

In the Footsteps of
**ST. IGNATIUS
OF LOYOLA**
Pilgrimage

Tom Elliott and Stephen J. Binz – Pilgrimage Leaders
Fr. Jack Sidler – Pilgrimage Chaplain

9 Days
October 1-9, 2019



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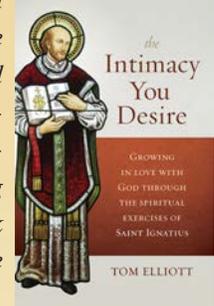
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Stephen Binz is a biblical scholar and award-winning author of over fifty books. As a popular speaker, he offers keynotes, seminars, and workshops internationally as well as education for clergy and pastoral leaders. Following graduate degrees at the Gregorian University and the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and Jerusalem, he has developed Bible studies in the church for three decades and has offered numerous study trips and pilgrimages to sacred places. His books have earned top awards from the Catholic Press Association and the Association of Catholic Publishers. Stephen and his wife Pamela live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. To contact him and learn more about his publications, speaking events, and pilgrimages, visit www.Bridge-B.com.

Dear Friends,

We are excited to invite you to travel with us on a unique pilgrimage, In the Footsteps of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Our journey will explore the many places in Spain that were important to Ignatius and his early companions, while staying at quality hotels and dining on a delicious variety of local cuisine.

Along the way, you will not only learn more about the life of Ignatius, but you will have opportunities to experience his spirituality and that of the Jesuit tradition. We will have time for meditation, prayer, and discernment as we experience the sites that formed this master of the spiritual life and helped him articulate his Spiritual Exercises.

We are pleased that Fr. Jack Sidler will travel with us. Ordained in 2014, he is a priest of the Diocese of Little Rock and serves as pastor of St. John Church in Russellville. After raising a family and the death of his wife, he discerned a second vocation to the priesthood through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. He will be offering Mass and homily for us at sacred places each day of our journey

Please help spread the word about this pilgrimage by sending this link to your friends, email lists, and social media. Space is limited to one bus, so please sign up by sending your registration and deposit soon. We sure hope you can be a part of this life-transforming pilgrimage.

In the Joy of the Gospel,

Tom Elliott and Stephen Binz

WHAT'S THE COST?

Land and Air

\$3995.00

Land Only

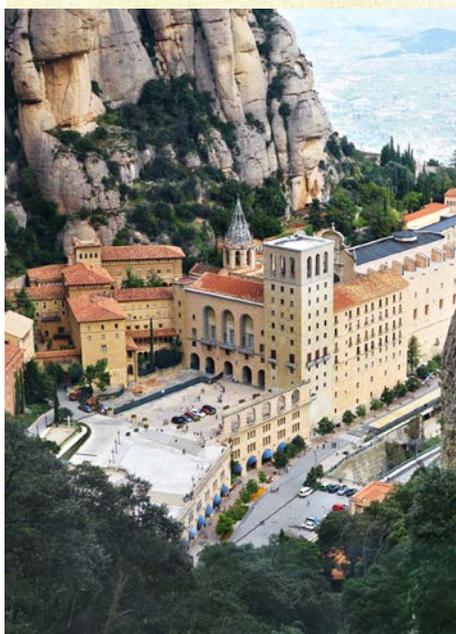
\$2995.00

Single Supplement

\$695.00

Prices are valid only if the deposit is received no later than June 13, 2019

Final payment due July 27, 2019



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✚ TUESDAY, October 1, Day 1 – DEPART FROM USA

Depart New York to Bilbao, Spain. Dinner and breakfast are served on the flight.

✚ WEDNESDAY, October 2, Day 2 – ARRIVE IN BILBAO – TRANSFER TO SAN SEBASTIAN

We arrive in Bilbao and transfer to our hotel in San Sebastian (Donostia in the Basque language). The city, founded in 1180, enjoys a pleasant climate, scenic setting, and sea-side location. For these reasons, it served for many centuries as the summer getaway for Spanish royalty. Dinner this evening is at our hotel. (D)

✚ THURSDAY, October 3, Day 3 – LOYOLA AND ARANZAZU

After breakfast, we travel to Loyola, known locally as the town of Azpeitia. Here, in 1491, Iñigo Lopez de Loyola Oñaz was born in the Tower House of the Loyola family. The Conversion Chapel, located on the top floor, honors the location where Ignatius recovered from his cannonball injury. His readings on the life of Christ and the saints led to his conversion and the beginning of his pilgrimage in search of Jesus Christ. We celebrate Mass here. After visiting the Sanctuary of Loyola and its basilica, we then visit the Church of San Sebastian in Soreasu, where Iñigo was baptized, the Hermitage of our Lady of Olatz, for whom Ignatius felt a special devotion, and the Hospital of St. Mary Magdalen, where Ignatius was housed after his return from Paris in 1535. Following lunch at a local restaurant, we proceed to Aranzazu, located about 25 miles south of Loyola, where Iñigo came as a young pilgrim in 1522. He spent a night vigil before the statue of St. Mary of Aranzazu, during which he put his journey to Jerusalem under the care of Our Lady. Some biographers believe it is here that he made his lifelong vow of chastity. Thirty years later, in a letter, Ignatius expressed his very clear recollection of that night and the spiritual grace he received in the shrine. We return to San Sebastian for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

✚ FRIDAY, October 4, Day 4 – PAMPLONA AND JAVIER:

