Join Fr. Bibin Zacharia on a Pilgrimage to

# Portugal, Spain, France & Medjugorje

Santarem - Fatima - Santiago de Compostela - Loyola - Lourdes - Medjugorje









August 31-September 12, 2026



\$4899 Per Person

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### Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1 Depart USA: Today begins your international overnight flight to Lisbon, Portugal. Relax and enjoy as you embark on your spiritual journey. Embrace the excitement ahead!

Day 2: Arrive Lisbon: Santarem - Fatima: Upon arriving in Lisbon, you will meet your Tour Escort who will accompany you throughout your pilgrimage. Our first stop is Santarem, where we visit the historic Church of St. Stephen, known for its 8th-century eucharistic miracle. After this, we'll head to Fatima for hotel check-in, followed by a lovely dinner and a restful overnight stay in preparation for the next leg of your pilgrimage.

Overnight: Fatima (Dinner\*)

Day 3: Fatima: Chapel of Apparitions - Stations of the Cross: We begin with a solemn Mass at the Chapel of Apparitions, then visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima to learn about Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto. Next, we explore Aljustrel, the shepherd children's upbringing, and Valinhos, another significant apparition site. We conclude with reflection at the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacra, marking the first apparition, followed by dinner and an overnight stay at our hotel.

Overnight: Fatima (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4: Fatima: Porto - Santiago de Compostela: After breakfast at your hotel, we start our 2-hour journey to Porto. Located along the Douro River estuary, Porto is one of the oldest European centers. Porto is famous for its port wine, a major international export. The port wine derived its name from the City of Porto. When in Porto, we visit the Monument Church of St. Francis, celebrate Holy Mass at Our Lady of the Clergy, and visit the historic Church of Gold. We enjoy a guided tour of a local wine factory with tastings. After a late lunch, we continue to Santiago de Compostela for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Santiago de Compostela (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5: Santiago de Compostela: After breakfast, we will explore Santiago de Compostela, famous for its historical significance. The tour includes a visit to the magnificent Cathedral, the sacred Tomb of St. James, and the beautiful Churches of San Francisco and Santa Clara, as well as the impressive Bell Tower. After a day of discovery, we'll return to our hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Overnight: Santiago de Compostela (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 6: Santiago De Compostela: Burgos: After breakfast, we will start our 5-hour drive to Burgos with multiple stops along the way. Burgos, the final resting place of many Spanish monarchs, is known as the cradle of Castile and the Gothic capital of Spain. A guided tour will showcase the stunning Burgos Cathedral, the nation's third-largest church, celebrated for its Spanish Gothic architecture. After Mass, we will continue to our hotel for check-in and a delightful dinner.

Overnight: Burgos (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7: Burgos: Loyola - Lourdes: Today will be an inspiring journey as we visit Loyola, the birthplace of St. Ignatius, founder of the Jesuit Order. We'll start at the beautiful Basilica of Loyola to learn about St. Ignatius's life and legacy. Then, we'll check into our hotel in Lourdes and enjoy a delicious dinner. There's also an optional candlelight procession for a peaceful spiritual moment. We'll conclude the day with time to relax and prepare for the exciting experiences ahead!

Overnight: Lourdes (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 8 Lourdes: After breakfast, join a guided tour of Lourdes, including St. Bernadette's house, the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, and the Miraculous Spring known for its healing claims. Visit the XII-century Castle for panoramic views and insight into the town's medieval history. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. Dinner and overnight accommodations are included at your hotel.

Overnight: Lourdes (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9 Lourdes: Today is intentionally set aside as a special day for personal prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal in Lourdes. After breakfast, you are free to shape your day according to your own pace and devotion. Pilgrims may choose to return to the Grotto for quiet prayer, spend time in the Baths (if open), or participate in the Blessing of the Sick. You may also explore the Rosary Basilica, walk the peaceful grounds, or join one of the optional devotions offered throughout the day. For those who wish, the day presents a perfect opportunity to light candles, visit the various basilicas, or meditate along the beautiful paths surrounding the sanctuary. You can also enjoy the charming local shops and cafés or simply take time to rest and absorb the grace of this holy place. Dinner will be served at the hotel, followed by a restful overnight stay.

