

**THE MARIAN SHRINES OF EUROPE
ITALY – FRANCE – SPAIN-PORTUGAL
NOVEMBER 10-30, 2024**

DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

10NOV24/ DAY 1 – MANILA - AIRPORT TERMINAL 3

Inflight Meals

Meet and greet in NAIA 1 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, prepare for check in at 7pm, proceed to immigration and prepare for flight bound to Rome Italy via EK335/EK97

11NOV24/ DAY-2 ARRIVAL ROME

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Welcome to ROME, capital city of Italy! After immigration clearance at the airport, transfer to hotel for check in and resting. Free time for resting. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

12NOV24/ DAY-3 ROME

(B/L/D)

Breakfast inside the hotel. Afterwards, proceed for a full day sightseeing tour. Start with a visit to the Roman Colosseum (photo-stop), Roman Forum, Monument Vittorio Emanuele II, Piazza de Venezia, make a wish at the Trevi Fountain and continue to roam at Piazza di Spagna where you will be given free time. Lunch will be in local restaurant. Gather again and proceed to Church for our mass before we continue to hotel. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

13NOV24/ DAY-4 ROME (B/L/D)

Early breakfast then proceed to St Peters Square for the papal audience. Afterwards, tour around St. Peter Square to visit St. Peter's Basilica, the most magnificent church in Christendom. Pass by the tomb of Pope John Paul II. We continue with a guided visit to one of the great art collections in the world, the Vatican Museum. We see the Tapestry Gallery, the Belvedere with its marvelous classical statues, the rooms wonderfully frescoed by Raphael, and Michelangelo's masterpiece, the Sistine Chapel, which was recently restored to its original splendor. Visit the patriarchal basilicas of St. Paul outside the walls. Have time for your meditation and private devotion. We will arrange private mass after visiting the four major basilicas. In the evening, dinner then back to our hotel for overnight.

14NOV24/ DAY-5 ROME – SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

(B/L/D)

Breakfast inside hotel and check out. Departure for San Giovanni Rotondo. San Giovanni Rotondo is the name of a town and commune in the province of Foggia and region of Apulia, in southern Italy. San Giovanni Rotondo was the home of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina from 28 July 1916 until his death on 23 September 1968. Upon arrival, we will have our lunch in local restaurant. After lunch, check in the hotel and resting. Afterwards, visit the Shrine of St. Padre Pio, visit the Tomb and Crypt. Free time for praying activities. Dinner and accommodation will be in the hotel.

15NOV24/ DAY-6 SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO – LANCIANO – MANOPELLO – ASSISI

(B/L/D)

Breakfast inside hotel and check out. Afterwards, proceed to Lanciano and visit San Francesco Church. Proceed to Manoppello to visit Santuario del Volto Santo. Celebrate Thanksgiving Mass at the old Capuchin Monastery and see miraculous image of Christ's face on a veil, the "veronica" (true icon) in the Santuario Del Volto Santo. The image shows a male face with long hair and a beard parted in

bands. It is the only case in the world where the image is visible on both sides of the cloth; colors are very light, the eyes are turned upward and the pupils are completely open, even though irregular. Continue to Assisi. Upon arrival, directly proceed for check-in, dinner, and overnight.

16NOV24/DAY-7 ASSISI – FLORENCE

(B/L/D)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel. We will have short city tour in Assisi. Assisi the hometown of the Beloved St. Francis. See the Basilica of St. Francis and the Basilica of Santa Maria Degli Angeli. Free time. Lunch will be in local restaurant. After lunch, we will depart for Florence. Upon arrival, free time. Transfer to hotel for check in and resting. Dinner and overnight will be in the hotel.

17NOV24/ DAY-8 FLORENCE

(B/L/D)

After breakfast, Start city tour in Florence which is capital of Italy's Tuscany region, is home to many masterpieces of Renaissance art and architecture. One of its most iconic sights is the Duomo, a cathedral with a terracotta-tiled dome engineered by Brunelleschi and a bell tower by Giotto. The Galleria dell'Accademia displays Michelangelo's "David" sculpture. The Uffizi Gallery exhibits Botticelli's "The Birth of Venus" and da Vinci's "Annunciation. See the Renaissance treasures of the city. Visit the magnificent Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's Gate of Paradise and the sculpture studded Signoria Square. Free time. Resting in the hotel. Dinner and overnight will be in the hotel.

