

Accommodation

LISBOA

Hotel Roma 3*

ü Address: Avenida de Roma 33, Lisboa. In one of the most important avenues in the city.



Web: www.hotelroma.pt



FATIMA

Hotel Lux Mundi 3*

ü Address: Rua Jacinta Marto 91, Fátima. 100 mts from Fatima cathedral.



Web: www.luxhotels.pt



SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Hotel Husa Santiago Apostol 3*

ü Address: Costa San Marcos, 1, Santiago de Compostela. 10 minutes from the city centre.



Web: www.hotelhusasantiagoapostol.com



MADRID

Hotel Holiday Inn Madrid Pirámides 3*

ü Address: Paseo de las Acacias, 40, Madrid. The hotel is located close to El Rastro, Madrid's flea market.



Web: www.rafaelhoteles.com



ZARAGOZA

Hotel Silken Reino de Aragón 4*

ü Address: Calle del Coso 80, Zaragoza. In the city centre.



Web: www.hoteles-silken.com



LOURDES

Hotel Victoria Garden 3*

ü Address: 13 Avenue Maréchal Foch, Lourdes. Located 800mts from the Basilica.



Web: www.victoriagarden.com



AVIGNON

Hotel Ibis Centre Port de l'Europe 2*

ü Address: Boulevard Saint Dominique 12, Avignon. Located in front of the city walls.



Web: www.ibishotel.com



GRENOBLE

Hotel Novotel Grenoble Nord Voreppe 3*

ü Address: 1625 Route de Veurey, Voreppe. In the nearby of Grenoble.



Web: www.novotel.com



PARIS

Hotel Mercure Paris Porte de Versailles Vaugirard 3*

ü Address: 69 Boulevard Victor, Paris. In the city centre, near the subway stop Porte de Versailles.



Web: www.mercure.com



Program



Day 1

Arrival transfer, Lisbon airport.

Dinner and overnight in Lisbon.

Day 2

Breakfast at the hotel.

Lisbon city tour

Boasting springtime temperatures during the winter and cool summers freshened by a breeze blowing in from the Atlantic, Costa de Lisboa, on the southwestern coast, offers a rich and impressively integrated diversity. The capital of Portugal since its conquest from the Moors in 1147, Lisbon is a legendary city with over 20 centuries of History. The Alfama is one of the oldest quarters in Lisboa. Since it largely survived the earthquake of 1755, the area still retains much of its original layout. Adjacent to the Alfama are the likewise old quarters of Castelo and Mouraria, on the western and northern slopes of the hill that is crowned by St. George's Castle. Radiant skies brighten the monumental city, with its typical tile covered building facades and narrow Medieval streets, where one can hear the fado being played and sung at night.



Time to have lunch, not included.

Free time.

Dinner and overnight in Lisbon.

Day 3

Breakfast at the hotel.

We continue to Fatima.

v Distance Lisbon-Fatima: 129km.

Fatima sightseeing tour

The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima is a Roman Catholic Marian basilica in Fátima, Portugal. Its construction began in 1928 and it was consecrated in October 1953. The basilica is built at the site of the Marian apparitions reported by three Portuguese children in 1917 and known as Our Lady of Fátima. The tombs of Blessed Francisco Marto, Blessed Jacinta Marto and Sister Lúcia dos Santos, the three children, are in the *Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary*. Scenes of the Marian apparitions are shown in stained glass. The fifteen church altars are dedicated to the 15 mysteries of the Rosary. The large church organ was installed in 1952 and has about 12 thousand pipes. Four statues of the four great apostles of the Rosary and to the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary are at the four corners of the Basilica: Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Saint Dominic, Saint John Eudes and Saint Stephen, King of Hungary. The shrine attracts a large number of Roman Catholics, and every year pilgrims fill the country road that leads to the shrine with crowds that approach one million on May 13th and October 13th, the significant dates of Fátima apparitions. Overall, about four million pilgrims visit the basilica every year. The *Chapel of Apparitions* is at the very heart of the basilica and the exact location of the apparitions is marked by a marble pillar which holds a statue of the Virgin

