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Pilgrimage for the Greater Glory of God



PILGRIMAGE TO THE IBERIAN PENINSULA

~ SPAIN & PORTUGAL ~

with Fr. Ray Schmidt

13 Days | February 15-27, 2027

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DAY 1 - DEPARTURE | OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Our pilgrimage begins with a late-morning Pilgrim Mass at the parish, asking God's blessing upon our journey and all that lies ahead. Following Mass, we travel together to Washington Dulles International Airport, where we check in for our overnight nonstop flight to Madrid, Spain. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board as we cross the Atlantic and begin our pilgrimage to the great Catholic shrines, saints, and sacred places of the Iberian Peninsula.

DAY 2 - MADRID | SEGOVIA | ÁVILA

Arrive in Madrid early this morning and meet our motorcoach to begin our pilgrimage in the heart of Spain. We visit the Real Basílica Colegiata de San Isidro, where we venerate St. Isidore the Laborer and St. Maria de la Cabeza, followed by the Cathedral of Our Lady of Almudena and the magnificent Basilica of San Francisco el Grande. We then enjoy time for lunch before departing Madrid.

This afternoon, we travel to Segovia to visit the Monastery of St. John of the Cross, honoring the great Carmelite mystic and Doctor of the Church. We then continue through the Castilian countryside to Ávila, where we check into our hotel, enjoy dinner, and overnight.

DAY 3 - ÁVILA | ALBA DE TORMES | SALAMANCA | MÉRIDA

We begin in Ávila, the great walled city of St. Teresa of Jesus, visiting the Convent and Basilica of St. Teresa, built over her birthplace, and the Cathedral of Ávila. We then travel to Alba de Tormes, where St. Teresa spent her final days, to visit the Basilica of St. Teresa and venerate her remains before lunch.

This afternoon, we continue to Salamanca, a historic center of Catholic learning, to visit the magnificent Old and New Cathedrals and celebrate Mass. We then depart for Mérida, where we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4 - MONTILLA | GRANADA

We depart Mérida and travel south to Montilla, where we visit the Basilica of St. John of Ávila. Here we honor one of Spain's great priest-saints, spiritual writers, and Doctors of the Church, whose remains are enshrined in the basilica. We will have time for prayer before continuing into Andalusia.

This afternoon, we travel to Granada to visit the Basilica of St. John of God, where the saint is buried in an ornate shrine. Renowned for his care of the poor, sick, and abandoned, St. John of God founded the religious family that continues his mission today. We then check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5 - SEVILLE | LISBON

We depart Granada and travel west to Seville, the historic capital of Andalusia, to visit the magnificent Cathedral of Seville, one of the world's largest Gothic churches. Here we honor St. Ferdinand III, the holy king of Castile and León, and see the tomb of Christopher Columbus while admiring the cathedral's extraordinary sacred art and architecture.

Following our visit, we continue west across the Iberian Peninsula and cross into Portugal, making our way to Lisbon. Upon arrival, we check into our hotel, enjoy dinner, and overnight as we begin the Portuguese portion of our pilgrimage.

DAY 6 - LISBON

Today we explore Lisbon, beginning along the Tagus River at Belém Tower, originally dedicated to St. Vincent, patron saint of Lisbon. The tower bears the Cross of the Order of Christ, whose symbol appeared on Portuguese ships during the Age of Discovery. Nearby, we visit the magnificent Jerónimos Monastery, where monks prayed for sailors, explorers, and missionaries departing for distant lands.

We then continue to Lisbon Cathedral and the nearby Church of St. Anthony, built on the traditional site of his birthplace. Here we honor St. Anthony of Padua, one of the Church's most beloved Franciscan saints and Doctors of the Church, before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 7 - FATIMA

Today we travel north from Lisbon to Fátima, one of the world's great Marian pilgrimage destinations. Here in 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Lucia dos Santos and Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto, calling the faithful to prayer, penance, conversion, and devotion to the Rosary.

We spend the day at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima, including the Chapel of the Apparitions and the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, where Saints Francisco and Jacinta and Sister Lucia are entombed. Pilgrims will have time for prayer and reflection before dinner and overnight in Fátima.

DAY 8 - COIMBRA | SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

We depart Fátima for Coimbra, where we visit the Monastery of Santa Clara-a-Nova and honor St. Elizabeth of Portugal, renowned for her charity and peacemaking. We also hope to visit the Carmel of Coimbra, where Sister Lucia, the last surviving visionary of Fátima, lived for most of her religious life. Special access will be arranged in advance.

From Coimbra, we continue into Spain to Santiago de Compostela, where pilgrims have journeyed for centuries to venerate the tomb of St. James the Greater. We visit the magnificent Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela and pray at the Apostle's tomb before checking into our hotel for dinner and overnight.



DAY 9 - ASTORGA | LEÓN | BURGOS

Leaving Santiago de Compostela, we continue east along the historic Camino de Santiago to Astorga, where we visit the striking Episcopal Palace, designed by Antoni Gaudí and now home to a museum highlighting the Camino and the region's religious history.

We then travel to León for lunch and visits to the Cathedral of León and the Basilica of San Isidoro, where we honor St. Isidore of Seville, one of the Church's great scholars and Doctors. We continue to Burgos, another historic Camino city, for dinner and overnight.

DAY 10 - AZPEITIA | ZARAGOZA

Today we travel into Spain's Basque Country to Azpeitia, birthplace of St. Ignatius of Loyola. At the Sanctuary of Loyola, we visit the basilica and his ancestral home, reflecting on the conversion that transformed him from soldier to priest, spiritual master, and founder of the Jesuits.