18NOV24/ DAY-9 FLORENCE – PISA – MILAN

(B/L/D)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel. Departure for Milan. On the way, visit Pisa which is a city in Italy's Tuscany region best known for its iconic Leaning Tower. Already tilting when it was completed in 1372, the 56m white-marble cylinder is the bell tower of the Romanesque, striped-marble cathedral that rises next to it in the Piazza dei Miracoli. Also in the piazza is the Baptistery, whose renowned acoustics are demonstrated by amateur singers daily, and the Caposanto Monumental cemetery. Free time in Pisa. Proceed to Milano. On the way, we will get our lunch in La Spezia. Upon arrival to Milano, we will visit The Gothic Duomo di Milano cathedral "and the Santa Maria delle Grazie convent "The Last Supper," testify to centuries of art and culture. Free time. Transfer to hotel for check in and resting. Dinner and overnight will be in the hotel.

19NOV24/ DAY-10 MILAN – PARIS (By flight)

(B/L/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will check out and transfer to Milano Airport or station for Paris flight or by fast train. (We will send our luggage's by our bus). Upon arrival, we will get in our private bus and start to discover Paris panoramically by bus. Paris, the cosmopolitan capital of France, is one of Europe's largest cities, with 2.2 million people living in the dense, central city and almost 12 million people living in the whole metropolitan area. Located in the north of France on the river Seine, Paris has the well-deserved reputation of being the most beautiful and romantic of all cities, brimming with historic associations and remaining vastly influential in the realms of culture, art, fashion, food and design. In the evening, sightseeing river cruise aboard Bateaux Mouches Cruise is included. Dinner then continues to hotel for overnight.

20NOV24/ DAY-11 PARIS

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to your half day guided city tour of Paris. Visit Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, see the Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysees and the Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concorde, Les Invalides, and the

Louvre Museum. Afterwards, free time. Transfer back to hotel for dinner and overnight.

21NOV24 /DAY-12 PARIS – LOURDES VIA TRAIN

(B/L/D)

After breakfast, take your TGV train to Lourdes. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel for check in and resting. Free praying activities. Dinner and accommodation will be in the hotel. (Luggages will be sent to Lourdes via our coach)

22NOV24/ DAY-13 LOURDES

(B/L/D)

The day is free for private devotion. You may wish to go to the Sanctuary to visit the Underground Basilica, walk the Station of the Cross, take the Holy Bath, drink the water or wash your face in the Grotto, or participate in the veneration of the sick pilgrim. In the evening, join the emotive candlelight procession.

23NOV24/ DAY-14 LOURDES – MONTSERRAT – BARCELONA (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel and check out from the hotel. Departure for Montserrat. We will start with our tour to Montserrat which is a multi-peaked mountain range near Barcelona, in Catalonia, Spain. It is part of the Catalan Pre-Coastal Range. The main peaks are Sant Jeroni, Montgrós, and Miranda de les Agulles. We will experience Cable Car from the bottom of Montserrat Mountain to Montserrat monastery. It is said that cable car first started running in 1930. It travels at a speed of 5 meters per second and at a gradient of up to 45%. Transfer to Barcelona and upon arrival, transfer to hotel and resting. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

24NOV24/ DAY-15 BARCELONA

(B/L/D)

Breakfast inside the hotel Today, we will have full day Barcelona City tour. Today, we will discover Barcelona with Sagrada Familia. We will firstly pass from Park Guell. Parc Güell is a privatized park system composed of gardens and architectural elements located on Carmel Hill, in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain. Carmel Hill belongs to the mountain range of Collserola – the Parc del Carmel is located on the northern face. (Park Guell entrance is not included). Afterwards, continue city tour with Casa Mila, Casa Batllo, and Boqueria Market & Columbus Monument. Lunch will be in local restaurant. After lunch, next place to visit is Sagrada Familia. The Basílica i Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Família, also known as the Sagrada Família, is a large unfinished minor basilica in the Eixample district of Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain, and is currently the largest unfinished Roman Catholic church. Transfer to hotel for check in and resting. Overnight at the hotel.

25NOV24 /DAY-16 BARCELONA – ZARAGOZA – MADRID (B/L/D)

Have your breakfast inside the hotel. Today we will head to Zaragoza. Visit the basilica of "Our Lady of the Pillar", where the virgin Mary appeared miraculously to Saint James the Great in the first century, standing on a pillar. Free time for souvenir shopping in the afternoon. Proceed to Madrid. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel for check in. Dinner and accommodation will be in the hotel.