After checking out of our hotel, the day begins with a visit to Pamplona, where Ignatius was injured in the battle with the French. We then travel to the hamlet of Javier in the province of Navarre. Here we visit the castle of St. Francis Xavier and reflect on the courageous life of this great Jesuit missionary. We celebrate Mass at the Basilica where we see the baptismal font of Francis Xavier. We break for lunch and a short drive takes us to Sos del Rey Catolico, one of the most well-preserved medieval villages in Aragon. Sos, birthplace of King Ferdinand II, added del Rey Catolico (of the Catholic King) to its name in his honor. We will overnight at the Parador, immersed in the ancient feel of this remote hilltop town. Dinner will be at our hotel. (B, D)

✚ SATURDAY, October 5, Day 5 – MONTSERRAT

Following a reflective morning in the quiet setting of the Parador, we make our way to Montserrat, the spiritual heart of Catalonia and home to the dramatically set Benedictine Monastery. This Marian shrine has attracted pilgrims for over 700 years, much as it did Ignatius in March of 1522. On our tour, we view the Black Madonna of Montserrat, before whom Ignatius laid his sword and exchanged his fancy clothes for those of a beggar. Here we celebrate Mass and attend vespers. We return to our hotel for dinner. (B, D)

✚ SUNDAY, October 6, Day 6 – MANRESA

Today, we spend the day in Manresa, a place of profound conversion for Ignatius. On March 25, 1522, Ignatius of Loyola descended from Montserrat to Manresa, staying here much longer than anticipated before continuing his journey to Barcelona. He later said that his months here had been for him a kind of novitiate in the things of the spirit. We celebrate Mass in the cave on the banks of the Cardoner River where Ignatius received a vision that provided him with deep insights into the spiritual life and altered the course of his own life. From the initial insights he received here, Ignatius went on to compose the "Spiritual



Exercises.” We visit the Chapel of Rapture, then a place for the poor and the homeless to sleep, where Ignatius experienced rapture for eight days. We will experience an audiovisual presentation, tour the museum and see other sites associated with St. Ignatius in Manresa. We enjoy wine tasting and lunch at a local vineyard in the Catalan countryside. Later we return to Montserrat for vespers and dinner to follow at our hotel. (B, L, D)

✚ MONDAY, October 7, Day 7 – MONTSERRAT – BARCELONA

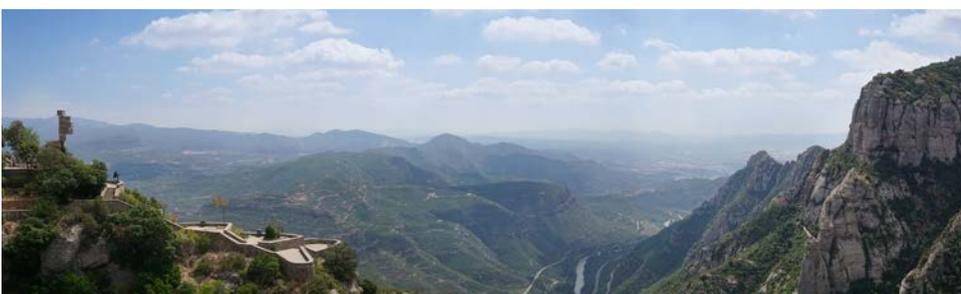
After breakfast at our hotel, we depart for Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, just as a young Ignatius did almost five hundred years before us. The city is renowned for the beauty of both its religious and secular buildings. Our guide will take us on a walking tour of the Gothic Quarter and to other sites significant to Ignatius. We will visit the Church of Santa Maria del Mar, where Ignatius begged for alms for his journey to the Holy Land, and the Sacred Heart Church where we view the sword of Ignatius, which Ignatius surrendered at Montserrat. We celebrate Mass here. Dinner is served at a local restaurant within walking distance from our hotel. (B, D)

✚ TUESDAY, October 8, Day 8 – BARCELONA

Today we experience sites associated with St. Ignatius as well as the great architect, Antonio Gaudi. We visit the Basilica Sagrada Familia (Holy Family), unarguably Gaudi’s masterpiece, and celebrate Mass here. We also visit Park Güell, another renowned work of Antonio Gaudi. The park was commissioned by Eusebi Güell, who wanted to create a stylish residential park for Barcelona aristocracy. Both Gaudi and Güell lived within the park. Today this unique artistic park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lunch is served at a local restaurant, and the balance of the day is free to visit this dynamic city. (B, L)

✚ WEDNESDAY, October 9, Day 9 – FLIGHT HOME:

After breakfast, our pilgrimage concludes and we head to the airport for our return flight to the USA. (B)



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- Round trip air fare from NYC to Bilbao returning from Barcelona.
- Add-on rates are available from most domestic airports upon request.
- Airport Taxes and fuel surcharges (Subject to change at the time of final payment)
- Accommodation at a First-Class hotel
- Buffet breakfast daily
- 6 dinners
- 2 lunches
- Air-conditioned deluxe motor coach
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- All Entrance fees as per itinerary.
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- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Confirmation of Daily Mass

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Travel protection - optional and highly encouraged
- Medical insurance
- Any items not specifically mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Gratuities for the guide(s), driver and hotel staff (please refer to the suggestions we will make available to you). For restaurant meals, we recommend a tip of \$2.00 per person per day. For extra luggage, please tip \$1.00 per person per bag.
- Church donations

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- Baggage handling at train stations, airports, and hotels in excess of one suitcase per person.
- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or portage charges.

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Your passport must be valid through April 9, 2019. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies. Prices quoted are based on cash payments. Cash prices \$3,995.00 for the complete package, \$2,995.00 land only (air not included), \$695.00 single supplement (in room by yourself). Credit card payments are: \$4,195.00 for the complete package, \$3,145.00 for land only, \$730.00 single supplement.

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