

Dear friends and fellow pilgrims!

I am so very excited about our Pilgrimage 2023 ~ SPAIN & PORTUGAL!

Personally, Spain is one of my favorite countries in the world. As with Portugal, Spain has some of the richest and deepest history of Catholicism, which even shaped our own hemisphere and our own country within it. Of course, Portugal has its own beauty and possesses one of the most famous Marian Pilgrimage sites in the world: Fatima.

In this brochure you will see all the marvelous places we will get to visit, and all the holy places in which we will pray together.

So, mark your calendars and join me to explore all the fascinating, grand, quaint, historical, and holy places that the Iberian Peninsula of Europe has to offer! As always, we will have fun, good fellowship, good food and prayerful encounters with the Lord, but this time in the “holy land” of Europe.

Your friend on the journey,  
Fr. John Howren



# 12 DAY SPAIN & PORTUGAL PILGRIMAGE 2023

## SEPTEMBER 4 - 15

FROM ATLANTA, GA (ATL)

PRICE \$4,700

ALL INCLUSIVE (EXCEPT LUNCHES)

WITH SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR FR. JOHN HOWREN



### Please Read This Important Information

Deposit - \$400 (Payable on booking)  
Second Payment 50% due - March 1, 2023  
Full balance due - June 1, 2023

Each tour member must hold a U.S. passport valid up to 6 months after the scheduled return. The passport must be valid until March 1, 2024

Application forms are available at your local passport office or U.S. Postal Service. Any required visas will be processed for US citizens only. Non-US citizens are solely responsible for obtaining any required visas.

Rates based on Double-occupancy, the airline tax and fuel surcharge and currency exchange rate(s) at the date of quotation to your host. Subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure.

### Your Pilgrimage Features

- + Round trip air transportation from departure city to Barcelona
- + Land transportation via deluxe private motor coach
- + Taxes, Fuel Surcharges and Tips
- + Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- + Entrance fees to all sites on itinerary
- + Professional Christian English-speaking guide
- + The Itinerary is subject to change
- + Porterage includes one bag per pilgrim

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### Day 1: Depart for Barcelona

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s). Your meals will be served on board.

### Day 2: Arrive Barcelona

Upon arrival in Barcelona, collect your luggage in the baggage claim area, and then continue to the arrivals hall, where you will be greeted by your tour guide and driver. You will be escorted to the vehicle for your transfer to your hotel. Upon arrival, you will check-in and have free time to rest and refresh or explore. This evening, you will enjoy a welcoming dinner, followed by an overnight in Barcelona.

### Day 3: Barcelona

Full day of sightseeing begins with a tour of Gaudi's unique and wonderful Sagrada Familia Church, a fabulous work of art in progress. Holy Mass at the church of Sagrada Familia parish. Next, an orientation tour visits the Gothic Quarter and magnificent Cathedral of Barcelona. Stroll on the entertaining pedestrian street called "Las Ramblas". Enjoy a festive farewell dinner with folklore entertainment.



### Day 4: Barcelona - Manresa - Montserrat

This morning, your day will begin with breakfast and a sightseeing tour of Barcelona! Enjoy the stunning panoramic views of the Port of Barcelona, Montjuïc, Plaza de España, and Plaza de Catalunya. The Port was created 2,000 years ago on the coastal area, in order to protect and provide access for ships and goods. Currently, it is home to numerous walking areas, businesses, cultural and sporting events. Plaza de España is right outside the center of town and was formerly known for its old bull-fighting ring. Presently, the Plaza is renowned for containing the Museum of Catalan art, situated on the side of Montjuïc. Plaza de Catalunya is located in central Barcelona, and is known for its fountains and statues. In the afternoon, we will travel to Manresa, with a visit to the Sanctuary of Saint Ignatius of Loyola and the Holy Cave where St. Ignatius lived. Holy Mass at the Cave. Continue to Montserrat, home to the miraculous Black Madonna and arrive in time for dinner and an overnight at your hotel.

### Day 5: Montserrat

After breakfast, we visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat, located on a rugged mountainside. According to Catholic tradition, St. Luke carved the statue of the Black Madonna around 50 A.D. and brought it to Spain. While in Spain, it was hidden from the Moors, and then later rediscovered by shepherds.

In 880 A.D., the shepherds and the Bishop of Manresa were drawn to a grotto by a bright light and heavenly music. Upon discovery of the statue of the Black Madonna in the grotto, the Bishop of Manresa suggested that it be moved to Manresa. However, the status was too heavy that it could not be lifted. As a result, the Virgin remained in Montserrat and continued to be venerated there for centuries. As years progressed, a number of chapels were built upon the site and in the eleventh century, the Abbot-bishop Oliba founded a monastery on Montserrat, next to one of these chapels. Holy Mass at the monastery. Dinner and an overnight in Montserrat.