Mary. The Paul VI Pastoral Center was inaugurated on 13 May 1982, by Pope John Paul II, as a center for study and reflection on the message of Fátima. It can seat over 2,000 people and has accommodation for 400 pilgrims. The treasury of the sanctuary holds the *Irish Monstrance* considered to be one of the most significant works of religious art from Ireland. The monstrance was gifted to the basilica in 1949. The entrance to the Fátima Sanctuary, to the south of the rectory, is a segment of the Berlin Wall intended to emphasize the belief that the Rosary prayers influenced the fall of the Berlin Wall related to the Consecration of Russia based on the Our Lady of Fátima messages.



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Dinner and overnight in Santiago de Compostela.

Day 5

Breakfast at the hotel.

We depart to Madrid, Spain's capital.

v Distance Santiago de Compostela-Madrid: 600km.

Time to have lunch, not included.

Madrid city tour

Madrid is located in the heart of Spain, in the geographical centre of the country. A lot can be said about Madrid, because in this city, everything goes. It is modern yet traditional, majestic yet popular, lively yet peaceful. More than anything else it is a haven of culture. Madrid is one of the world capitals for art. Its museums, headed by the Prado, and its rich, diverse heritage and monuments, make it a unique cultural destination not to be missed. Explore Madrid's attractions on a sightseeing tour by coach. This tour is the perfect introduction to Madrid's famous sights from the Gran Via and Castellana, to famous squares including Plazas de Espana, Puerta del Sol and Puerta de Alcalá.



Dinner and overnight in Madrid.

Day 6

Breakfast at the hotel.

Toledo half day excursion

v Distance Madrid-Toledo: 80km.

The way that Christians, Arabs and Jews lived side by side for centuries has been reflected in the form of a great artistic and cultural legacy. The maze of streets making up the historic centre of Toledo is only bounded by walls in which many gates were opened. The Bisagra gate, presided over by two bodies and a great imperial shield forms the main access to the city within the walls. This noble gate, of Muslim origin, includes a central courtyard and was altered during the reign of Carlos I (Emperor Carlos V). The Alfonso VI gate or Vieja de Bisagra gate, built in 838, is one of the most faithful reflections of Muslim art in the city. The Sol gate was built in the 13th century in Mudejar style and contains the remains of a paleochristian sarcophagus.

Synagogues, mosques and churches jostle in the narrow streets of Toledo, which is characterised by the mixture of artistic styles.

One of the most outstanding buildings in the city is the Cathedral, considered one of the high points of Gothic art. The construction of this monumental building, with a basilica floor plan and five naves, because in 1226, although it was not finished until the 15th century. This is reflected in the great superimposition of styles in the building and the large number of renowned artists who left their mark on the church: from Pedro Berruguete, to Enrique Egás, Petrus Petri and Juan Guas. On its main facade the outstanding feature is the doorway, made up of three doors: Infierno (Hell), Perdón (Forgiveness) and Juicio (Judgement). The exterior is topped by the two cathedral towers, one of them in flamboyant Gothic style and the other in Gothic-Renaissance.



Time to have lunch, not included. **Free time.**

Dinner and overnight in Madrid.

Day 7

Breakfast at the hotel.

We depart for Zaragoza, in the way to France.

v Distance Madrid-Zaragoza: 350km.

Time to have lunch, not included.

Zaragoza tour

Zaragoza is one of Spain's major cities. The capital of the Region of Aragon is located on the banks of the Ebro River, halfway between Madrid and Barcelona. The city has 2,000 years of history. You will find a stunning legacy of monuments in the streets of the city, vestiges of the Roman, Moorish, Jewish and Christian communities who left their mark on the place: Roman ruins such as the Circus; Aljafería Palace; Mudéjar-style churches, with the UNESCO World Heritage designation; Baroque gems like the Pilar Basilica; the work of brilliant artist Francisco de Goya... And also the most recent, such as the Expo 2008 site.



Dinner and overnight in Zaragoza.

Day 8

Breakfast at the hotel.

