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World Youth Day ESSENTIAL Itinerary: 10 Days



Day 1- Saturday, July 28: Depart USA on an overnight flight to Lisbon. Dinner and breakfast are served on the flight.

Day 2 – Sunday, July 29: Arrive in Lisbon or a nearby city in the morning, meet your tour guide and transfer to Fatima. Celebrate Mass at the Shrine and visit Fatima. Dinner and overnight in Fatima. (D)

Day 3 – Monday, July 30: Full day in Fatima to visit the homes of Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta, pray the Stations of the Cross, see the Cova da Iria and the Basilica. Evening rosary and procession. Dinner and overnight in Fatima. (B.D.)

Day 4 – Tuesday, July 31: Morning Mass and a visit to Santarem to see the Shrine of the Holy Miracle and the Monastery of Alcobaca. Transfer to Lisbon for a half a day city tour. Dinner and overnight Lisbon. (B.D.)

Day 5 - Wednesday, August 1: Morning catechesis, WYD Youth Festival events. (B.D.)

Day 6 - Thursday, August 2: Morning catechesis, Welcoming Ceremonies. (B.D.)

Day 7 - Friday, August 3: Morning catechesis, WYD Youth Festival events, and Via Crucis. (B.D)

Day 8 - Saturday, August 4: Pilgrimage walk, evening prayer vigil with our Holy Father. (B.D)

Day 9 – Sunday, August 5: This morning we attend the World Youth Day Mass of Sending with the Holy Father. The rest of the day is at leisure to go to the beach, explore Lisbon or take an optional tour to Sintra, a lovely town of castles, tiled houses, and cobbled streets, in the mountains an hour away from Lisbon. Dinner at the hotel. (B.D.)

Day 10 - Monday, August 6: Depart for home or a post-WYD extension. (B)

This is Select's basic WYD itinerary. However, we recommend that groups plan to travel at least one day before and one day after the basic itinerary above, due to the high demand for flights immediately before and after WYD. Make the most of your time in Europe by adding pilgrimage extensions to your itinerary.

We are also able to a custom design for a pre or post extension to your trip.

*Included meals are denoted as follows: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner



One Day Excursion

Pre WYD Extension

Post WYD Extension

Pre or Post WYD Extension

Option 1

1 Day Excursion from Lisbon or Fatima

Extend your stay in Lisbon or Fatima by 1 day and take oneof three available excursions including:

· Visit Nazare & Batalha

Visit Sintra & Cascais

Beach day in Lisbon

Pilgrimage Pre and Post WYD Extensions

Option 2

2 night post WYD extension to Bon Jesus Shrine in Portugal and Santiago de Compostela (12 day trip with WYD included)

Day 10: LISBON-BOM JESUS- SANTIAGO

Depart Lisbon early in the morning for a drive to Northern Portugal where we celebrate Mass and explore the Shrine of Bom Jesus. Continue across the border into Spain driving to Santiago de Compostela. Overnight in Santiago. (B.D.)

Day 11: SANTIAGO- WALKING PILGRIMAGE

We celebrate Mass at St. James Cathedral and can either walk the last 20 miles taking the same route as the pilgrims

do into Santiago or take an afternoon excursion to Finistere fishing village. Overnight Santiago. (B.D.)

Day 12: RETURN TO USA

Transfer to the airport and the flight home.

Option 3

3 night Pre WYD to Madrid, Avila and Toledo (12 day trip with WYD portion included)

DAY 1: DEPART USA ON AN OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO MADRID

DAY 2: MADRID

Arrive Madrid, visit the Cathedral of Almudena and the Basilicas of St. Francisco el Grande and San Isidro. Dinner and overnight in Madrid.

DAY 3: AVILA

Day trip to Avila to be awed by the Convento la Encarnacion, the fortress-Cathedral, and Monasterio de Santo Tomas. Finally, pray before the relics of St. Theresa of Avila before returning to Madrid for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4: TOLEDO

Visit Toledo, the ancient capital of Spain. See the Plaza de Zocodover, Iglesia de Santo Tome, the Cathedral, and Sinagoga de Santa Maria la Blanca (pictured above). Continue to Fatima for the night.

