

RELIGIOUS LOURDES ITINERARY 2  
ROME – VATICAN CITY – LOURDES –TOULOUSE

DAILY PROGRAM

DAY 1

ROME

Morning arrival in Rome. Meeting with an english speaking tour manager and with motorcoach .  
Departure to our hotel . The rest of the day is at our leisure. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 2

VATICAN CITY/ROME

We enter st. Peter's through the holy doors to celebrate Mass and view the beautiful "pieta." We visit the treasures of the Vatican museum and marvel at Michelangelo's restored frescoes in the sistine chapel. We pray the angelus with pope Francis at noon (if he is in residence and did not celebrate our mass this morning). Lunch is on our own. This afternoon we see two of rome's major basilicas–st. John lateran and st. Mary Major; entering through the holy doors at each basilica. Our tour continues to st. Peter in chains to view Michelangelo's possibly most celebrated sculpture, the "Moses". Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 3

VATICAN CITY/ROME

This morning we enjoy a panoramic bus tour around the glorious city of rome including the roman fora, the arch of Constantine, the coliseum and the tomb of the unknown soldier. After lunch on our own, we visit st. Paul's beyond the walls where we pass through the last of the holy doors of the basilicas of rome. This huge, imposing basilica, second only to st. Peter's and one of the largest churches in the christian world, contains an unusual gallery of papal portraits: 265 tablets portraying the Popes of the past. We conclude our day at one of the catacombs, burial place of early christians. We celebrate mass here and view the 2nd and 3rd century fresco paintings. We continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4

ROME FREE DAY

Free day in Rome for personal adventure. If interested, optional day trip to Pompeii or Tivoli gardens. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 5

FLIGHT ROME /TOULOUSE – LOURDES

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure by bus for Rome airport. Upon arrival at Toulouse airport, transfer to a local restaurant for lunch. Visit at the Basilica of St. Sernin, the former abbey church of the Abbey of St. Sernin or St. Saturnin. The church is particularly noted for the quality and quantity of its Romanesque sculpture. In 1998 the basilica was added to the UNESCO World Heritage Sites under the description: World Heritage Sites of the Routes of Santiago de Compostela in France. Departure for Lourdes. Check in, dinner and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 6

LOURDES

Breakfast at the hotel. Opening Holy Mass (time permitting) at the Shrine of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception. Free time for personal prayer and reflection. In the afternoon guided tour of Lourdes, visit to all of the places associated with the St. Bernadette. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 7

LOURDES

Breakfast at the hotel. Half day tour of the shrine visiting the Grotto of Massabielle where Blessed Virgin appeared 18 times to Bernadette Soubirous in 1858. Group will also see The Baths, later on their own pilgrims can come here to be emerged in the Lourdes miraculous water. Visit at The Basilica of Immaculate Conception built on top of the rock above the Grotto. Free time for lunch and personal adventure. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. around 9 p.m. Optional candlelight Marian procession.

#### DAY 8

##### FREE DAY LOURDES

Breakfast at the hotel. Free day in Lourdes for visiting the Baths on your own, or for personal adventure, prayer and reflection. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

#### DAY 9

##### LOURDES –TOULOUSE–DEPARTURE DAY

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning mass at the shrine and departure for Toulouse airport. End of the tour.