

Day 1: Sunday, September 8, 2013 - USA / PARIS

We meet this evening at an international airport for our overnight flight to Paris via a jumbo jet arriving the next day. Meals are served on board.

Day 2: Monday 9/9, PARIS / LISIEUX

Bonjour Paris! Upon arrival, we catch glimpses of the city as we transfer to Lisieux, the home of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. She is the one whom Pope Pius X called "the greatest saint of modern times". We will proceed directly to Carmelite Convent for Holy Mass (subject to confirmation). The convent houses the sacred relic of St. Therese of Lisieux. We check in at our hotel for a welcome dinner and overnight. [D]

Day 3: Tuesday 9/10, LISIEUX

This morning, we visit the beautiful Basilica of St. Therese, built and dedicated to the beloved saint. We will celebrate Holy Mass there (subject to confirmation). We visit Les Buissonnets, the family home where Therese spent the early years of her life before entering Carmel at the age of fifteen. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B, D]



Basilica of St. Therese, Lisieux

Day 4: Wednesday 9/11, LISIEUX / PARIS

After breakfast this morning, return to the Carmelite Convent for Holy Mass (subject to confirmation). Then, we depart Lisieux and travel back to Paris. Upon our arrival, we make our way to Montmartre hill and ascend to the top to visit the world famous Basilica of Sacre-Coeur. In the Basilica, above the high altar, there is a monstrance containing the Consecrated Host. The practice of perpetual adoration has been uninterrupted in Sacre Coeur since 1885. From there, we enjoy an orientation tour of the city, viewing sites such as the Champs-Elysees, Arc de Triomphe and the famous Eiffel Tower. This evening, join new friends or enjoy a private sampling of authentic French cuisine as **dinner is on your own**. Overnight in Paris. [B]

Day 5: Thursday 9/12, PARIS

Today, we begin with a visit and Holy Mass (subject to confirmation) at the Sainte Chapelle, which has the most beautiful stained glass windows in Paris. Consecrated in

1248, the Sainte Chapelle was built by St. Louis (King Louis IX) to enshrine the Crown of Thorns. Then, we spend time at the famous Cathedral of Notre Dame which is the most famous Gothic Cathedral in the world devoted to the Blessed Mother. The cathedral is more than 700 years old and took 87 years to complete from the laying of the cornerstone in 1163 to the completion of the Western facade and northern rose window in 1250. It is best characterized by ogee archways, ribbed vaults, flying buttresses, rose stained glass windows, ornately crafted spires, and gargoyles, which were the guardians of grand cathedrals. After our visit, enjoy the area. You will find opportunities for taking photos, shopping or finding a place to sit and observe the French culture and her people. Other suggestions include:



Sainte Chapelle, Paris



Notre Dame, Paris

- Make your way to the famous Eiffel Tower and take an elevator to the top. The view is spectacular and you will capture magnificent panoramas of the city!
- Visit the Louvre Gallery, which was built as a medieval fortress in 1546. It became a residence to the royal family, and then, under the French Republic, a museum and home of a massive art collection, now containing artifacts works dating from the beginning of civilization up to the 19th Century. The most renowned highlights of the collection are Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa, the Winged Victory of Samothrace and Venus de Milo.

This evening, we will enjoy a lovely dinner cruise on the River Seine. Overnight in Paris. [B, D]

Day 6: Friday 9/13, PARIS

This morning, we spend time at the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal on Rue de Bac, where Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830. There we see the incorrupt body of St. Catherine and the waxed body of St. Louise de Marillac who, with the help of St. Vincent de Paul, established the Daughters of Charity. We will celebrate Holy Mass at the shrine (subject to confirmation). We then proceed to the chapel in the motherhouse of the Congregation of the Mission which houses the incorrupt body of St. Vincent de Paul. The remainder of the day is free to explore on your own. Suggestions include:

- Spend time at St. Sulpice, an exquisite architectural wonder that took over 135 years to build. The simple exterior leads way to the vast and beautiful interior which boasts magnificent Eugene Delacroix murals and

incredible large arched stained glass. In 1641, St. Sulpice Seminary was born through the work of Fr. Jean Jacques Olier and as a result of his dedication the "Society of the Priests of the Seminary of St. Sulpice" later emerged.

