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# MEDJUGORJE, FATIMA, LOURDES & SHRINES OF SPAIN

## Meals

Breakfast: 15 included

No Lunches

Dinner: 7 included

## Transport

From Lisbon touring by private, air-conditioned motorcoach. Free Wi-Fi (where available)

In Medjugorje transport from the airport to the hotel either by taxi or coach

## Accommodation

Rooms with private bath or shower. Includes hotel taxes, tips and service charges.

## HighLights

- Visit Medjugorje 3 nights (private side tour)
- Fatima Candlelight
- Sanctuary of Fatima
- Santiago de Compostela
- Casa Batlló Barcelona Spain

Depart Melbourne on the 09 May 2023 Via Doha and Vienna to Split on Qatar airlines

10 May arrive Split Transfer to Medjugorje for 3 nights with Breakfast daily (You have your own room)

Relax and visit the church, local tours at own expense.

13 May early breakfast and transfer to Split airport for flight to Lisbon, Arrive Lisbon and transfer to Hotel, (Lunch and dinner own expense)

14 May After breakfast time to explore Lisbon, evening meet the tour leader

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### **DAY 1: ARRIVE IN LISBON, PORTUGAL. 13 May 2024**

Welcome to Portugal! Check into your hotel, and tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers.

- **DAY 2: LISBON-SANTAREM-FATIMA.**

On your guided sightseeing tour of the capital of Portugal, see the enormous monument dedicated to Henry the Navigator, as well as the 16th-century Belém Tower, the Moorish citadel, and impressive Black Horse Square. Visit the Cathedral La Sé , where St. Anthony was baptised, and St. Anthony's Church, where it is said he was born. Admire the beauty of St. Mary of Belém Church, part of the Jeronimos Monastery complex. This building dates back to the mid-1400s and was built as thanks to the Virgin Mary for Vasco de Gama's successful voyage to India. Leaving Lisbon, head north and stop in Santarém to visit the Church of the Eucharistic Holy Miracle to then arrive in Fátima, home to one of the most famous Catholic shrines. Enjoy an orientation walk and visit the Tomb of the Visionaries and the Chapel of the Apparitions, where the Virgin Mary repeatedly appeared to three shepherd children in 1917, culminating in her revelation of the Three Secrets of Fátima. This evening, join pilgrims from around the world for the Rosary and candlelight procession at the Our Lady of Fátima Basilica. Today's Distance: 118 mi / 190 km (B,D)

- **DAY 3: FATIMA.**

Spend the day at the Sanctuary at leisure or join an optional excursion to Tomar with a visit to the Monastery-Fortress of the Knights Templar. Upon return to Fatima, attend [M] Mass at the Sanctuary of Our Lady with time to wander on your own. This evening, perhaps join in praying the Rosary once more. (B,D)

- **DAY 4: FATIMA-BRAGA-SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, SPAIN.**

Journey north and stop in Braga, one of the oldest Christian cities in the world, and visit the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte, UNESCO World Heritage site and pilgrimage destination, where devout followers have walked the "Stations of the Cross" for contemplation and penance since 1811. See the unique zigzag stairway dedicated to the five senses: sight, smell, hearing, touch, and taste—and the three theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity. Continue into Spain and head for Santiago de Compostela, one of the most significant pilgrimage destinations since the Middle Ages. On arrival, an orientation walk introduces you to the old city centre. Then, attend the [M] Pilgrim Mass. Today's Distance: 273 mi / 440 km (B,D)

- **DAY 5: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA.**

This morning, spend some time on your own or join an optional excursion to Cabo Finisterre, where pilgrims have traditionally completed their walk and burned their robes. Later, return to Santiago de Compostela, known throughout history for the key 9th-century pilgrimage route, the Camino de Santiago (or Way of St. James). (B)

- **DAY 6: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA- BURGOS.**

Today, travel to Burgos, historic capital of Old Castile. Your visit takes you to the magnificent Cathedral, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture and burial place of Spain's national hero, El Cid. Today's Distance: 304 mi / 490 km (B)

- **DAY 7: BURGOS-LOYOLA-LOURDES, FRANCE.**

Travel through the Basque region toward Lourdes. En route, pause to reflect at the 17th-century Sanctuary of Loyola, built in honor of St. Ignacio of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit religious order. Cross into France and stay overnight in Lourdes, home to another world-famous pilgrimage destination. Join

the nightly Rosary and candlelight procession for a memorable spiritual experience Today's Distance: 298 mi / 480 km (B,D)

- **DAY 8: LOURDES.**

Today, a local spiritual expert will introduce you to this important Marian Shrine. You will see all the main sites and hear the story of how the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858. The afternoon is at leisure to further explore this little market town. According to the schedule, attend [M] Mass at the Sanctuary either early in the morning or in the evening. (B,D)

- **DAY 9: LOURDES-MANRESA- MONTSERRAT, SPAIN.**

Head for the France/Spain border. Spend time in the town of Manresa, known for its Basilica of Saint Mary of Seo, but more importantly for Pont Vell, a bridge associated with the worship of St. Ignacio of Loyola. See the architectural compound of Santa Cova, the sanctuary home of St. Ignacio of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, when he stayed in the city. Reach the beloved Marian shrine of Montserrat, located on top of a monumental massif, and spend the night next to the Monastery. Today's Distance: 249 mi / 400 km (B,D)

- **DAY 10: MONTSERRAT- BARCELONA.**

Visit the Sanctuary of Montserrat this morning, where the Benedictine monks dedicate their life to prayer, providing shelter and work. Life in the monastery follows a set rhythm in which work and prayer both play a part, according to Saint Benedict's motto, Ora et labora. Spend time in prayer, admire the image of Our Lady of Montserrat, and attend Mass (Mass). Leave the idyllic scenery of Montserrat, and driving through the countryside dotted with celebrated vineyards, reach Barcelona, the lively capital of Catalonia. Today's Distance: 37 mi / 59 km (B)

- **DAY 11: BARCELONA.**

Get to know the city on a guided sightseeing tour including a drive around Montjuic to see the Olympic Stadium for a great panoramic view of the port and city. Continue to the city centre's Plaza Catalunya and Paseo de Gracia to admire Gaudi's eccentric Houses Batllo and Mila, as well as his Sagrada Familia, an unfinished architectural masterpiece that is still a consecrated expression of the Catholic faith. Celebrate Mass (M), then, this evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant to celebrate faith, life, and friendship. (B,D)

- **DAY 12: BARCELONA.**

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

Tour ends at hotel on the 25 May 2024

Transfer to the airport in Barcelona and then onwards flight to Melbourne on Qatar

Flight arrives back in Melbourne on the 26 May 2024 at 11.30 PM