DAY 5: MADRID - FATIMA

We drive to Fatima pick up day 3 of Basic Itinerary.

Pilgrimage Pre and Post WYD Extensions

One Day Excursion

Pre WYD Extension

Post WYD Extension

Pre or Post WYD Extension

Option 4

3 night Pre or Post WYD extension to Rome (13 day trip with WYD included)

Day 1: Depart USA on an overnight flight to Rome

Day 2: ROME

Arrive Rome and transfer to St. Paul Outside the Walls for a visit. Time permitting we visit Tre Fontane Convent to see where St. Paul was beheaded. Check into the hotel for an overnight in Rome. (B.D.)

Day 3: ROME

This morning we visit St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museum including the Sistine Chapel. In the afternoon we have a walking tour of Rome including the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps, the Pantheon and Piazza Navone. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B.D.)

Day 4: ROME

We visit St. Mary Major and St. John the Lateran and the Holy Stairs next door. Rest of the day is at leisure in Rome to explore on your own or visit a museum. Dinner and overnight. (B.D.)

Day 5: ROME to LISBON FLIGHT

We transfer to the airport for a flight to Lisbon in the morning. Upon arrival in Lisbon we pick up the itinerary of Day 2 (transfer to Fatima) and follow the rest of the WYD Essential itinerary.

Option 5

4 night pre WYD trip to Paris and Lourdes (13 day trip with WYD)

DAY 1: Depart from the USA on an overnight flight to France

DAY 2: PARIS- Arrive in Paris

Walk the ancient center of Paris visiting Notre Dame (exterior) and Ste. Chapelle. Make an evening visit to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart (Sacre Cœur). Dinner and overnight in Paris.

DAY 3: PARIS - LOURDES

Visit the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal to pray before the incorrupt body of St. Catherine Laboure. Just around the corner, visit the Shrine of St. Vincent de Paul. Transfer to Lourdes by train or coach bus. Participate in the evening candlelight procession in honor of Our Lady. Dinner and overnight in Lourdes.

DAY 4: LOURDES

Pray in the triple basilicas of Lourdes and at the Grotto of Our Lady. Pray the Stations of the Cross in the spirit of St. Bernadette. Pray Stations of the Cross, bathe in the sacred waters, and spend time with our Lord in Adoration Walk in the evening candlelight procession in honor of Our Lady. Dinner and overnight Lourdes.

DAY 5: LOURDES - TRAIN TO LISBON

DAY 6: pick up Day 3 of Basic Itinerary

Option 6

4 night post WYD extension to Santiago de Compostela, Avila, Madrid (14 day trip with WYD included)

Day 10: LISBON - SANTIAGO

Depart Lisbon early in the morning driving across the border into Spain. Pilgrims may choose to walk the last 20 miles of the Portuguese Camino to St. James Cathedral in Santiago. Mass will be celebrated in Pontevedra. Dinner and overnight in Santiago. (B.D.)

Day 11- SANTIAGO- ALBA DE TORMES - AVILA-

We celebrate Mass at St. James Cathedral before departing for Alba De Tormes to see the burial site of St. Teresa of Avila. Late in the day we arrive at Avila for dinner and overnight. (B.D.)

Day 12: AVILA - MADRID

This morning we explore the walled city of Avila and visit the places associated with St. Teresa's life and work. Mass will be celebrated at the Carmelite Convent. In the afternoon we drive to Madrid for overnight. Overnight in Madrid. (B.D.)

Day 13- MADRID- Morning sightseeing tour in Madrid with Mass. In the afternoon time at leisure or an optional excursion to Toledo. Dinner and overnight in Madrid. (B.D.)

Day 14: RETURN TO USA

Transfer to the airport and the flight home.