

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN

FEATURING FATIMA, LOURDES, & BARCELONA

11 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 9 - 19, 2024

Visiting

**LISBON * FATIMA * SALAMANCA * AVILA
MADRID * LOURDES * MONTSERRAT * BARCELONA**

Hosted by

FR. SANTOS SUNNY CASTILLO

\$3899 PER PERSON FROM CHICAGO

(Air/land tour price is \$3379 plus \$520 government taxes/airline surcharges)



Clockwise from Left to Right: Fatima ~ Sagrada Familia; Barcelona ~ Archabbey of Montserrat

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Dear Friends,

This comes to you as a personal invitation to join me on a grand spiritually uplifting travel experience to visit the Marian Shrines of Fatima, Lourdes and Montserrat, as well as other Catholic pilgrimage destinations in Portugal, Spain and France. This is my fifth Marian pilgrimage to that part of the world, and I am still as excited as the first time I went in 2006.

We begin in Lisbon, Portugal which has been showcased in the recently concluded World Youth Day 2023. Then, barely an hour and a half from Lisbon, **we will visit Our Lady's Shrine in Fatima**, where Mary appeared to the shepherd children. **We will also be visiting the majestic cities of Coimbra**, where Sr. Lucia lived long as a disclaled Carmelite to her final years. From Coimbra, we cross over to Spain, where we will visit amazing shrines in **Salamanca and Avila**, the birthplace of St. Teresa, before we arrive in the **capital city of Madrid**. We will be fully immersed in the culture of Spain. On top of the visit to Our Lady of the Almudena at the heart of Madrid, we will have a chance to enjoy cultural elements like a visit to the Prado Museum, seeing the unique architectures with Christian, Jewish and Moorish influences. Perhaps we can arrange a chance to see flamenco dancing and have some jamon iberica and paella, at our own leisure.

From Spain, we drive to the spiritually charged shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes by the foothills of the Pyrennes Mountains in Southwestern France. Here we will have many opportunities to connect with the deepest traditions of prayer and get to know the story of the Apparition of the Virgin Mary to the shepherd girl Bernadette Soubirous. As we get to the final leg of the journey, we will continue with another important visit to the **Benedictine Shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat** as we head to **Barcelona, the center of Spanish culture and arts**, where we feast our eyes in beauty and our tongues in delicious Spanish cuisine.

This pilgrimage is truly one of my favorites, not only because of my love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, but also because of the many incredible cultural experiences that it can offer.

I therefore encourage you to reserve your spot quickly by sending me a completed form together with a \$500.00 deposit as soon as possible. This pilgrimage gets full very fast, based on previous experience. Places will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Since all necessary arrangements will be made in advance by Nawas International, with first-class/select hotels, deluxe transportation, excellent guides and most meals, you will be able to sit back, relax and enjoy the whole tour. For over 74 years, Nawas has been providing tour groups with excellent service to the delight of the participants.

I pray for you as you discern to take part in this life-changing journey. You can contact me at 630-279-5700 or frcastillo@maryqueen.org.

God bless you.

To Jesus, through Mary,
Fr. Sunny Castillo



TOUR FEATURES:

- ◆ Round trip airfare from Chicago
- ◆ \$520 government taxes & airline surcharges
- ◆ Accommodations in first class/select hotels based on two persons sharing in twin-bedded rooms with private bath
- ◆ Most meals
- ◆ Services of a professional English-speaking tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing throughout
- ◆ All admission fees and hotel service charges
- ◆ Transfers to/from airports by private motorcoach including meeting/assistance

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

CHICAGO/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Depart this evening from Chicago on board your overnight transatlantic jet flight to Portugal.

ARRIVE LISBON

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Arrive today in the capital city of Lisbon. In the 15th Century, Portugal was the first nation to begin exploration and trade far from the shores of the Mediterranean. Upon arrival in Lisbon, transfer to your hotel. (D)

LISBON/FATIMA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

After breakfast enjoy a brief orientation tour of Lisbon before departing for the village of Fatima, the world's most famous Marian shrine. Here, on the thirteenth of each month between May and October in 1917, the Blessed Mother appeared to three young children and exhorted the world to pray for world peace. Your visit this afternoon will include the Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima, site of Francisco and Jacinta's graves, and the Little Chapel of Apparitions with the statue of "Our Lady of Fatima." Time for devotion and worship. (B,D)



FATIMA/COIMBRA/SALAMANCA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

This morning head to Coimbra, site of the Monastery of St. Clare. On to Salamanca, Spain's famed old university town. The city dates back to before the Roman era and its diverse history has deeply influenced the culture and architecture making it one of Spain's most fascinating cities. Upon arrival, enjoy an orientation tour. Overnight in Salamanca. (B,D)



Madrid



Avila

SALAMANCA/AVILA/MADRID

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Visit Alba de Tormes, one of the most important pilgrimage centers in Spain. See the Carmelite Convent where the preserved body of St Theresa lies. Continue to the walled city of Avila, the birthplace and home of St. Teresa, the founder of the Order of the Carmelites. Visit the Monastery of the Incarnation, where Teresa entered Carmel, made her Solemn Profession, and lived for the next 25 years. Also, visit the foundation of the reform, St. Joseph Monastery. See the beautiful Plaza de Santa Teresa and other sites connected with her life. Cross the rugged Sierra de Guadarrama on the way to Madrid, the capital city of Spain. (B)