• Visit the French Pantheon, built between 1764 and 1790 as St. Genevieve Church under the leadership of Louis XV. Shortly after the completion, it became the burial place of the "Great Men", like Pierre and Marie Curie (the scientists who discovered radioactivity), Voltaire, Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Victor Hugo (three French writers). Today, it still sits on the banks of the Seine in the Latin Quarter and is one of the city's primary buildings used by the government.

Once again, you have the opportunity to sample delicious local food at the restaurant of your choice as **dinner is on your own**. Overnight in Paris. [B]

Day 7: Saturday 9/14, PARIS / TRAIN / LOURDES
(Upgrade to 1st class on train for extra \$69 per person)

This morning, we proceed to the train station for our journey by rail to Lourdes, a small town situated in the Pyrenees Mountains where the Virgin Mary appeared to a young 14-year-old girl named Bernadette Soubirous. Between February 11, 1858 and July 16, 1858, Our Lady appeared 18 times to Bernadette. The young saint describes Our Lady as a "girl in white, the same height as myself, who greeted me with a nod of her head. This girl was beautiful beyond description. She had a blue sash around her white dress and yellow roses on her shoes. A long rosary hung from her arm, and she seemed to invite me to pray with her." Our Lady gave to Bernadette secret messages for herself and other messages for the world to hear: She described herself as the "Immaculate Conception", she revealed a miraculous spring and she asked that a chapel be built for pilgrimage. We will celebrate Holy Mass and then check in at our hotel for dinner. This evening, we have the opportunity to participate in the Candlelight Procession. Overnight in Lourdes. [B, D]



Bernadette Soubirous



The Cachot, Lourdes

Day 8: Sunday 9/15, LOURDES

This morning, we will celebrate the International Holy Mass. After Mass, we visit the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, the Boly Mill where St. Bernadette was born and the "Cachot," an abandoned prison where Bernadette's family lived in poverty. We have an opportunity to bathe in the miraculous waters at the Grotto, attend the Blessing of the Sick, and spend time in personal prayer. Dinner and overnight in Lourdes. [B, D]

Day 9: Monday 9/16, LOURDES

In September 1883, the Oblates from Ireland and England became the first pilgrims to cross the French border on pilgrimage to Lourdes, France. Members of the Oblate Community have continued the tradition, visiting the Holy grounds the same week in September each year ever since. Today, we participate in Irish Oblates' spiritual traditions. Dinner and overnight in Lourdes. [B, D].

Day 10: Tuesday 9/17, LOURDES



Grotto of Massabielle, Lourdes

We will celebrate Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle (subject to confirmation). After Holy Mass, we have free time to explore Lourdes on our own. Suggestions include:

- Visit the Chateau (Fort) nestled on the hill overlooking the town. There are many incredible photo opportunities there.
- Sightsee along the River Gave, stroll shop-to-shop choosing your precious mementos, or find a comfortable place to rest and bask in the beauty of the city.
- Spend time in prayer at the Grotto or the Basilica, pray the Stations of the Cross on the hillside by the Basilica or bathe in the miraculous waters.
- Take the lift (elevator) on the other side of the River Gave and visit the cemetery where the Soubirous family is buried.

This evening, sample your choice of the many culinary treasures of France as **dinner is on your own**. Again you have the opportunity to participate in the Candlelight Procession if you choose. Overnight in Lourdes. [B]

Day 11: Wednesday 9/18, LOURDES

Today, we join the Oblates as they celebrate the miracle of Lourdes. We gather this evening at our hotel for a farewell dinner and overnight. [B, D]

Day 12: Thursday, September 19, 2013, LOURDES / PAU / FLIGHT / PARIS / USA

Today we begin our journey back to the United States. We arrive home inspired by the spiritual example of the saints and by the grandeur of God's landscape. [B]

Important Information You Need to Know:
Average temperatures this time of year are a high of 77 degrees and a low of 56 degrees. Layers are recommended (shorts and tank shirts can prohibit entry into holy sites).

