



MARIAN - IGNATIAN PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, AND LOURDES
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MON. APRIL 1 – SAT. APRIL 13, 2024 13 DAYS INCL TRAVEL

CAD 5,095.00

per person, double occupancy
Includes Air Taxes and Surcharges

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*LISBON • SANTARÉM • FÁTIMA • SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA • OVIEDO • COVADONGA • LIMPIAS •
LOYOLA • LOURDES • ZARAGOZA • MANRESA • MONTSERRAT • BARCELONA*

Your 13 Day Itinerary

Day 1 – Mon Apr 01 **Depart Toronto**

We meet at Toronto Airport for our evening departure to Lisbon. Enjoy complimentary meals and beverage service during our overnight flight.

Day 2 – Tue. Apr 02 **Arrive Lisbon**

Upon arrival in **Lisbon**, we are met by our local guide and together, we begin our journey. We start with a panoramic tour of this vibrant city. We visit **St. Jerome's Monastery**, built to give thanks to the Virgin Mary. And **Saint Anthony's Church**, which honours the Patron Saint of Lost Objects. Then to the Tagus River to the **Belem Quarter**; we see the **Belem Tower**, also known as St. Vincent's Tower, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**; **25 April Bridge and Discoveries Monument**; and so much more. Continue to the historic town of **Santarem**, one of the oldest and most intriguing places in the centre of Portugal. Santarem is home to the **Church of St. Stephen of the Holy Miracle**. Here, the consecrated host has been preserved for more than 750 years, still intact. We have Holy Mass here before our continuation to **Fatima**, one of the most visited Marian shrines in the world today. After our hotel check in and dinner, we will participate in the evening's Candlelight Procession. (D)

Overnight – Fatima – 2 nights

Day 3 – Wed. Apr 03 **Fatima**

It is in **Fatima** that The Blessed Mother appeared to three young shepherd children Lucia (age 10), Jacinta (age 7), and Francisco (age 9). Historically, as the entire world was in turmoil amidst World War I, the most prominent message from **Our Lady of Fatima** was to pray for world peace and stressed to them the importance of praying the Rosary. We start our day with Holy Mass at the **Little Chapel of the Apparitions**, an open-air chapel where the Virgin Mary first appeared on May 13th in 1917. We visit the **Sanctuary complex of Our Lady of Fátima**, which includes the **Basilica**, the sacred location of the **tombs of the young visionaries**, Francisco Marto, and Jacinta Marto, who died in 1919 and 1920 respectively and were beatified in 2000. Sr. Lucia, who became a Carmelite nun, was interred here after her death in 2006. Following free time for lunch we will walk the **Stations of the Cross** along the Via Sacra. "The Sacred Way" which marks the path the shepherd children took to the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. We continue to nearby Hamlet of

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Aljustrel, and visit the homes of the children almost unchanged since 1917. After dinner, take part in the evening **Rosary and Candlelight Procession**. (B, D)

Day 4 – Thu. Apr 04 Fatima / Porto / Santiago de Compostela

After breakfast, and hotel check out, we continue to **Porto**. Perched on the steep banks of the Douro River, Porto is a very traditional, colorful, and vibrant city famous for its Port. We'll visit the beautiful Porto Cathedral and enjoy a little walking tour of the charming city centre. Then, onward to **Santiago de Compostela**, a UNESCO World Heritage old town centre and the final destination of The Saint James Way "**Camino de Santiago**". According to tradition, this is the burial place of the relics of **James the Apostle**, discovered in the 9th c. We go to the **Cathedral of St. James** for mass. Following mass, we visit the remarkable **Pórtico de la Gloria "Holy Doors"** and the **Tomb of Saint James**. Following lunch, we'll enjoy a walking tour of the historic centre of one of the world's most beautiful urban areas. (B, D)

Overnight – Santiago de Compostela -1 night

Day 5 – Fri. Apr 05 Santiago de Compostela / Oviedo / Covadonga

Today, we proceed to **Oviedo**, and visit **The Cathedral of Oviedo & The Sudarium of Oviedo**.

