

GEORGE'S
INTERNATIONAL TOURS



PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN & FRANCE

September 13-25, 2017

with

Msgr. Mike Meyers

St. James Catholic Church

Day 1 - Sep. 13: Depart U.S.A.

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart Los Angeles for Madrid on Iberia Airlines. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

Day 2 - Sep. 14: Arrive Madrid

Upon arrival in Madrid we will be met by our tour manager and transfer to our hotel for rest. The remaining of the day is free.

Day 3 - Sep. 15: Madrid

A full day tour of Madrid will show some of the history and traditions of Spain. We will start with a visit to the Prado Museum with its masterpieces of El Greco, Goya, and Velasquez and then we will visit the Royal Palace, the University with Cervantes' monument, Puerta del Sol and Retiro Park.



Day 4 - Sep. 16: Madrid / Salamanca

Depart Madrid for Segovia whose Cathedral is considered the last Gothic church in Spain. Here we will pay our respects to a great Carmelite, St. John of the Cross who served as spiritual director to St. Theresa of Avila. Continue to the walled city of Avila, made famous by St. Teresa, another Doctor of the Church. Visit the Monastery of the Incarnation where St. Teresa spent many years of her life. Then travel to Alba Tormes to visit the Carmelite Convent which contains St. Teresa's incorrupt arm and heart. Proceed to Salamanca, one of the most prestigious university town in the world. Enjoy a sightseeing tour including visits to the Plaza Mayor which is regarded as one of the most attractive squares in Spain and see the Cathedral from outside.

Day 5 - Sep. 17: Salamanca / Santiago de Compostela

Depart Salamanca and drive to Orense which has been famous since Roman times for its warm springs. Orense was the main way to Santiago de Compostela, and here we will visit its Cathedral whose carved doorways were

modeled as Santiago's Door of Glory. Continue through the Castile-Leon region to Santiago de Compostela. Tradition tells us that St. James the Apostle journeyed to Spain in 40 A.D. to spread the Gospel as far as possible. He died a martyr's death after returning to Jerusalem, and his remains were eventually returned to Spain and buried in this city.



Day 6 - Sep. 18: 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 most prominent pieces of architecture in Europe. After Mass, climb 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), a unique 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. The remainder of the afternoon will be free.

Day 7 - Sep. 19: Santiago Compostela / Burgos

Following breakfast depart for Lugo and view the Roman wall which was built in the 3rd century to protect its citizens from invaders and is now a protected UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to Leon to visit its magnificent Gothic Cathedral whose stained glass windows have led people to say that it is made of more glass than stone. We then drive to Burgos, the cradle of Castille and the old capital of Spain.

Day 8 - Sep. 20: Burgos / Lourdes

Depart for Loyola and have a special Mass at Loyola Sanctuary. Pray at the Basilica where our Lady appeared to St. Ignatius with the Christ child, the founder of the Jesuit order. We then depart towards the Spanish-French border to Lourdes, one of the great pilgrimage shrines in the world. It was here where Our Lady appeared to

Bernadette in 1858 proclaiming herself the “Immaculate Conception.” This evening we will participate in the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the Candlelight Procession.



Day 9 - Sep. 21: Lourdes

Today we will have all day to experience the special atmosphere of this beautiful town. Attend Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, visit the Basilica of St. Pius X, see the house where Bernadette lived during the Apparitions, and visit the sites where miraculous cures have taken place. After dinner, we will join the Candlelight Procession.

Day 10 - Sep. 22: Lourdes / Zaragoza

We depart Lourdes and drive across the French-Spanish border to Zaragoza which is the chief city of Aragon and has traditions connected with the story of St. James. Here we will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Pilar where the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. James.



Day 11 - Sep. 23: Zaragoza / Barcelona

After Mass we will depart Zaragoza and follow St. Ignatius' path to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Montserrat, the spiritual heart of Catalonia and home to the dramatically set Benedictine monastery. For 700 years this Marian shrine has attracted thousands of pilgrims from around the world. We pause here to visit the Black Madonna of Montserrat, probably Spain's most fervent devotion to the Blessed Mother. We then travel to vibrant Barcelona, our home for the next two nights.



Day 12 - Sep. 24: Barcelona

Today we will visit Santa Maria del Mar (Our Lady of the Sea), a lovely and elegant church that dates from the mid-14th century. Then visit Barcelona Cathedral which is a magnificent 14th-century building in the heart of the Gothic Quarter. Next we will visit Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia which is a beautiful, unfinished basilica of impressive proportions. Continue on to Tibidabo Hill where we will visit the Church of the Sacred Heart and see a statue of Christ whose extended arms overlooking Barcelona reminds one of Rio de Janeiro.

Day 13 - Sep. 25: Barcelona / U.S.A.

This morning we will transfer to Barcelona Airport to catch our return flight home.

TOUR COST

\$3,799.00

per person based upon double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$670.00.

This price includes:

- ✕ Roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles
- ✕ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✕ Accommodation in First Class/4 star hotels
- ✕ All hotel taxes and service charges
- ✕ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ✕ Arrival and departure transfers
- ✕ Baggage handling at hotels
- ✕ Land travel by deluxe motorcoach
- ✕ Sightseeing with professional local guides
- ✕ Professional tour manager
- ✕ All entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✕ Daily Mass

Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

Reservations and Payment: Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. Final payment is due 65 days prior to departure.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days prior to departure, \$250.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking. Additional cancellation charges may apply depending upon the cancellation terms of our suppliers.

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Travel Documents: A passport with a minimum of 6 months validity remaining is required of all U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens do not require visas for entry to the countries being visited on this tour. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. George's International is not responsible for visas or passports.

Tour Cost: All quoted prices are based upon fares, tariffs and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 20 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

Tour Documents and Tickets: Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 3 weeks of departure.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. You will be responsible for paying to the airline any additional charges for additional checked baggage or overweight baggage (if excess weight is permitted). George's International Tours is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

Air Transportation: Air travel is in economy class on Iberia Airlines (or any other IATA carrier). Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing. Fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

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Responsibility Clause: The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. George's International Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries.

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Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

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RESERVATION APPLICATION

Pilgrimage to Spain & France (September 13-25, 2017)

Group Reference Number: 091317A

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Name (as printed on your passport): First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____	
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):	
Passport number:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Passport date of issue:	Passport date of expiration:
Country of citizenship:	Date of birth:
Street address:	
City:	State: Zipcode:
Home phone:	Work phone:
Mobile phone:	Email address:

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Please check one: Double occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (\$670.00 additional) <input type="checkbox"/>
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:
If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:

Please enclose a deposit of **\$300.00 per person** made payable to **George's International Tours** and mail to:

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