



## EXPLORE Portugal, Spain & France



# *Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines with Deacon Bill Hamlin May 12 - 23, 2025*

**DAY 1:** Depart the USA to France

**DAY 2:** Arrive Toulouse. Upon arrival, we will meet our tour escort and drive to Lourdes where we will spend the next two nights.

**DAY 3:** We spend the day in Lourdes. We visit the historical and spiritual sites associated with the visionary child Bernadette. We begin at the Grotto of the Apparitions, and then continue a guided walking tour visiting the Basilica of St. Pius X, Boly Mill, Soubiron family home, the Basilica of the Rosary, the miraculous spring and the healing baths. Celebrate Mass. After dinner, we will join in the nightly rosary and candlelight procession.

**DAY 4:** After breakfast, we drive to Zaragoza. Upon arrival we check in at the hotel – Then we will go to the city center for lunch and for a panoramic walking tour with the guide, we will visit the Basilica del Pilar with its magnificent altar built on the site where the Blessed Virgin appeared to the Apostle.

**DAY 5:** After breakfast, we check out and drive to Madrid. Upon arrival we check in at our hotel, where we will spend the next two nights. Then we reach the city center. Break for lunch- Enjoy a panoramic walking tour with the guide, to see Buen Retiro Park, Gran Via, Plaza de Espana, Puerta de Alcala, Puerta de Sol, Plaza Mayor and the Royal Palace (from outside) We visit also the Cathedral of Almudena where we Celebrate Mass.

**DAY 6:** Breakfast at the hotel. Today we will enjoy a day excursion to visit Toledo, the most popular example of past cultural mixtures. Crossing its Moorish bridge, visiting the Synagogue, St Tome Church, the Gothic Cathedral and stroll through narrow cobblestone streets. We then return to Madrid, enjoy time at leisure for shopping. Tonight, we will enjoy a restaurant dinner with Flamenco show. Overnight (BD)

**DAY 7:** After breakfast, we drive to Avila. Upon arrival walk the narrow cobblestone streets of the city as we trace the life of St. Teresa of Avila. Visit the Monastery of the Incarnation and the Convent of St. Teresa. Celebrate Mass. In the late afternoon, we continue to Salamanca

**DAY 8:** After breakfast, we drive a short distance to visit Alba de Tormes, where St Therese died in October 1582. We will be able to see her tomb and two important relics: her heart and her left arm.



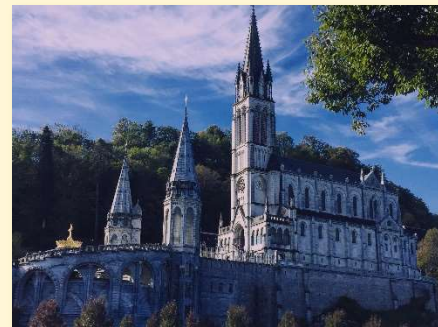
Return to **Salamanca** This celebrated university town has been famous since the Middle Ages when it drew students from all over Europe, and it still has a youthful energy. Wander around the old cobblestone streets and quiet squares to discover the rich heritage, while following in the footsteps of Spain's greatest philosophers, scientists, writers, and artists. In the historic center of town is the world-famous Salamanca University, founded in 1218 as the first university



**DAY 9:** After breakfast we check out. Today we will drive to Portugal. After 5 hrs drive, we will arrive in **Fatima**, where we spend the next two nights- Upon arrival we check in at our hotel. Then we celebrate Mass. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight



**DAY 10:** Today we visit the Chapel of the Apparitions, the Basilica and the tombs of Francisco, Jacinta and Sr. Lucia. We visit also the Monument to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In Aljustrel and Valinhos, we see the two homes of the little shepherds and site of the first and third visit of the "Angel of Peace". We stop at the Parish Church and the cemetery where Francisco and Jacinta were once buried. Celebrate Mass. After dinner, we join the nightly candlelight procession Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at the hotel in Fatima



**DAY 11:** After breakfast, we check out. Transfer to Lisbon. Meet the local guide for a guide tour, which includes the Tower of Belen, Monastery of St. Jeronimos, and Monument to the Discoveries – Continue to the old town of Lisbon drive to visit the Church of San Antonio to Celebrate Mass. Free time for lunch and some shopping-- Check-in at the hotel where we have time to rest before the dinner and overnight (BD)

**DAY 12:** Transfer to the airport.

**Masses will be celebrated daily**

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