Overnight: Lourdes (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 10 Flights to Medjugorje: Make your way to your local airport where you will board your flight. Upon arrival collect your luggage in the baggage claim area and continue to the arrival's hall where you will be greeted by your tour guide and driver, who will take you on the 2 1/2-hour drive to the village of Medjugorje. Enjoy dinner before retiring for the evening.

Overnight: Medjugorje (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day II Medjugorje: Experience the beauty and peace of this simple village. During your stay in Medjugorje you will have the opportunity to share faith with pilgrims from all over the world. Here are some of the activities we'll be sharing with our fellow pilgrims: Each morning at 10am we assemble at St James Church for the English-language Mass (Feast days and Sundays English Mass is at Noon). Follow the path up Apparition Hill where the visionaries first encountered Our Lady. Touch and pray before the cross that commemorates the spot where Mary first appeared to the visionaries. Each evening, we will join the villagers and pilgrims in praying the rosary. The Apparition usually takes place at 5:40 PM (20 minutes till 6:00 PM). Once Daylight Saving Time ends, the time will shift to 6:40 PM. Each evening there is the Blessing of the Sick and a blessing of any religious items you have with you.

Overnight: Medjugorje (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 12 Medjugorje: This morning, our guide will arrange meetings with the visionaries at their own homes provided that they are in Medjugorje during your trip and pending their availability. We will have the opportunity to climb Krizevac Mountain, where in 1933 the villagers built a 30' high cross on the anniversary of Jesus' crucifixion. Visit and pray at "Blue Cross", which is a place of great healings and graces- a very special place at the base of Apparition Hill.

Overnight: Medjugorje (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 13 Return Home: This morning we transfer to the airport for our return flights home, carrying with us unforgettable memories and graces from our pilgrimage.



#### BASE PRICE PER PERSON

\$4899.00\*

Double occupancy with base airfare

\*Discount cash/check price

#### **OPTIONS**

- For a single room\*: add \$1050
- \*Subject to availability
- Travel Insurance offered through Travelex
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- \*Available only for travelers with primary residence in USA or Canada

FIRST PAYMENT	\$500.00	DUE: NOW			
SECOND PAYMENT	\$1249.00	DUE:	APR	3,	2026
THIRD PAYMENT	\$1000.00	DUE:	JUNE	2,	2026
FINAL PAYMENT	REMAINING	DUE:	JULY	17,	2026

#### **BASE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Roundtrip airfare from Sacramento (SMF)
- Excursions per itinerary
- · 4-5 Star Hotels
- · Overnight Accommodations
- · Meals per Itinerary
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- · Professional English-speaking tour guides
- Spiritual director
- · Pilgrims' Pack

#### NOT INCLUDED:

- · Passport/Visa Costs
- Gratuities
- Travel Insurance

## Why Travel with Us?

PAX VIA Tours & Travel is a family-run business that prides itself on providing pilgrims with an unmatched religious travel experience. Operated by the Qumsieh family, one of the oldest Christian families of the Bethlehem suburb of Beit Sahour; the Center has helped thousands of people deepen their faith and enrich their lives through pilgrimage.

The tours are professionally organized to ensure that pilgrims receive the highest quality in travel and lodging. But we pride ourselves most on offering a personalized experience. From the first day you are treated like family, welcomed into the local Christian homes, offered stories of faith by residents, and unfettered access to holy sites. Our hope is to help give our patrons an unmatched religious experience that is deeply enriching in body and soul. Our promise is to do so without sacrificing the highest quality in tour services.