Visit www.weather.com on the internet to get updated weather forecasts just before traveling.

Individuals who register will receive an important welcome letter and a *Know Before You Go* brochure. We highly recommend an **immediate** and **thorough** reading of both.

Please note that passports can take 3 months or more from the time you submit your paperwork.

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Fr McAlear / France
September 8, 2013

TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 11/6/2012 and subject to change without notice should there be a revision in rates prior to departure of tour. The tour price is based on a minimum of 36 passengers. Should there be fewer, there could be a surcharge.

ACCOMMODATIONS: In first class hotels or better, based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities. Single-room supplement is \$69 per night and based on availability. Requests for a roommate are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed. The single-room supplement will be assessed if a roommate is not available when the group is finalized.

MEALS: Ten full hot breakfasts and seven dinners throughout the basic tour (continental breakfasts in hotels only where full breakfasts are not available). Extra charge for beverage not included in the menu of the day.

TIPS AND TAXES: Those normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as "service" are included. Airport fees, departure taxes, and fuel surcharges are estimated on the original invoice and adjusted at the time of ticketing.

SIGHTSEEING: By modern motorcoach, including services of English-speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary. Masses at churches indicated are subject to availability.

NOT INCLUDED: 1: Airport fees, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (est. - \$689); 2: tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (\$96); 3: optional travel insurance and 4: hotel city taxes in Italy. **An amount to cover these items will be added to your original invoice.** Also not included: baggage fees, passport and visa fees, laundry, wines, liquors, meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, items of a personal nature, and airline baggage fees.

ASSISTANCE: Pilgrims who require personal assistance must be accompanied by a paying passenger who will provide that assistance.

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION: A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure reservations, which sum will be applied to the price of the tour, with the **balance to be paid in full no later than 6/9/2013.** Payment of remaining balance received after 6/9/2013 will incur a \$50 penalty. Reservations made within 91 days of departure may be subject to a late charge. In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 5/11/2013 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties. From 5/11/2013 to 6/9/2013 the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties. If cancellation is received after 6/9/2013, refund will be subject to a minimum 40% cancellation fee plus any airline cancellation penalties, or an amount equal to expenses to the tour operator, whichever is greater. There will be no refund for cancellations within 10 days of departure. Cancellation must be in writing and the effective date will be the date that Pentecost Tours, Inc. receives it. In the event 15 passengers do not book the tour within 120 days of departure, the agent reserves the right to cancel the tour. If the entire tour is cancelled by Pentecost Tours, Inc., you are entitled to a full refund.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round trip USA/Paris and Pau/USA on economy class jet via Delta or any other IATA member. Based on 6-day minimum/21-day maximum advanced purchase fare, subject to participation of ten persons on entire flight itinerary.

If cancellation is effected by passenger after 6/9/2013, or after air tickets are written, whichever comes first, 100% of airfare will be forfeited by passenger in addition to the penalties mentioned above. All airfares are subject to government approval and change without notice.

INSURANCE: Insurance is NOT included in the tour price. Because of the cost of medical care outside the United States, the fact that Medicare does not provide coverage outside the United States, the possibility that your own insurance provider may not cover you outside the United States, and due to the potentially high cost of escorted air evacuation, travel insurance is strongly recommended. Consequently, for the protection of our clients, you will be mailed a travel insurance brochure/policy along with an acceptance or rejection insurance waiver form. The effective date of coverage will be the date that the insurance premium is paid and not the date of the initial deposit.

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Tour 30908

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Tour 30908

Fr. Richard McAlear, OMI

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September 8-19, 2013

on a 12-day pilgrimage to



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if deposit is paid by 5-31-13
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