2012 PILGRIMAGE
LOURDES, NEVERS, PARIS AND LISIEUX
58th U.S National Rosary Pilgrimage in Lourdes
JUNE 28 TO JULY 09, 2012

St. Bernadette

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LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 28 – DEPART WASHINGTON/DULLES AIRPORT AT 4:40PM, ON AIR FRANCE, ECONOMY CLASS FOR LOURDES VIA PARIS.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29- ARRIVE PARIS AND TRANSFER TO YOUR AIR FRANCE FLIGHT TO PAU. ON ARRIVAL AT 10:10AM, TRANSFER BY MOTORCOACH TO LOURDES AND CHECK INTO YOUR HOTEL. LUNCH. REMAINDER OF THE DAY IS FREE. TIME TO REST – OPTIONAL 6:00PM MASS.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30– BREAKFAST. OPENING PILGRIMAGE MASS, FOLLOWED BY AN OPTIONAL ORIENTATION TOUR OF THE DOMAIN AND 30 MINUTE VIDEO ON THE MESSAGE OF LOURDES, (FOR THOSE VISITING LOURDES FOR THE FIRST TIME, THIS IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. LUNCH AT NOON. 2:00PM –PILGRIMAGE RECEPTION: AFTERNOON TEA IN THE GARDEN OF THE GALLIA LONDRE HOTEL. DINNER. PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENING CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION WITH OTHER NATIONAL PILGRIMAGES IN LOURDES.

SUNDAY, JULY 01 ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL MASS OF LOURDES WHERE ALL NATIONAL PILGRIMAGES COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THIS GLORIOUS MASS WITH EXCEPTIONAL MUSIC. FOLLOWING LUNCH, AFTERNOON SCENIC EXCURSION INTO THE PRYENEES TO GAVARNIE, DEPARTING AT 1:30PM. THE VILLAGE OF GAVARNIE WAS THE LAST VILLAGE IN FRANCE IN THE MIDDLE AGES ON THE OLD ROUTE TO THE TOMB OF ST. JAMES AT SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELLA. THE CIRQUE GAVARNIE IS THE MOST FAMOUS PLACE IN THE PYRENEES AND IS HOME TO THE HIGHEST WATERFALL IN EUROPE. ALONG THE VERY BEAUTIFUL ROUTE TO GAVARNIE, YOU WILL SEE MANY PLACES OF INTEREST THAT WILL BE EXPLAINED TO YOU BY OUR GUIDE. THERE WILL BE A TWO HOUR VISIT IN GAVARNIE WHICH WILL ALLOW YOU TIME TO TAKE A WALK ALONG THE RIVER TO SEE THE WATERFALL, OR TO THE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS, SHOP IN THE CRAFT SHOPS OR PERFUMERY AND ENJOY A LOCAL CAFÉ. RETURN TO LOURDES IN TIME FOR DINNER. PARTICIPATE IN EVENING TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION.

MONDAY, JULY 02: BREAKFAST., ROSARY. MASS. MORNING FREE TO ENTER THE BATHS (MIRACULOUS WATERS) OF LOURDES, FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS OR TO VISIT THE UPPER AND LOWER TOWNS OF LOURDES WITH THEIR MANY SHOPS, MUSEUMS AND CAFES. LUNCH. AFTERNOON PENANCE SERVICE AND SACRAMENT OF RECONCILLIATION, FOLLOWED BY BLESSING OF THE SICK AND BENEDICTION. DINNER. EVENING FREE.

TUESDAY, JULY 03 – BREAKFAST. MASS OF THE ANOINTING – ROSARY BASILICA. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS, GATHER FOR GROUP PICTURE IN FRONT OF THE BASILICA. REMANDER OF THE MORNING FREE FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES. LUNCH. AFTERNOON - FOR THOSE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE, A WALKING TOUR OF LOURDES WILL BE SCHEDULED; VISITING THE PLACES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIFE OF ST. BERNADETTE: THE BOLY MILL WHERE ST. BERNADETTE WAS BORN, THE LOCADE MILL, RESIDENCE OF HER PARENTS AFTER 1864, THE "CACHOT," FORMERLY USED AS A JAIL WHERE SHE LIVED AT THE TIME OF THE APPARITIONS, THE HOSPITAL AND CHAPEL WHERE ST. BERNADETTE RECEIVED HER FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND THE PARISH CHURCH, CONTAINING THE BAPTISMAL FONT WHERE BERNADETTE WAS BAPTIZED. DINNER. PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENING TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 04 – BREAKFAST. MASS AT THE GROTTO OF MASSABIELLE, THE SITE OF THE APPARITIONS. FOLLOWING MASS PROCESSION FOR PLACEDMENT OF THE PILGRIM CANDLE. TIME FREE. LUNCH. AFTERNOON STATIONS OF THE CROSS, EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION AND BENEDICTION. EVENING 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS AT THE SOLITUDE HOTEL.