We continue to Lourdes, one of the most important pilgrim's centre in the world.

v Distance Zaragoza-Lourdes: 309km.

Time to have lunch, not included.

Lourdes visit

Lourdes Gascon Lorda or Lourde is a commune in the Hautes-Pyrénées department in the Midi-Pyrénées region in south-western France. Lourdes is a small market town lying in the foothills of the Pyrenees, famous for the Marian apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes that are reported to have occurred in 1858 to Bernadette Soubirous. At that time, the most prominent feature of the town was the fortified castle that rises up from a rocky escarpment at its centre. Following the reports that Our Lady of Lourdes had appeared to Bernadette Soubirous on a total of eighteen occasions, Lourdes has developed into a major place of Roman Catholic pilgrimage and of alleged miraculous healings. The 150th Jubilee of the first apparition took place on 11 February 2008 with an outdoor mass attended by approximately 45,000 pilgrims. Today Lourdes has a population of around 15,000 but is able to take in some 5,000,000 pilgrims and tourists every season. With about 270 hotels, Lourdes has the second greatest

number of hotels per square kilometre in France after Paris. It is the joint seat of the Diocese of Tarbes-et-Lourdes and is the largest pilgrimage site in France, the second site being the Basilica of St. Thérèse (Lisieux), in Normandie.



Dinner and overnight in Lourdes.

Day 9

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure to Avignon, the second pope's city in the world.

v Distance Lourdes-Avignon: 497km.

Time to have lunch, not included.

Avignon visit

Avignon is a commune in the Vaucluse department in southeastern France. The city is well known for its *Palais des Papes* (Palace of the Popes), where several popes and antipopes lived from the early 14th to early 15th centuries. *Main sights:*

- *Notre Dame des Doms*, the cathedral, is a Romanesque building, mainly built during the 12th century, the most prominent feature of the cathedral is the gilded statue of the Virgin which surmounts the western tower. The mausoleum of Pope John XXII is one of the most beautiful works within the cathedral, it is a noteworthy example of 14th century Gothic carving.
- *Palais des Papes* ("Papal Palace"), almost dwarfs the cathedral. The palace is an impressive monument and sits within a square of the same name. The palace was begun in 1316 by John XXII and continued by succeeding popes through the 14th century, until 1370 when it was finished.
- *Pont d'Avignon* (Pont St-Bénézet, see below) Only four of the eighteen piles are left; on one of them stands the small Romanesque chapel of Saint-Bénézet. But the bridge is best known for the famous French song *Sur le pont d'Avignon*.



Dinner and overnight in Avignon.

Day 10

Breakfast at the hotel.

We continue to La Salette.

v Distance Avignon-Isères: 276km

La Salette visit

Our Lady of La Salette is a celebrated Roman Catholic icon of the Virgin Mary. La Salette is a small mountaintop village near Grenoble, France. It is most noted for an apparition of the Virgin Mary that was reported in 1846 by two shepherd children, Mélanie Calvat and Maximin Giraud, followed by numerous accounts of miraculous healings. The Catholic Church investigated the claims and found them to be credible and was approved under the name of "Our Lady of La Salette".

The shrine of La Salette is located in a high alpine pasture at an altitude of about 6,000 feet, about 9 miles from the nearest town. The mountain scenery around the shrine is spectacular and it is surrounded by a network of walking trails. The Basilica of Our Lady of La Salette was begun in 1852, completed in 1865, and designated a basilica in 1879. It is a large, rather austere church, with a façade flanked by two strong towers. Inside, the basilica's nave is bordered by two rows of Byzantine columns supporting the Romanesque vaulted ceilings. A mosaic of Christ crowns the apse. The transept has three medallions representing the stages of the apparition, the weeping, the message, and the departure. The basilica also includes a small museum documenting the history of La Salette. Outside the basilica, pilgrims can take a walking path leading to the apparition site, the so called Valley of the Apparition. Bronze statues erected in 1864 depict the three stages of the apparition.



Time to have lunch, not included.

Free time.

Dinner and overnight near Grenoble.

Day 11

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to Grenoble.