26NOV24/DAY-17 MADRID

(B/L/D)

Have your breakfast inside the hotel. Visit the Royal Palace and the Almudena's Cathedral, Madrid's Cathedral, and one of the city's most beautiful churches. The Royal Palace of Madrid is the official residence of the Spanish royal family at the city of Madrid, although now used only for state ceremonies. The palace has 135,000 m² of floor space and contains 3,418 rooms. It is the largest functioning royal palace and the largest by floor area in Europe. Almudena Cathedral is a Catholic church in Madrid, Spain. It is the seat of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Madrid. The cathedral was consecrated by Pope John Paul II in

1993. Lunch will be in local restaurant. Free time for shopping. Transfer to hotel for resting. Dinner and overnight will be in the hotel.

27NOV24/ DAY-18 MADRID – SALAMANCA – FATIMA (B/L/D)

After breakfast we board our coach and motor across the Portuguese-Spanish border to the city of Salamanca, city lies on a plateau by the Tormes river, which is crossed by a bridge 500 ft long built on 26 arches, fifteen of which are of Roman origin, while the remainder date from the 16th century. Salamanca has been declared a “World Heritage Site” by UNESCO. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Proceed to Fatima. Upon arrival, check in the hotel and resting. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

28NOV24/ DAY-19 FATIMA (B/L/D)

Have your breakfast inside the hotel. Start the day with visiting the following places: the Basilica where the tombs of Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta is located; the Chapel of the Apparitions the place where Our Lady appeared; the church of the Holy Trinity; the exposition “Fatima Light and Peace” where are the offers left by the pilgrims. Later visit Aljustrel, the village where the shepherds were born. Continue to Valinhos and visit the Stations of the Cross and the Calvary, the site of Our Lady's 4th apparition and the place where the children received the first and third visit of the “Angel of Peace”. After the visit proceed to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Ortiga and to the Parish Church. The afternoon is free for personal devotions. At the end of the day, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

29NOV24/ DAY-20 FATIMA – LISBON END (B/L)

Drive to the capital of Portugal, Lisbon. We will head first to the birthplace of San Antonio de Lisboa (better known as St. Anthony de Padua). Afterwards continue for sightseeing tour – see the Tagus River, Marques de Pombal Square, and Liberdade Avenue, pass by Belem Palace, official residence of the President of Portugal. Stop at Belem Tower – icon of the Age of Discovery and the Monument of the Discoveries. Close by is Jeronimos Monastery, magnificent example of the Manueline style. See the Baixa, Praca do Comercio, and the Suspension Bridge. Free time before transfer to Lisbon airport for the flight back home.

30NOV24/ DAY-21 – ARRIVE MANILA ETA 30NOV 0620AM-PH TIME

Home Sweet Home .End of Tour

COST PER PERSON 35 PAYING PARTICIPANTS USD 5,806.00

Add: Single Room Supplement USD 1200

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip Airline Ticket on Economy Class VIA EMIRATES AIRLINES MNL FCO/LIS MNL
- 18 nights of Hotel Accommodation based on 4-5 stars on BB
- Second Class TGV train from Paris - Lourdes
- Paris – Milan Flight Tickets
- 18 LUNCHES AND 18 DINNERS
- Tourist City Tax
- Tours and Entrances as stated in the program.
- o *Vatican Museum*
- o *Jeronimos Monastery*
- o *Sagrada Familia*
- o *Montserrat Monastery*

- o *Our Lady of Pillar*
- Travel Insurance/ Souvenir Jacket/ Luggage Tags/Travel kit
- Pre departure briefing
- Porterage at Hotels
- Accompanied by Pilgrimage Chaplain and tour Escort.
- Visa fee and Assistance
- Travel Insurance with Covid Coverage

EXCLUSIONS:

Fuel/Airline Taxes borders/ Tipping (10 X 20 DAYS) \$150/pax \$ 200/pax

FLIGHT ITINERARY:

EK 335 10NOV MNLDXB 2330- 0445-11NOV
 EK 97 11NOV DXBFCO 0855- 1240-
 EK 194 29NOV LISDXB 2045- 0815-30NOV
 EK 336 30NOV DXBMNL 1755- 0620

OTHER EXCLUSIONS: The Cost of Ticket/Hotel for Visa Appearance, meals other than indicated and all others personal in nature.

BOOKING & PAYMENT CONDITIONS

1. A non-refundable deposit (if visa is granted) of \$500.00 is required upon submission of documents.
2. Fifty percent of tour cost is required on **SEPTEMBER 10, 2024** in payment for Airline Ticket which is due for issuance on the said date and
3. **FULL PAYMENT** should be on **OCTOBER 10,2024**
4. **CANCELLATION FEE:** 50% of tour cost if cancelled within 3 weeks before the departure.

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