THURSDAY, JULY 05 – EARLY MORNING DEPART LOURDES/TARBES AIRPORT FOR PARIS. UPON ARRIVAL MEET YOUR ENGLISH SPEAKING TOUR ESCORT. BOARD YOUR MOTORCOACH AND CONTINUE TO NEVERS WHERE MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT THE CONVENT OF ST. GILDARD IN THE CHAPEL CONTAINING THE INCORRUPT BODY OF ST. BERNADETTE TO WHOM OUR LADY APPEARED IN LOURDES. LUNCH AT ESPACE ST. BERNADETTE . VISIT THE CONVENT OF ST. GILDARD WHERE BERNADETTE SPENT THE REMAINDER OF HER LIFE AFTER SHE LEFT LOURDES. TIME TO VISIT THE GIFT SHOP DINNER AND OVERNIGHT.

FRIDAY, JULY 06 – BREAKFAST AND DEPART FOR PARIS - VISIT THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE AT RUE DU BAC WHERE MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED. VISIT THE SHRINE WHERE OUR BLESSED MOTHER APPEARED TO ST. CATHERINE LABOURE, SEE THE INCORRUPT BODY OF ST. CATHERINE AND THE REMAINS OF ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC, WHO TOGETHER WITH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOUNDED THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY; TIME FOR LUNCH. FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO CATHEDRAL OF NOTRE DAME AND TWO HOUR PANORAMIC TOUR OF PARIS. HOTEL CHECK-IN. DINNER AND OVERNIGHT.

SATURDAY, JULY 07 – PARIS - LISIEUX BREAKFAST AND DEPART FOR LISIEUX. VISIT THE CAMELITE CONVENT WHERE ST. THERESE SPENT HER LIFE AS A CARMELITE NUN, THE CHAPEL WHERE HER REMAINS MAY BE VENERATED AND THE BUISSONETS, HOME OF THE MARTIN FAMILY AND PLACES CONNECTED WITH THE LIFE OF, "THE LITTLE FLOWER." TIME FREE IN LISIEUX. LATE AFTERNOON RETURN TO PARIS – DINNER AND OVERNIGHT.

SUNDAY, JULY 08 – BREAKFAST. DAY FREE IN PARIS FOR OPTIONAL VISITS TO THE LOUVRE, ST. GERMAIN, MONTMARTE AND OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST. DINNER ON OWN. OVERNIGHT.

MONDAY, JULY 09 – DEPART PARIS FOR WASHINGTON/DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ARRIVING AT 1:00PM.

ALL-INCLUSIVE RATE: $3,529.00
(PLUS AIRLINE TAXES: $203.00
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: $550.00

Rate Includes: Round-trip Air Fare, Economy Class on Air France, Washington – Lourdes – Paris – Washington. Accommodations in 3 star Hotels based on two persons sharing a twin-bedded room with bath: Meals: All Meals in Lourdes, Breakfast and 2 dinners in Paris all meals in Nevers; sightseeing as detailed via deluxe motor coach including day visit to Nevers and day trip to Lisieux, English Speaking Tour Escort for Paris, Nevers and Lisieux, round-trip airport – hotel transfers, road and hotel taxes, porterage and tips, Lourdes Sanctuary Fee. Rate based on 25 Participants.
Not Included: Cost of passport, items of personal nature, beverages, all that is not and anything not noted in, "Rate Includes."