Fast train Grenoble-Paris.

v Distância: 572km.

Arrival transfer, Paris train station.

Time to have lunch, not included.

Free time.

Dinner and overnight in Paris.

Day 12

Breakfast at the hotel.

Lisieux excursion

v Distância Paris-Lisieux: 204km.

Lisieux is a commune in the Calvados department in the Basse-Normandie region in northwestern France. Devotion to Sainte-Thérèse who lived in the nearby Carmelite convent has made Lisieux France's second most important site of pilgrimage. The Basilica of Sainte-

Thérèse de Lisieux was constructed in honour of Sainte-Thérèse de Lisieux, who was beatified in 1923 and canonized in 1925. It was built for pilgrims who came in increasing numbers to venerate the new saint in the town where she had lived and died.



Time to have lunch, not included.

Dinner and overnight in Paris.

Day 13

Breakfast at the hotel.

Paris visit with Eiffel tower

Paris is the capital and largest city in France, situated on the river Seine, in northern France, at the heart of the Île-de-France region. In 2009 and 2010 Paris was ranked among the three most important and influential cities in the world. An important settlement for more than two millennia, Paris is today one of the world's leading business and cultural centres, and its influences in politics, education, entertainment, media, fashion, science, and the arts all contribute to its status as one of the world's major global cities. Paris and its region are the most popular tourist destination in the world, with 45 million tourists annually, 27 million of whom are foreign visitors. The city and region contain numerous iconic landmarks – particularly the Eiffel Tower – as well as world-famous institutions and popular parks.



Seine river cruise

Bateaux Mouches are open excursion boats that provide visitors to Paris, with a view of the city from along the river Seine. These boats are popular tourist attractions. Many seat several hundred people, often with an open upper deck and an enclosed lower deck; some have sliding canopies that can close to protect the open deck in inclement weather. Most boat tours include a live or recorded commentary on the sights along the river. A typical cruise

lasts about one hour. Since the Seine is centrally situated in Paris, a boat tour covers a great deal of the city. Both the Left Bank (*Rive Gauche*) and the Right Bank (*Rive Droite*) are visible from the boat. Passengers can see, among other sites, the Eiffel Tower; Notre-Dame Cathedral; the Alexander III Bridge, the Pont Neuf; the Orsay Museum, and the Louvre Museum. Passengers can also see Les Invalides, Napoleon's burial site.



Time to have lunch, not included.

Free time.

Dinner and overnight in Paris.

Day 14

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure transfer, Paris airport.

Preço do pacote

Number passengers*	20 - 24 Paxs	25 - 29 Paxs	30 - 49 Paxs
Double room	€ 1,825	€ 1,725	€ 1,625
Single suplement	€ 595	€ 595	€ 595

*Price per person based on double occupancy.

Este preço inclui:

- 2 nights of accommodation and half board(* no drinks) in Lisbon.
- 1 night of accommodation and half board(* no drinks) in Fatima.

- 1 night of accommodation and half board(* no drinks) in Santiago de Compostela.
- 2 nights of accommodation and half board(* no drinks) in Madrid
- 1 night of accommodation and half board(* no drinks) in Zaragoza.
- 1 night of accommodation and half board(* no drinks) in Lourdes.
- 1 night of accommodation and half board(* no drinks) in Avignon.
- 1 night of accommodation and half board(* no drinks) near Grenoble.
- 3 nights of accommodation and half board(* no drinks) in Paris
- bus en route from Lisbon until Grenoble.
- driver´s upkeep outside Lisbon.
- local English-speaking guides for the following visits: Lisbon arrival transfer, Lisbon city tour, Fatima & Casa Videntes visit, Toledo visit, Madrid visit, Zaragoza visit, Lisieux visit, Lourdes visit, Avignon visit, La Salette visit and Paris visit.
- fast train ticket Grenoble-Paris.
- local bus for the following services: arrival and departure transfer Paris, Lisieux full day excursion.
- bateau mouche ticket.
- Eiffel tour entrance ticket.
- Toledo cathedral entrance ticket.
- Pope palace entrance ticket.
- local taxes.