The Sudarium (Latin for sweat cloth) is thought to be the cloth that was wrapped around the head of Jesus Christ after he died as described in John 20: 6–7. We stop for lunch before we depart for **Covadonga** and visit the **Covadonga Sanctuary**. This Shrine gained popularity following the Battle of Covadonga in 722, at which the Moorish invasion of Spain was first resisted. A statue of the Virgin Mary, secretly hidden in one of the caves, was believed to have faithfully supported the Christian victory. Covadonga is the place where the re-conquest began under King Pelayo, whose remains are buried in the cave alongside Our Lady of Covadonga. The Basilica, alongside the cave where pilgrims venerate the statue of Our Lady of Covadonga, is a place of worship and pilgrimage for the people of Asturias. We stop here for the night. (B, D)

Overnight – Covadonga – 1 night

Day 6 – Sat. Apr 06 Covadonga / Limpias / Loyola

This morning, we make our way to **Limpias**. Just above the high altar of Limpias' 16th century parish church of **St. Peter the Apostle** is a venerated **miraculous crucifix** known as **Santo Cristo de la Agonia** (Christ of the Agony). The statue of Our Lord is in its natural size and the cross has 2.30 meters in height. It represents Him in His last agony on the Cross. Arranged on either side of the crucifix, a little below it, are life-size figures of the Sorrowful Mother and the Apostle John. In 1914, a monk of the Order of Pauline Fathers was cleaning the face of Our Lord on the crucifix when he was astonished to see that the eyes open and then close. The public knowledge of the miraculous occurrences started on March 30, 1919 when it became widely known that the image of Jesus was moving, opening and closing its eyes, and the body seemed to be alive, suffering, sweating, bleeding. Limpias quickly became a place of pilgrimage, receiving pilgrims from all of Europe and even the Americas. This little village in northern Spain became, for some years, Europe's most popular pilgrimage place, after Rome. By 1921 Limpias was receiving more visitors than Lourdes. After our visit here, we continue to **Loyola**, the **birthplace of St. Ignatius**, founder of the Jesuit Order. Visit the 17th century **Sanctuary of Loyola**, one of the world's most unusual Baroque constructions. The sanctuary was built in honour of **St Ignatius of Loyola**. The Sanctuary complex also includes the **ancestral home** of the Loyola family, where the saint was born; the medieval parish **Church of San Sebastián de Soreasu** where he was baptized; the hermitage of **Our Lady of Olatz**, where he used to pray and began his conversion. We'll stay the night in Loyola. (B, D)

Overnight – Loyola – 1 night

Day 7 – Sun. Apr 07 Loyola / Lourdes

Today, we continue through the spectacular Pyrenees Mountains, to **Lourdes**, the largest Catholic pilgrimage destination in France and one of the most popular Catholic shrines in the world. It is here in **Lourdes**, a small market town lying in the foothills of the Pyrenees, where, at the **Grotto of Massabielle**, Our Lady appeared to **Bernadette Soubirous**, in 1858 and announced herself as the Immaculate Conception. During the first two

apparitions, little Bernadette prayed the Rosary with Our Lady. She left without exchanging any words. During the following apparitions, Our Lady emphasized God's love for us, penance, and the necessity of performing acts of penance for sinners. On arrival here, after hotel check in, we'll visit the **Sanctuary and the Grotto** and walk the magnificent life-sized **Stations of the Cross** behind the Grotto. This evening, after dinner, we will join the nightly Candlelight Procession. (B, D)

Overnight – Lourdes – 2 nights

Day 8 – Mon. Apr 08 Lourdes

This morning we will have a **guided visit** of the many places associated with the life of Bernadette. Our remaining time here is to experience Lourdes as you wish. Pray at the **Grotto** and take in the **Miraculous Waters**. This evening, following dinner, join the nightly **Candlelight Procession** and Rosary. (B, D)