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Below are the general terms & conditions. Dates and fees may change from tour to tour. For tourspecific information please refer to the terms and conditions on the travel brochure specific to your tour

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DOCUMENTS: US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies.

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT: Deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form. Registrations are processed in the order received by PVTT. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. Late payments are subject to a \$50 late fee per week past the due date. PVTT reserves the right to cancel reservations whose payments are 30 days late and to apply applicable cancellation/penalties indicated below. No registrations can be made over the telephone.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS: Upon cancellation of participation of tour by you, the registrant, for any reason, and only after PVTT receives your written cancellation via email used to register or by US mail, PVTT will then refund your payment for services not received by you, minus applicable cancellation fees per person, according to the following schedule: All refunds will be processed via check. Credit card fees are collected by the payment processor and will not be refunded.

Minimum cancellation fee is \$500 from time of registration up to 120 days prior to the tour's departure date.

From 119 to 60 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$500 + 20% of total price.

From 59 days to 31 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$500 + 50% of total price.

From 30 days prior to departure day onward, no refund is possible.

PAYMENT: Advertised price is the cash/check discounted price. If paying with a card, a processing fee will apply. Card processing fee is nonrefundable.

BOUNCED CHECKS: Bounced checks will incur a \$25 administrative fee.

DISPUTED PAYMENTS: In the event of a disputed payment for reasons other than a fraudulent charge, the administrative fees associated with a dispute will be invoiced to your account and either deducted from your refund or invoiced to you. These fees are subject to change due to payment processors' rules and regulations.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel insurance is recommended to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer travel protection. If you do not wish to purchase now, the plan can be purchased any time before submitting your final payment. Coverage takes effect once payment is received. If you choose to purchase outside of the time-sensitive period outlined in the plan, you will not be eligible for time-sensitive benefits. All plan premiums are non-refundable. To view/download and purchase the plan, which provides the full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusions, please visit our website: www.paxvia.com/travel-protection/

MEDICAL CONDITION: We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Participants who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the participants' well-being. This pilgrimage demands a lot of walking and can be strenuous. PVTT is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior to, during, or after the tour.

LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS: By private deluxe motor coach.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twinbedded rooms with a private bathroom with tub or shower. In the event that one does not sign up with a roommate and is not able to be paired with another traveler, there will be a single supplement charge to the account. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost indicated on the brochure. Accommodations are subject to change due to upgrade, size of group, etc.

MOBILE APP: Final pilgrimage details will be available through an app before departure. Please be aware that the information on the app is regularly updated and subject to change. PVTT holds no liability for errors or discrepancies in the app's content.

MEALS: Meals in accordance with the itinerary. All beverages are extra

TIPPING: Unless it is specified in the tour brochure, the price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the tour guide and motor coach driver approximately \$6 and \$4 per person, respectively, per day to each. Hotel tips are approximately \$2 per day per person. Tips may be pre-collected before the pilgrimage for your convenience.

AIRLINE TICKETS AND ITINERARY LENGTH: Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard carriers utilizing non-refundable, non-amenable tickets. Preliminary international flight schedules are available 60 days prior to departure and may change before they are finalized. Therefore, if you book the domestic flight on your own, you will be responsible for changing your domestic flights and incurring any change fees that would be generated by this adjustment. We are not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and do not reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from such occurrences. Travelers making their own flight arrangements should not purchase non-refundable, non-changeable tickets. We cannot

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NOT INCLUDED: Passport and Visas, exit taxes, meals not mentioned, beverages with meals, extras beyond the standard menu, excess baggage, luggage on domestic flights, telephone calls, fuel surcharges increase.

VISAS: When and if a visa or visa waiver is required, it is the passenger's responsibility to obtain one. PVTT, owner, agent, or employees cannot be held liable for clients not having proper passports, visa, visa waiver, or other travel documents. Cancellations or changes to schedule due to a lack of appropriate documents will incur usual penalties.

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