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# **PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**



Led by Fr Michael Whittaker €625 per person sharing in double/twin room

- Ryanair flights Dublin to Lourdes
- 10kg checked-in luggage plus small bag
- 3 nights in a 4-star hotel in Lourdes
- Breakfast and dinner each day
- Full time accompaniment
- Coach transfers in Lourdes to/from airport
- Organisation of a full religious programme



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July 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> 2024

#### INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF €625 p.p.s.

- **Return flights (Dub-Lourdes) with Ryanair**
- 10kg checked-in bag plus small bag **3** nights in 4 star hotel in Lourdes
- All breakfasts and dinners
- All coaching for the completion of the itinerary
- **Comprehensive tours of Lourdes**
- Full religious programme
- Full time accompaniment by our courier
- All taxes (governmental and local)

#### **EXTRA COSTS**

- Single room supplement of €105 if applicable.
- Lunches

#### **OPTIONAL:**

Travel Insurance -for ROI residents only: Under 70: 20 euro; 70-74: 50 euro; 75-79: 60 euro; 80 and over: 75 euro

### SAMPLE ITINERARY

In consultation with your spiritual director, the programme may be modified and *improved in the best interest of the group.* 

#### Day One, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Check in at Dublin airport at 2.30pm for our 5.10pm Ryanair flight to Lourdes airport. Transfer to Hotel Méditerranée in Lourdes, where we will stay three nights on a halfboard basis. Dinner and overnight

#### Day Two, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July

#### Mass, Walking tour of Lourdes

Arrival

After breakfast, we will gather at the hotel and walk down to the Sanctuary for an orientation tour. We will visit the Grotto, where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette multiple times in 1858 and announced that she was the Immaculate Conception. We will also visit the Basilica of the Rosary and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception built over the Grotto. Mass celebration. Free time for lunch. In the mid-afternoon, we will have a walking tour of town, including the cemetery where the Soubirous family is buried, the Boly Mill (birthplace of St. Bernadette whose father was a miller) and the *Cachot,* an abandoned prison where the family was living at the time of the apparitions. Free time for people to spend around town or return to the Sanctuary for personal prayer. Dinner at the hotel. After dinner, we will walk down to the Sanctuary to participate in the candlelight procession (begins at 9pm every evening).

#### Day Three, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July

Baths, Stations of the Cross, Free time

After breakfast, celebration of Mass in a chapel in the sanctuary. This morning will be dedicated to visiting the baths, an important part of any pilgrimage to Lourdes. Since Covid-19, bathing has been replaced with a simpler gesture of washing the hands and face and drinking the water. Some queuing is usually necessary. The water in the baths flows from the spring that was unearthed by Bernadette at Our Lady's command. Countless healings, both physical and spiritual, have occurred here. Free time for lunch. There will be Stations of the Cross in the prairie across the river after lunch. Rest of the afternoon free. Dinner. Opportunity to participate once again in the candlelight procession at 9pm.

#### Day Four, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July

#### Departure

Breakfast and check out. Departure for Lourdes Airport at 8am. Check in at 8.30am for our 10.55am flight to Dublin. Arrival in Dublin at 11.55am local time.