We then continue to Zaragoza, where tradition holds that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. James the Greater around A.D. 40 and gave him a pillar as a sign of encouragement. The Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar now marks this ancient Marian site. We arrive this evening for dinner and overnight.

DAY 11 - ZARAGOZA | MONTSERRAT | BARCELONA

We begin in Zaragoza with visits to the Cathedral of the Savior and the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar, where tradition holds that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. James the Greater and strengthened him in his mission. The basilica preserves the revered pillar associated with the apparition and remains one of the great Marian shrines of the Church.

Later, we travel to Montserrat, home to the Benedictine Abbey of Santa Maria de Montserrat and the beloved Black Madonna, patroness of Catalonia. We spend the afternoon in prayer and exploration amid the dramatic mountain setting before continuing to Barcelona for dinner and overnight.

DAY 12 - BARCELONA

Our final full day begins at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross and St. Eulalia, where we honor St. Eulalia, the city's young martyr, and St. Raymond of Peñafort, the great Dominican canon lawyer. We then visit Antoni Gaudí's extraordinary Basilica of the Sagrada Família, one of the world's most remarkable churches and a powerful expression of Catholic faith through architecture, light, and symbolism. Advance timed tickets will be arranged, with tower access if available.

We continue to the Temple of the Sacred Heart of Jesus atop Mount Tibidabo, offering sweeping views over Barcelona, before visiting the beautiful Basilica of Santa Maria del Mar, one of the finest examples of Catalan Gothic architecture. This evening, we return to our hotel for a special final pilgrims' dinner and our last overnight in Spain.

DAY 13 - RETURN HOME

This morning, we enjoy our final hours in Barcelona before transferring to the airport for our late-morning flight back to Washington Dulles International Airport. As we return home, we carry with us the graces of the pilgrimage, the witness of the saints, and the memories of the sacred places we have visited throughout Spain and Portugal.

Our journey concludes with gratitude for the opportunity to pray together, deepen our faith, and experience the extraordinary Catholic heritage of the Iberian Peninsula.



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INCLUSIONS:

- Round-trip airfare from Dulles International Airport
- Nonstop outbound flight
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- First-class hotel accommodations:
 - 1 night: Feb. 16, Hotel Las Moradas, Avila, ES
 - 1 night: Feb. 17, Hotel Ilunion Mérida Palace, Mérida, ES
 - 1 night: Feb. 18, Hotel Palacio de Santa Inés, Granada, ES
 - 2 nights: Feb. 19-20, Hotel Executive VIP Picoas, Lisbon, PT
 - 1 night: Feb. 21, Hotel Don Gonçalo, Fátima, PT
 - 1 night: Feb. 22, Oca Puerta Del Camino Hotel, Santiago de Compostela, ES
 - 1 night: Feb. 23, Hotel Palacio de los Blasones, Burgos, ES
 - 1 night: Feb. 24, Hotel Catalonia El Pilar, Zaragoza, ES
 - 2 nights: Feb. 25-26, Hotel Pestana Arena Barcelona, Barcelona, ES
- Single supplement, while available, for an additional \$1,000
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Wine and mineral water with dinners
- Transportation by air-conditioned motorcoach
- Tour escort throughout
- Assistance of professional local Catholic guides as appropriate
- Sightseeing and admission fees as per itinerary
- Daily Mass and spiritual activities

EXCLUSIONS:

- Lunches and beverages not mentioned
- Travel Insurance
- Tips for your guide & driver (usually approx. \$100 total)
- Church donations (budget \$2.00–\$5.00 per Mass)

Passports, visas, and any required travel documentation

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

PRICE: \$4,395*

SINGLE OCCUPANCY

PRICE: \$5,395*

**Price reflects cash discount*

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- A 50% deposit is due at the time of registration
- Final payment/balance is due on or before December 1, 2026
- Registration after December 1, 2026 requires payment in full at the time of booking

PAYMENT METHODS:

We accept major credit cards, checks, money orders, and ACH transactions. A 3% processing fee applies to credit card transactions.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- All payments are 100% refundable if a cancellation request is received in writing by December 1, 2026
- All payments are 50% refundable from December 1, 2026, to 30 days prior to departure
- There are no refunds for cancellation requests received after 30 days prior to departure
- Processing fees will be deducted from refunds of payments made by credit card

Flight Itinerary

Iberian Peninsula Pilgrimage

 OUTBOUND	 AIRLINE Iberia  FLIGHT Iberia 362	 ROUTE IAD Washington, DC MAD Madrid, Spain	 DEPARTURE Mon Feb 15 at 05:50 PM	 ARRIVAL Tue Feb 16 at 07:30 AM
 RETURN	 AIRLINE British Airways  FLIGHT British Air 475	 ROUTE BCN Barcelona, Spain LHR London, United Kingdom	 DEPARTURE Sat Feb 27 at 11:30 AM	 ARRIVAL Sat Feb 27 at 01:00 PM
 CONNECTING FLIGHT	 AIRLINE British Airways  FLIGHT British Air 293	 ROUTE LHR London, United Kingdom IAD Washington, DC	 DEPARTURE Sat Feb 27 at 04:25 PM	 ARRIVAL Sat Feb 27 at 07:55 PM



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1. Purchase directly from Faye through our website after submitting your application
2. Purchase a policy from your own insurance provider

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