



Itinerary

Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France featuring Santiago de Compostela

Oct 4, 2019 - Oct 15, 2019

Day 1: Overnight Flight



Travel overnight to Portugal, one of Europe's most hospitable countries. Here, you can enjoy a superb climate, historic sites and beautiful scenery.

Day 2: Fatima, Portugal - Tour Begins



Your tour begins in Fatima, Portugal's world-famous religious centre.

Hotel

Hotel De Fatima
Fatima

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 21°
Low 14°
Rain 2"

Day 3: Fatima - Aljustrel - Batalha - Fatima



You may celebrate Mass* before travelling to the original town of Fatima and the parish church where the children Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia were baptized. Continue on to Aljustrel, where the children lived, and view the site of the fifth apparition in Valinhos. Visit the Batalha Monastery, an impressive Dominican convent. Later, return to Fatima** to enjoy free time for personal worship and to explore the basilica and its grounds.

Hotel

Hotel De Fatima
Fatima

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 21°
Low 14°
Rain 2"

Day 4: Fatima - Porto - Santiago de Compostela, Spain



Make your way to Porto and envelop yourself in the sights and sounds of the city's riverfront. Join a local expert and discover Porto, one of the oldest cities in Europe. Your tour takes you through the city's historic centre (a UNESCO World Heritage site) highlighting the cathedral of Porto. See the imposing 18th-century Clerigos Tower; the impressive Dona Maria Pia Bridge, designed by Gustave Eiffel; and the medieval quarter. Continue on to Santiago de Compostela; the pilgrim city where the tomb of the Apostle St. James was discovered. Breathe in the sights of one of the most popular pilgrim destinations since the Middle Ages.

Hotel

Culinary

Weather

Day 5: Santiago de Compostela



Learn about the "Way of St. James" from a local expert and find out why hundreds of pilgrims walk here daily. Explore the world-famous cathedral, adorned with an ensemble of soaring towers, arches and windows. Gather as a group to celebrate Mass.* Discover Praça do Obradoiro, a monumental square of pure grandeur in granite and home to some of Europe's finest historical buildings. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Hotel

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Santiago de Compostela

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 18°
Low 9°
Rain 7"

Day 6: Santiago de Compostela - Burgos



Travel east to Burgos, known as the cradle of the Castile region. Situated on the Pilgrim's Road, Burgos stands on the banks of the Rio Arlanzon with the slender, elegant spires of its famous cathedral rising into the sky. Mass* is available this evening.

Hotel

Hotel Rice Reyes Catolicos
Burgos

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 20°
Low 8°
Rain 1"

Day 7: Burgos



Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour of Burgos' beautiful medieval town centre. Spend time at the Cathedral of Burgos (UNESCO), a masterpiece of Spanish Gothic architecture. The cathedral, the third largest church in Spain, offers such masterpieces as the filigree work in the spires of the towers; the starry dome; the choir; the sarcophagi and the golden staircase. Next, visit the 12th-century Monastery of Santa María Real de las Huelgas. Founded as a Royal Pantheon and a spiritual retreat for society ladies and royalty, the complex consists of the church, monastery and the enclosed premises of the Cistercian nuns. Mass* is available this evening.

Hotel

Hotel Rice Reyes Catolicos
Burgos

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 20°
Low 8°
Rain 1"

Day 8: Burgos - Lourdes, France



Travel northeast through the Pyrenees Mountains to Lourdes. This is where the Virgin Mary appeared in the Grotto of Massabielle to the poor shepherd girl, Bernadette, for a total of 18 times between February 11 and July 16, 1858. Since then, this little market town has been a world-renowned pilgrimage site. Tonight you may wish to partake in a candlelight procession.**

Hotel

Hotel Alba
Lourdes

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 19°
Low 9°
Rain 2"

Day 9: Lourdes



After morning Mass,* enjoy a walking tour of Lourdes, visiting the places associated with the life of St. Bernadette: the "Boly Mill" (site of the birthplace of St. Bernadette), the "Cachot," and the parish church housing the baptismal font of St. Bernadette. Later, enjoy some time at leisure to explore the town's rich historical and natural heritage. Become immersed in the atmosphere that reigned during the apparitions and revel in the spirit of brotherhood that is still present today.

Hotel

Hotel Alba
Lourdes

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 19°
Low 9°
Rain 2"

Day 10: Lourdes - Carcassone - Barcelona, Spain



Celebrate Mass* before your journey through southern France's Pyrenees to historic Carcassonne. Feel as though you've travelled back in time as you explore this well-preserved medieval city on your own. Later, cross back into Spain and travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most fascinating cities.

Hotel
H10 Itaca Barcelona
Barcelona

Culinary
Breakfast

Weather
High 19°
Low 9°
Rain 2"

Day 11: Barcelona



Celebrate Mass* at the crypt of La Sagrada Família, followed by a visit to the elaborate, expansive basilica. Once completed, Gaudi's masterpiece will have 18 towers: 12 dedicated to the apostles, four to the evangelists, one to Jesus and another to Mary. Later, get to know more of the city's treasures, including views of Antonio Gaudi's Mila House (UNESCO), the Columbus Monument and Parc de Montjuic. Spend this afternoon at leisure exploring the city further or choose an optional excursion to the quaint mountain village of Montserrat. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a dinner celebrating the end of a memorable tour.

Hotel
H10 Itaca Barcelona
Barcelona

Culinary
Breakfast & Dinner

Weather
High 19°
Low 9°
Rain 2"

Day 12: Barcelona - Tour Ends



Return home eager to share vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage.

Post Night: H10 Itaca Barcelona



Would you like to end your vacation with an additional Hotel in Barcelona?