### Day 6: Montserrat - Zaragoza - Madrid

This morning, following breakfast, your group will depart for Zaragoza. While in Zaragoza, you will have the opportunity to visit the magnificent Basilica del Pilar that was built upon the site of where Our Lady appeared to St. James. In 44 A.D. St. James the Greater was spreading the Gospel in Spain, but, making very little progress and questioning his mission. According to Catholic Tradition, the Virgin Mary, who was still living in Jerusalem, bi-located and appeared to St. James the Greater to boost his morale. While inside the Basilica, you will view the pillar that was carried by angels and from where Our Lady appeared.



Following your visit to the Basilica del Pilar, you will visit La Seo Cathedral (Cathedral of Zaragoza). Formally known as the Church of San Vicente during the Visigoth period, it contains architectural elements of Gothic, Mudéjar, Renaissance and Baroque styles. Holy Mass at the Cathedral. In addition to the famous cathedral, Zaragoza is also known for its folklore and local gastronomy, both of which will be explored on your walking tour of the city. This evening, your group will continue on to Madrid, where you will eat your dinner and enjoy a restful overnight.

### Day 7: Madrid - Toledo

After breakfast, we will enjoy a tour of Madrid including the Royal Palace and Plaza Mayor. We then depart for Toledo which sits on a rocky mound isolated on three sides by a looping gorge of the Río Tajo. Every available inch of this outcrop has churches, synagogues, mosques and houses heaped upon one another in a haphazard spiral, which the cobbled lanes infiltrate as best they can. Toledo is known as the City of the Three Religions or Cultures because for many centuries the Christians, the Moors, and the Jews lived together in relative equality and peace. The city surrounded by walls hides great treasures: its awesome Cathedral, the Church of Santo Tomás, the Tránsito Synagogue, Santa María La Blanca Synagogue, the superb Church of San Juan de los

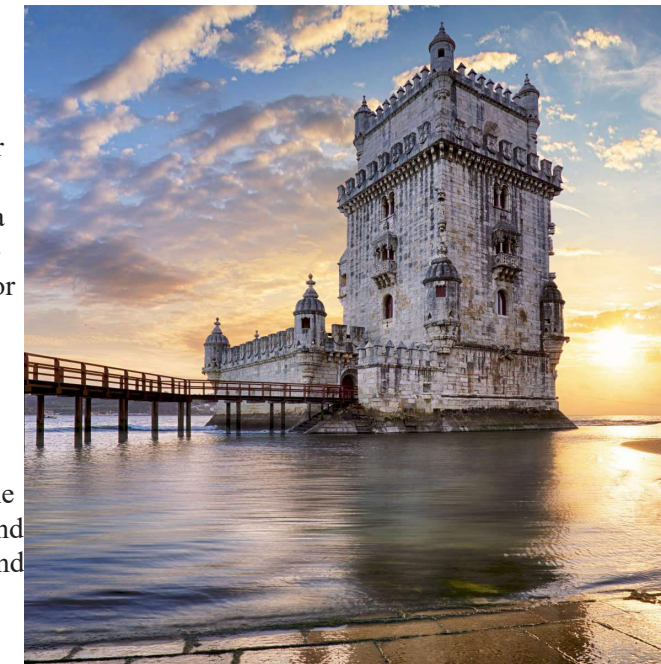
Reyes, Puerta de Bisagra, Puerta del Cambrón, Puerta del Sol. Holy Mass at Santo Tomás church. We return to Madrid for dinner and overnight.

### DAY 8: Fatima-Salamanca-Avila

This morning we drive to Avila—the walled medieval city. Upon arrival, enter the Convent of St. Teresa, erected in the place she was born. We will continue then to the Cathedral dedicated to San Salvador. The Ávila Cathedral is truly a cathedral-castle with battlements and sentry walks incorporated into the structure. Celebrate Mass at the Church of Santa Teresa. Continue to Salamanca for a walking tour visiting the Old and New Cathedrals. Dinner and overnight in Salamanca.

### Day 9: Salamanca - Fatima

This morning, we will drive to Fatima. Enroute we will visit Santarem, the Church of Marvila and the site of the Eucharistic Miracle. Time for Mass at the Eucharistic Miracle church (St Stephan) if available. We continue to Fatima and our hotel for dinner and overnight. Participate in the candlelight procession and evening Rosary.



### DAY 10: - Fatima

Today, we begin with Mass at the Chapel of Apparitions. We visit then the Tombs of Francisco and Jacinto; the Aljuzrel where the children lived; and the Valinhos, where Our Lady appeared after the children's return from prison. Time for our own devotions. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. In the evening, we join the Rosary and candlelight procession.

### DAY 11: Fatima - Lisbon.

This morning, we drive to Lisbon. We start our visit to the Pombal square, Liberty Avenue, Rossio Square, Belem Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries on the bank of the Tagus as well as a stop at Lisbon's Romanesque Cathedral, the Sé. Holy Mass at St. Anthony church. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

### DAY 12: Lisbon - U.S.A.

Early departure from Lisbon to the United States - the end of a most enjoyable pilgrimage.

