



# France ( Itinerary

Itinerary is subject to alterations. Schedule also includes daily Mass & Adoration.





# Day 1-2 Departure & Arrival in France

Evening departure from ORD. Arrive the next morning in Paris and transfer to a regional flight to Toulouse. Board our charter bus for Lourdes! Afternoon arrival, check in and initial orientation to the sanctuary! Join the candlelight procession at the basilica! Overnight in Lourdes.

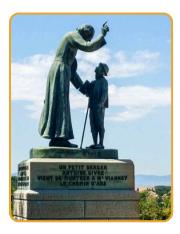
## Day 3 Lourdes

Day 4

Enter into the spirit of pilgrimage with a powerful beginning. Full day in Lourdes! Immerse yourself in the grace of this sacred place with an entire day in the town forever changed by Our Lady's presence! Visit the apparition grotto, the lower and upper basilicas, prayerfully dip in the healing waters at the baths, pray the stations of the cross and visit the former home of St. Bernadette. Overnight in Lourdes.

### Lourdes - Rocamadour

Morning Mass at the sanctuary of Lourdes before our four hour drive to the breathtaking cliff-face town of Rocamadour. Spend the afternoon at your leisure taking in the quaint town of Rocamadour, made famous by the religious monastery built into the canyon cliff-face. Part of the Way of Saint James, you will have time to make your own sacrificial way up to visit the Chapel of Our Lady and the famed Black Madonna statue. Overnight in Rocamadour.









#### Day 5

#### Rocamadour - Ars - Paray Le Monial

After breakfast, depart for a four hour bus ride to Ars! Group Mass in the Basilica of Ars made famous by the patron of priests, St. John Vienney! This basilica is the same parish church where St. John Vienney was pastor for 41 years! You will have time to visit his former rectory, tomb, the chapel of his incorrupt heart and gift shop. Make sure to grab a delectable pastry from the local patisserie before hitting the road to Paray-Le-Monial. Overnight in Paray-Le-Monial.

#### Day 6 Paray-Le-Monial - Nevers

Today is dedicated to the Sacred Heart! Here in the town of Paray-Le-Monial, Jesus revealed his Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alocoque. The presence and grace of the Sacred Heart is felt throughout the town! We will have a group Mass at the chapel of her tomb and extended time to pray and wander the small town. Afternoon departure for Nevers, the former convent and resting place of St. Bernadette. Overnight in Nevers.



Morning departure for Chartres, southwest of Paris. This town in the Loire region is made famous by its mammoth Gothic cathedral that inspires inside and out! Partake in a guided tour of the cathedral, then enjoy lunch and some free time meandering the town before our journey continues. We head two hours northwest to Lisieux. Visit the basilica dedicated to St. Therese and her former family home. Overnight in Lisieux.

#### Day 8 Normandy - Lisieux

Today is dedicated to more recent historical events - those of WWII. Encounter some of the pivotal events involving the Allied forces that unfolded along the northwest coast. We will stop at significant victory sites including Pegasus Bridge, Pont du Hoc, Saint Mere Eglise, Omaha Beach and the American Cemetery. Honor and pray for those who have dedicated their lives to preserving freedom with Mass at the American Cemetery. Overnight in Lisieux.









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Mont Sant Michel - Lisieux

After morning Mass at the tomb of St. Therese, we will take a day trip to Mont Sant Michel - a famous abbey built upon a rocky mountain-turned-island when the tide comes in. Your stamina will be tested as you ascend the steep climb up to the abbey. Experience wonder and amazement at the breathtaking views, incredible design and impressive construction of such an old and intricate complex built for prayerful solitude to honor the Lord & patron, St. Michael the Archangel. Return to Lisieux for overnight.

#### Lisieux - Rouen - Paris Day 10

Morning departure for Rouen. Here St. Joan of Arc was imprisoned, tried and burned at the stake. See the old market square where she was killed and modern church built in her honor. Enjoy lunch and a stroll over to the massive Cathedral where the heart of Richard the Lionheart is kept. The trial of St. Joan of Arc took place just behind here! Afternoon arrival in Paris. Visit the famous white Sacre Coeur church atop Montmartre. Group dinner in the artist district.

### Day 11

Paris

Full day in Paris! Morning tour and visit to Saint Chapelle, the famed stained-glass adorned chapel built by St. Louis, King of France, to house his precious relics which included the crown of thorns. Around the corner is the new home of the crown of thorns - Notre Dame Cathedral! Still under restoration from the fire of 2019, it is now open to enter the interior! Free afternoon. Group dinner cruise on the Siene River!

#### Day 12 Paris

Last day! Mass at Rue de Bac where St. Catherine of Laboure received instruction from Our Lady to create the Miraculous Medal. Around the corner pray before the tomb of St. Vincent de Paul, advocate for the poor. Free afternoon with optional visit to the Louvre. The grande finale - the closing banquet!! Celebrate our pilgrimage together and God's outpouring of grace!