



90TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & SPAIN

October 11 - 20, 2007

with

**Very Rev. David Garcia, Rector
San Fernando Cathedral**

\$2,995.00 from San Antonio

Arranged by the Roamin' Rattlers, St. Mary's University Travel Service

Dear Friends,

I hope you can join us for what promises to be an inspirational and relaxed trip to Portugal and Spain. I have been asked numerous times if I would lead a pilgrimage, and this opportunity seemed to me to be the right one. It has a blend of spirituality, history, and entertainment. Fr Charles Miller of St. Mary's University, who has led numerous pilgrimages, will help lead us through the ten days of our journey. It promises to be a wonderful trip.

We will visit two of the most important shrines in Europe, Fatima and Santiago de Compostela. The 90th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima will be a special once in a lifetime experience. At the same time, visiting Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain follows in the footsteps of the millions of pilgrims since the Middle Ages that have visited this spectacular site. I invite you to be with us as we discover the wonders, spirituality and history of Portugal and Spain.

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Day 1 - Oct. 11: Depart U.S.A.

Our spiritual journey begins as we depart on our transatlantic flight to Lisbon.

Day 2 - Oct. 12: Arrive Lisbon / Santarem / Fatima

Upon arrival in Lisbon, we will be met by our knowledgeable local escort who will be with us throughout our stay. Begin your drive north stopping in Santarem for Mass at the Church of St. Stephen, famous for its venerated relic, "the Bleeding Host". Then on to Fatima, one of the world's most important Marian Shrines and an important center for pilgrimages.



Fatima

Day 3 - Oct. 13: Fatima

Today, marks the 90th anniversary of the apparitions in Fatima. We will take part in all the festivities taking place this day in addition to our sightseeing of Fatima.

Day 4 - Oct. 14: Fatima / Batalha / Alcobaca / Coimbra / Porto

This morning we will depart Fatima and drive to Batalha to visit the beautiful Monastery of Our Lady of Victory. We will then visit the 12th century Monastery of Saint Mary in nearby Alcobaca. Continue our drive northward to Coimbra to visit the Carmelite Monastery where Sr. Lucia, one of the three children who witnessed the apparitions in Fatima, lived until passing away in 2005. We will then continue our drive through the beautiful vineyards to Porto, the second largest city in Portugal.

Day 5 - Oct. 15: Porto / Santiago de Compostela

After a panoramic drive to the mouth of the Douro River visit the soaring Cathedral, admire the richly decorated Church of Sao Francisco, and visit the Stock Exchange with its contemporary Arabian Hall inspired by Granada's Alhambra. We will then depart Porto for Santiago de Compostela, which during the Middle Ages was Christendom's third major place of pilgrimage, after Jerusalem and Rome. Tradition tells us that St. James the Apostle journeyed to Spain in 40 A.D. to spread the Gospel. He died a martyr's death after returning to Jerusalem and his remains were eventually returned to Spain and buried in Santiago de Compostela.

Day 6 - Oct. 16: Santiago de Compostela

This morning we will enjoy a complete tour of Santiago de Compostela. Visit the impressive Cathedral which is considered to be one of the finest pieces of architecture

in Europe. After Mass, climb up the stairs behind the altar to visit the crypt, where a silver urn contains the relics of St. James. See the Portico de la Gloria (Gateway to Heaven), an unparalleled masterpiece. Walk to the top of the Cathedral for a panoramic view of this glorious city. We will also visit the museum in the cloister adjoining the Cathedral.



Santiago de Compostela

Day 7 - Oct. 17: Santiago de Compostela / Salamanca

Depart Santiago de Compostela and drive through the Castile-Leon region to Orense, famous since Roman times for its warm springs. Orense was the main bridging point for pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela. See the Cathedral, its carved doorways modeled on Santiago's Door of Glory. After Mass, continue to Salamanca, one of Spain's foremost cultural centers, a great university city, and a showcase of intricately sculpted Renaissance architecture in golden stone.

Day 8 - Oct. 18: Salamanca / Madrid

After breakfast depart Salamanca for Alba de Tormes to visit the Carmelite Convent which contains St. Teresa's incorrupt arm and heart. Continue to the walled city of Avila, the birthplace of St. Theresa. Visit the Monastery of the Incarnation where St. Teresa spent many years of her life, then to the Monastery of St. Joseph, her first



Avila

foundation. Continue to Segovia whose cathedral is considered the last great Gothic church in Spain. Here we will pay our respects to another great Carmelite, St. John of the Cross who served as spiritual director to St. Theresa of Avila. Drive on to Spain's capital, Madrid.

Day 9 - Oct. 19: Madrid

This morning's city tour of Madrid will show some of the history and tradition of Spain, including the Prado Museum - with its masterpieces of El Greco, Goya, and Velasquez, the Royal Palace, the University with Cervantes' monument, Puerta del Sol and the Retiro Park. The remainder of the afternoon is free. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 10 - Oct. 20: Madrid / U.S.A.

Transfer to the airport for our return flight home.

TOUR COST

\$2,995.00

per person/double occupancy

For a single occupancy please add \$467.00

This price includes:

- * Economy class airfare from San Antonio
- * Airline taxes/fuel surcharges
- * Accommodation in First Class and Superior Tourist Class hotels
- * All hotel taxes and service charges
- * Breakfast and dinner daily
- * Sightseeing as per itinerary with local guides
- * Entrance fees as per itinerary
- * Arrival and departure transfers
- * Baggage handling
- * Land travel by deluxe motorcoach
- * Daily Mass

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RESERVATION APPLICATION: Pilgrimage to Portugal & Spain(October 11 - 20, 2007)

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