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Day 1: Sunday, October 3, 2027 | Departure
Our pilgrimage begins as we depart the United States on our overnight flight to France. Dinner and breakfast will be served during the flight.

Day 2: Monday, October 4, 2027 | Arrival in Lourdes

Upon arrival at Pau or Toulouse Airport, our local professional tour escort will greet us and accompany us by motorcoach through the foothills of the Pyrenees to Lourdes. After check-in, we have time to relax or explore before dinner. Following dinner, we have the opportunity to join the faithful for the Candlelight Marian Procession and the praying of the Rosary (April through

October only). Dinner and overnight in Lourdes. (D)

Day 3: Tuesday, October 5, 2027 | Lourdes

We spend the day in prayer and pilgrimage at the Lourdes sanctuary, where Our Lady appeared eighteen times to the young Bernadette Soubirous beginning in 1858, first appearing in silence as Bernadette prayed the Rosary before later revealing herself as the Immaculate Conception and calling for prayer and penance for sinners. We celebrate Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, the very site of the apparitions, and participate in the water gesture, washing our hands and face and drinking from the miraculous spring in a spirit of faith and penance, closing with the prayer: "Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. St. Bernadette, pray for us. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." We walk the life-size Stations of the Cross overlooking the Grotto, meditating on the Passion of Our Lord, and visit the Basilica of St. Pius X, the vast underground basilica built to accommodate the sanctuary's largest gatherings. This afternoon we join the Eucharistic Procession, and this evening we return once more to the Candlelight Marian Procession and the praying of the Rosary (April through October only). Dinner and overnight in Lourdes. (B/D)

Day 4: Wednesday, October 6, 2027 | Lourdes

We spend a second full day at the Lourdes sanctuary. A video presentation this morning tells the story of Bernadette and the apparitions in fuller detail before we visit Boly Mill, the birthplace of St. Bernadette, and the Cachot, the abandoned prison cell where her impoverished family lived at the time of the apparitions. We continue to the Carmelite Monastery and the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, its lower basilica adorned with mosaics recalling the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary. We celebrate Mass once more at the Grotto before an afternoon of personal prayer and reflection. This evening we gather once more for the Candlelight Marian Procession and the praying of the Rosary (April through October only). Dinner and overnight in Lourdes. (B/D)

Day 5: Thursday, October 7, 2027 | Lourdes, Free Day

Today is set aside as a free day in Lourdes, a gift of unhurried time for personal prayer. After breakfast we celebrate Mass together at the Sanctuary, and the rest of the day is ours to spend with Our Lady: returning to the Grotto of Massabielle to pray where she appeared to St. Bernadette, kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament, walking the Stations of the Cross again at our own pace, or simply resting in the quiet of the Pyrenees. This evening we join the faithful once more for the Candlelight Marian Procession and the praying of the Rosary, closing our time in Lourdes in prayer before Our Lady. Dinner and overnight in Lourdes. (B/D)

Day 6: Friday, October 8, 2027 | Lourdes, Paris & Lisieux

After breakfast, we transfer to Pau or Tarbes-Lourdes Airport for our short flight to Paris, continuing on by motorcoach to Lisieux. According to Pope Pius X, St. Thérèse of Lisieux was the greatest saint of modern times, and her extraordinary love for God and service to humanity comes alive as we walk in the great saint's footsteps. We visit the Basilica of St. Thérèse, its magnificent mosaics and stained glass, and celebrate Mass here before continuing to Les Buissonnets, the family home where relics, clothing, and personal

objects belonging to St. Thérèse are preserved. We also tour the Carmelite Convent, which she entered in 1888 and where she is now buried. Dinner and overnight in Lisieux. (B/D)

Day 7: Saturday, October 9, 2027 | Lisieux, Normandy Landing Beaches & American Cemetery

Following breakfast, our group celebrates Mass before traveling to the Normandy landing beaches, site of the largest seaborne invasion in history and the beginning of the liberation of German-occupied northwestern Europe on June 6, 1944. We continue to the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in Colleville-sur-Mer, honoring the American troops who died in Europe during World War II, pausing in prayer and thanksgiving for their courage. We return to Lisieux for dinner and overnight. (B/D)

Day 8: Sunday, October 10, 2027 | Lisieux, Chartres & Paris

After an early breakfast, we depart for Chartres, home to the Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Chartres and its incredible stained glass windows from the 12th and 13th centuries, called by UNESCO the high point of French Gothic art and a masterpiece. We join the parish for Sunday Mass at the Cathedral and venerate the precious relic of the Veil of Our Lady, displayed at the back of the main altar. Following free time for lunch in the town of Chartres, we continue to Paris for hotel check-in and free time before dinner. Dinner and overnight in Paris. (B/D)

Day 9: Monday, October 11, 2027 | Paris, Montmartre & Sacré-Coeur

Following breakfast, we begin our time in Paris at the magnificent Sacré-Coeur Basilica atop Montmartre Hill. Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Basilica was begun in 1875 as an act of national penance and completed in 1914. We take in the extraordinary artwork and architecture of the Basilica, including the beautiful mosaic of the Risen Christ and the remarkable Grand Organ, and we celebrate Mass in the Crypt, resting place of many notable Cardinals. Time permitting, we may ascend to the Dome for a breathtaking panoramic view of Paris. We then board a bus tour to see some of the most recognizable symbols of Paris, including the Eiffel Tower, Les Invalides, the Arc de Triomphe, and the Champs-Élysées, the world's most famous boulevard. Dinner and overnight in Paris. (B/D)

Day 10: Tuesday, October 12, 2027 | Paris, Miraculous Medal, Notre-Dame & Sainte-Chapelle

After breakfast, we make our way to the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on the Rue du Bac, where we celebrate Mass and have the opportunity to view the incorrupt body of St. Catherine Labouré, led there by her guardian angel to the very chapel where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to her and instructed the making of the Miraculous Medal. We continue on foot to the nearby Church of St. Vincent de Paul before visiting Notre-Dame Cathedral, one of the most incredible churches in the world. Just steps away on the Île de la Cité, we visit Sainte-Chapelle, built by King Louis IX in the 13th century to house the Crown of Thorns and featuring fifteen floor-to-ceiling stained glass windows spanning over six hundred years of biblical history. Dinner and overnight in Paris. (B/D)

Day 11: Wednesday, October 13, 2027 | Paris, Free Day & Farewell Banquet

Today is a free day in Paris. After breakfast we celebrate Mass together at a church near our hotel, and the rest of the day is at leisure: time to return in prayer to the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal or to Notre-Dame, to kneel before the Blessed Sacrament at Sacré-Coeur, where perpetual Eucharistic adoration has continued since 1885, or to enjoy the city at our own pace. This evening we gather at a Paris restaurant for our farewell banquet, giving thanks together for the graces of our pilgrimage. Overnight in Paris. (B/D)

Day 12: Thursday, October 14, 2027 | Paris, Return Home

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, we transfer by motorcoach to the Paris airport for our return flight home. (B)



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