FOR RESERVATION, KINDLY MAIL YOUR DEPOSIT IN THE SUM OF $400.00 PER PERSON TO:
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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS: DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS, Reservations may be secured upon receipt of your deposit in the sum of $400.00 per person. **Reservations must be received no later than March 27, 2012**. Reservations received after this date can only be confirmed on the basis of space availability. **Final Payment is due MAY 1, 2012. SPACE IS LIMITED: EARLY RESERVATIONS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**. **Our 2011 Pilgrimage sold out early**!!
AIR TRANSPORTATION: via Economy Class, based on a non-refundable air fare. Airlines reserve the right to impose full cancellation penalties. Anyone wishing to deviate from the tour must request this in writing and the price of your air ticket will be determined on an individual basis. Airlines due impose a minimum of $100.00 deviation fee and a minimum $75.00 additional stop-over fee. Requests for deviations must be received at least 95 days prior to departure.
HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: A limited number of single rooms are available at a supplemental charge and they are distributed on a first come, first serve basis. **If you are traveling alone and wish a share basis, we will do our best to arrange double occupancy. If a roommate is not available, the single room supplement will be imposed. If you prefer a single room, please advise us and we will bill you accordingly. Again, Early Reservations are strongly recommended**.
SIGHTSEEING: Via deluxe air conditioned motor coach, as specified in itinerary, English Speaking Tour Escort in Paris, and Nevers and Lisieux, English Speaking Assistance in Lourdes.
TRANSFERS & PORTERAGE: Round-trip transfers between airport and hotel are included with assistance and porterage in hotels. Porterage for one suitcase per person. Individuals are responsible for their carry-on luggage.
BAGGAGE: Allowed free of charge is one suitcase per person with a combined length, width and height of 62 inches with a maximum weight of 50 lbs, plus one carry-on bag with total dimensions of 45 inches and a maximum weight of 25 lbs. Catholic Travel accepts no liability for lost or damaged luggage. Baggage insurance is recommended and a traveler's insurance application will be sent to you.
TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All participants must be in possession of a valid U.S. passport, which must be valid at least six months after your return. If you are in possession of a passport from another Country other than the U.S., kindly contact us so that we can determine if any visas are required.
CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be submitted in writing to Catholic Travel Office. For cancellations received 95 or more days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of $200.00 is imposed, 94 - 60 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of $400.00 will be imposed. From 59 - 31 days prior to departure, the cancellation fee will be 50% of the cost of the Pilgrimage and within 30 days of departure, your cancellation fee will be 100%. Again all cancellations must be submitted in writing and the cancellation fees are determined on the day your cancellation notice is received. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU PURCHASE TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE AND THE APPLICATION FORM FOR THIS WILL BE SENT TO YOU AT THE TIME WE RECEIVE YOUR DEPOSIT**.
FINAL PAYMENT: Final payment for this Pilgrimage is due no later than **May 1, 2012**. Failure to make your final payment by this date may result in the cancellation of your reservation and the forfeiture of your deposit. In addition to the above cancellation fees, once issued, airline tickets are non-refundable. Again, Traveler's Insurance is strongly recommended.
RESPONSIBILITY: CATHOLIC TRAVEL OFFICE and their agents act only in the capacity of agents in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and all forms of transportation. Catholic Travel Office except for willful negligence on the part of its direct employees, is not responsible for any damage, loss (included but not limited to property loss, personal injury, loss of enjoyment, distress or life) caused by omissions of any supplier providing services for this pilgrimage or by any delays or changes in the itinerary, or acts or omissions by the tour leader. Catholic Travel Office reserves the right to cancel the pilgrimage at any time, to substitute a tour leader if necessary or to make changes in the itinerary whenever their sole judgment determines that conditions warrant a change or in their sole judgment, changes will improve the comfort, convenience and safety of the tour. **The price of the tour is based on a minimum of 22 passengers. If the minimum is not met, the price of the tour will be increased. The price of the tour is also based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect Sept. 15, 2011.** While we make every effort to keep these rates firm, they can be subject to increase. Airlines involved in this itinerary are not responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their aircraft or conveyance. The reservation and ticket issued for the passengers on this pilgrimage will constitute a sole contract between the airlines and purchaser of this tour.

PLEASE READ THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CAREFULLY, AS YOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT FOR THIS TRIP CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF ALL OF THE CONDITIONS NOTED HEREIN.