MADRID

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

This morning you will see the white-trimmed 2,800-room Royal Palace and the exquisite gardens that surround it, the Puerta del Sol, Cervantes Memorial, the Plaza de Espana, the acacia-lined Castellana, and the Avenida Jose Antonio. Then visit the Prado Museum, housing a collection of masterpieces by Spain's artists Velazquez, Goya and El Greco. Your afternoon is at leisure for shopping or exploring on your own. (B)

MADRID/LOURDES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Today you head northeast through the quaint scenery of the mountainous Spanish countryside. Then cross the border into France to the shrine city of Lourdes where between February 11th and July 16th, 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared in the Grotto of Massabielle to the poor shepherd girl, Bernadette, a total of 18 times. Scratching the ground as instructed by Mary, Bernadette saw a miraculous spring well up where none had existed before. (B,D)

LOURDES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

This morning you visit the Grotto of Apparitions, Rosary Basilica, Basilica of St. Pius X and Way of the Cross over the Hillside. This afternoon is at leisure

for personal reflection and devotion. Attend the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the Torchlight Procession, if taking place. (B,D)

LOURDES/MONTSERRAT/BARCELONA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

This morning depart Lourdes and head to Barcelona, considered to be the cultural center of Spain. On the way stop at the dramatically set 12th century Benedictine Archabbey of Montserrat. Perched high on sheer rock rising abruptly from the Catalanian plain, it is the spiritual heart of Catalonia. Pilgrims have been visiting Montserrat for over 700 years. Visit the royal Basilica where you will see the venerated 6th century statue of the Black Madonna, Our Lady of Montserrat. After your visit continue to Barcelona and your hotel for the night. (B,D)

BARCELONA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Barcelona is the cultural and political center of Catalonia and Spain's most European city. The city itself is divided into two major parts: the older area symbolized by the Gothic Quarter and the more modern part with its wide avenues. This morning enjoy a city tour including a visit to the Gothic Quarter. See the Gothic palaces of the Government of Catalonia and the City Hall, the world-famous Cathedral with its fine medieval cloister and arcades, and view from the outside, the towering La Sagrada Familia Church designed by the Catalanian architect Antoni Gaudí. Begun in 1882, the church is still under construction today. The afternoon is at leisure to further explore this magnificent city on your own. You may wish to do more sightseeing, shopping or perhaps take time to relax and try some tapas at a sidewalk café. (B)

BARCELONA/CHICAGO

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Your pilgrimage is over as you drive to the airport in time for your return flight back to Chicago, arriving the same day. (B)

(B) ~ Breakfast

(D) ~ Dinner

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit.

- A \$500 deposit is due with your reservation
- Final payment is due at NAWAS 100 days prior to departure date

TOUR-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

For terms and conditions please visit:
www.nawas.com/terms-and-conditions

Taxes/Airline Surcharges: In effect on June 10, 2023.

Hotel Service Charges/Taxes: In effect on June 10, 2023
(excluding hotel tourist taxes).

Airfare: In effect on June 10, 2023.

Land Costs: Based on estimated 2024 tariffs, overseas government taxes and rates of exchange in effect on June 10, 2023 and a minimum of 36 or more participants per coach.

Customer Reviews:

"It's been my extreme pleasure to benefit from your invaluable assistance with my tours — 97 so far — for the past 28 years. I wouldn't dream of letting anyone else handle the many details involved in making these difficult, exotic itineraries a success, as evidenced by my many repeat clients and their referrals. Your superb attention to detail, your honesty, and your friendship are greatly appreciated. You can count on Nawas being my 'one and only' for many years to come." --Ms. M.B., California

"As always, the arrangements for our pilgrimage by Nawas were excellent. To a person, those on the tour were filled with praise for the trip. Everything was A+." --Monsignor R.S., Utah

"You people make this easy. Everything was out-standing. Those who have been on other trips have come to expect quality and they get it!" --Father P.T., Ohio

Family Owned for 74 Years: Nawas International Travel was founded in 1949 by Mr. Yousef Nawas. He created our faith-based tour company with a vision of offering specially designed programs of spiritual enrichment and superior quality. Mr. Nawas made travel affordable so that the faithful of all walks of life could partake. Though Mr. Nawas has since passed on, Nawas International Travel remains under the guidance of his family and continues to serve thousands of travelers every year. With our global network, affordable prices and expert tour directors combined with years of group travel expertise, we guarantee the highest quality tour and services.



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**11 DAYS SPAIN PILGRIMAGE
WITH FATIMA, LOURDES & BARCELONA
◆ RESERVATION FORM ◆**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

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ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED:

- ☐ double room sharing with _____
☐ single room (\$900 extra per person)
**Single Rooms are limited and available on a first come, first served basis*

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ as
 Deposit (\$500 per person) for _____ person(s)

**Please include a clear photocopy of your Passport with this Reservation Form
 Clearly print your full name (last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport:**

Passenger #1

Name: Title _____

Last _____

First _____

Middle _____

Gender: Please check ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Passport #: _____

 Date Issued: _____ Date Expires: _____
 (day/month/year) (day/month/year)

 Date of Birth:

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 MONTH DAY YEAR

 Place of Birth: _____ Country of
 Citizenship: _____
Passenger #2

Name: Title _____

Last _____

First _____

Middle _____

Gender: Please check ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Passport #: _____

 Date Issued: _____ Date Expires: _____
 (day/month/year) (day/month/year)

 Date of Birth:

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 Signature Passenger # 1

 Date

 Signature Passenger # 2

 Date