Day 9 – Tue. Apr 09 Lourdes / Zaragoza

This morning, after hotel check out, we make our way back to Spain to **Zaragoza**, the second-most popular pilgrimage site in Spain, second only to Santiago de Compostela. The 2,000-year history is evident in its city walls, churches, palaces, stately houses and squares of the old quarter. Visit the magnificent **Basilica del Pilar**, built in the place where Our Lady appeared to St. James. Tradition says that in the early days of the Church, Saint James the Greater was spreading the Gospel in Spain but making very little progress. He was discouraged and questioning his mission. About 44 AD, the Virgin Mary, who was still living in Jerusalem at the time, bilocated and appeared to him in a vision in order to boost his morale. She appeared on the top of a column or pillar which was being carried by angels. That pillar is believed to be the same one venerated inside the Basilica. This afternoon, enjoy some free time in Zaragoza's main square adjacent to the Basilica. (B, D)

Overnight – Zaragoza – 1 night

Day 10 – Wed. Apr 10 Zaragoza / Barcelona

After breakfast, we travel onward to Barcelona, where we have a guided walk through the **Gothic Quarter** that contains remains from an ancient Roman village including the **Cathedral of Barcelona**, and a special visit to Antoni Gaudi's stunning, unfinished **Roman Catholic Basilica, La Sagrada Familia**. We have mass in the crypt of the basilica. (B, D)

Overnight – Barcelona – 3 nights

Day 11 – Thu. Apr 11 Barcelona / Manresa / Montserrat

Today we have a full day excursion to the spiritual heart of Catalonia. First stop is **Manresa**, a place of conversion for Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. We visit the cave where Ignatius received a vision that altered the course of his life. Then proceed to **Montserrat**, a spectacular mountainous area where we'll find the **Benedictine monastery**, and the **Black Madonna**. Here, Ignatius remained in an all-night vigil before the altar of the Virgin where he hung up his armament, sword, and all signs of his military past. We celebrate mass here. Then, we return to **Barcelona** for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 12 – Fri. Apr 12 Barcelona

Today, we enjoy a full day in **Barcelona** with a half day guided tour of this city of art, culture and beauty. We start our tour passing through the **Port of Barcelona, Montjuic, Plaza de España, Plaza de Catalunya, Las Ramblas** and **Paseig de Gracia**. The remainder of the afternoon is yours to explore. (B, D)

Day 13 – Sat. Apr 13 Barcelona / Toronto

We depart today, for the airport and our flight back to Toronto. (B)

It is our intention to operate all tours as described in the itineraries. Local operational situations occasionally force changes to be made and we reserve the right to do so.

Cost of Pilgrimage All Prices shown in Canadian Dollars

CAD 5,095.00 per person	Base on double occupancy Includes Return Air and Taxes
CAD 1,160.00	Single Supplement
	**Early Booking Discount of \$100.00 if reserved with deposit by 30 Sep 2023

Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare Toronto / Lisbon / Barcelona / Toronto
- All air taxes and fuel surcharges
- Accommodation at superior hotels for 11 nights
- Porterage at hotels for 1pc of luggage per guest
- Transportation in a modern, comfortable coach
- Daily breakfast and dinner at hotels
- Local English-Speaking Guide throughout the pilgrimage
- Gratuities (coach driver and tour manager)
- Visits and Entrance Fees as per itinerary
- Daily Mass
- Fr. Kevin Upendran, Spiritual Leader
- Escorted from Toronto

Not Included

Travel Insurance (strongly recommended) and **must be purchased no later than final payment date** • Personal Expenses • Beverages with Meals • Bottled Water, etc, other than coffee/tea at breakfast • Meals not specified in the itinerary • Free Will Donations

Reservations, deposits and payment:

- A deposit of \$500.00 plus optional Travel Insurance Premium is due at the time of booking.
- A copy of the information page of your current passport must accompany this completed form.
- Balance is due 90 days prior to departure (Thu. Jan. 4, 2024).
- Deposit may be made by E-Transfer to sales@suvara.com
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- If a booking is made 90 days or less prior to departure full payment is due. Reservations received after this date are subject to availability and currency fluctuations.
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