da Cultura by the New York architect Peter Eisenman, one of the most surprising examples of Galicia’s contemporary architecture. Feel free to spend the afternoon appreciating this charming city. Enjoy dinner on our own tonight.

**Hotel TBD, Santiago de Compostela..... (B)**

### **Day 8 Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>: “Way of Saint James” Day Tour**

After a filling breakfast this morning, we meet the local guide in our hotel lobby for today’s wonderful exploration. We enjoy a guided tour of the *“Way of Saint James”*. Saint James wanted to travel to the end of the world. The end of Spain here in Santiago de Compostela is considered the end of the world. We will experience the *Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela* – the reputable burial place of Saint James, one of the apostles of Jesus Christ. Here we witness the remains of St. James kept in a silver urn, alongside those of his disciples Saint Athanasius and Saint Theodore. This afternoon, we are free to explore and enjoy the city at our own leisure. Dinner on our own tonight



**Hotel TBD, Santiago de Compostela..... (B)**

### **Day 9 Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>: Santiago de Compostela to Fatima**

This morning after breakfast, we depart and make a stop in *Porto*. We enjoy a stunning 6 bridges *cruise along the river Douro* viewing the many beautiful landscapes and red-roofed buildings of the town of Ribeira and Vila Nova de Gaia, and of course the many beautiful bridges the city has to offer. Afterwards we will meet the local guide here who will provide a one-hour *walking tour of Santiago de Compostela* where we will see its unique preserved medieval structure and architecture. Its winding streets weave together layers of history and heritage, from its identity as the proud birthplace of Henry the Navigator to notes of Brazilian influence, to traces of opulence from Portugal’s peak as a world trading power. We then *continue to Fatima*, our last stop of the day. We will enjoy a group dinner in our hotel.

**Hotel TBD, Fatima ..... (B, D)**

### **Day 10 Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Day Tour of Fatima**



After a hearty breakfast this morning, we will be greeted by our guide in the hotel lobby where we will be provided with a full day *Pilgrims tour of Fatima*. Fatima is one of the most important shrines to the Virgin Mary in the world. Our first stop is to the village of Aljustrel, the birthplace of the three little shepherd children that stated the Virgin Mary had appeared to them. The event, on Oct. 13, 1917, is known as the **Miracle of the Sun** and was attended by upwards of 40,000 people. A marble pillar with a statue of Our Lady marks the exact spot in the Chapel of Apparitions, and millions of pilgrims make the journey to see it yearly. We will visit Basilica de

Nossa Senhora do Rosario de Fatima where we will enjoy mass and visit the sanctuary. We will gather for dinner this evening at our hotel.

**Hotel TBD, Fatima..... (B, D)**

**Day 11 Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Fatima to Lisbon**

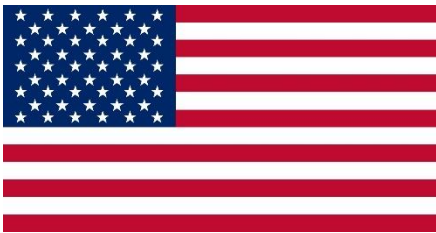
This morning after breakfast, we depart Fatima and make our way to our final destination, **Lisbon**. On our way we will make a stop in **Santarém** for a guided walking tour. The ***Eucharistic Miracle of Santarém***, together with that of Lanciano, is considered among the most important Eucharistic miracles. Numerous studies and canonical analyses were carried out on the relics. The Host changed into bleeding Flesh and Blood flowed out of the Blessed Sacrament. Both relics are preserved to this day in the Church of St. Stephen in Santarém. We then continue to Lisbon this afternoon. After checking into our hotel this

evening, you can spend the evening as you wish in one of the many beautiful restaurants of your choice!

**Hotel TBD, Lisbon.....(B)**

**Day 12 Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>: Depart from Lisbon for USA**

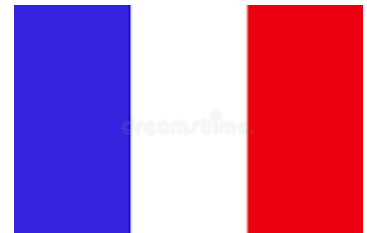
After breakfast this morning a private coach will pick us up for our transfer to the airport. As we depart, for the USA, we take with us the many beautiful memories and bid farewell to the beautiful countries of Spain, France and Portugal.



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**



**SPAIN**



**FRANCE**



**PORTUGAL**

**Hotel List:**

**April 14, 15 TBD**

**April 16, 17 TBD**

**April 18 TBD**

**April 19, 20 TBD**

**April 21, 22 TBD**

**April 23 TBD**