

CATHOLIC PARISH OF PAMBULA

17
DAYS

Jubilee of Families Pilgrimage

In this dedicated Jubilee year, be inspired to encounter the pathways of some of the Church's greatest saints, from the apparition village of Fatima, through to the walled city of Avila, onto Santo Domingo de Silos, Loyola and Lourdes, this will truly be a pilgrimage so full of grace. Continue onto Rome and be inspired by Sts Peter and Paul in the Eternal City, where we cross the threshold of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and receive the Jubilee blessing.



Accompanied by
Fr George Ogah PP

DEPARTS MONDAY 19 MAY 2025 • 17 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS

Lisbon (1 night) • Santarem • Fatima (2) • Salamanca • Alba de Tormes • Avila (2)
• Segovia • Caleruega • Santo Domingo de Silos (1) • Loyola • Lourdes (3)
• Rome - Jubilee of Families, Grandparents & the Elderly (5)



Vatican Views over the Aelian Bridge, Rome

the genuine pilgrim experience

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journeys



Fatima



Candlelight Rosary procession

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pilgrim highlights

- + Visit St. Anthony's Basilica in Lisbon before heading to Fatima, with a stop at Santarem to witness the Eucharistic miracle.
- + Celebrate International Mass and explore key pilgrimage sites in Fatima, concluding with an evening candlelight procession.
- + Visit Salamanca's historic sites, then on to Alba de Tormes and Avila, where St. Teresa experienced her mystical visions.
- + Discover St. Teresa's birthplace and her convent, followed by leisure time in the medieval town of Avila.
- + Visit Segovia's Gothic cathedral, then journey to Caleruega and Santo Domingo de Silos for Mass and evening prayer.
- + Celebrate Mass at the Lourdes Grotto and visit sites associated with St. Bernadette, with time for reflection and prayer.

(B) = Breakfast (L) = Lunch (D) = Dinner

Itinerary

DAY 1: MONDAY 19 MAY 2025 - DEPART AUSTRALIA

DAY 2: TUESDAY 20 MAY - ARRIVE LISBON

Welcome to **Lisbon**. On arrival we will be transferred to our accommodation. Prior to dinner we will gather and celebrate our first pilgrimage Mass together.

Lisbon overnight (D)

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 21 MAY - LISBON VIA SANTAREM TO FATIMA

This morning we will meet with our local guide and enjoy a tour of Lisbon city. Our first stop will be **St Anthony's Basilica** where we will celebrate our group Mass. Despite what his title might otherwise suggest, 'Anthony of Padua' was born and grew up in Lisbon and today remains the patron saint of lost articles.

Visit the World Heritage listed **Jeronimo's Monastery** dating back to the 16th century with its stunning combination of flamboyant Gothic, Moorish and early Renaissance influences; see nearby **Belem Tower** and the **Monument to the Discoveries**. See Europe's suspension bridge and view the inspiring **Statue of Christ the King** pointing the way north to Fatima.

En route to Fatima we will visit the **Holy Miracle Church of St Stephen at Santarem** containing the oldest recorded Eucharistic miracle.

We arrive at **Fatima** where in 1917 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three peasant children as 'a lady in white'.

Fatima overnight (BD)

DAY 4: THURSDAY 22 MAY - FATIMA AND SURROUNDS

We awake to the sound of bells and pilgrims from all over the world enroute to the Fatima shrine.

Celebrate the **International Mass** followed a **tour of the Square** (the largest square in Christendom) including the **site of the Apparitions, Rosary Basilica** with the Tombs of the visionaries, **Blessed Sacrament Chapel** and other main sites.

In the afternoon we will walk and pray the Stations along the beautiful **Way of the Cross (the Sacred Way)** culminating in the **Chapel of Calvary** which overlooks all of Fatima. Continue to **Valinhos**, the site of Our Lady's appearance after the children's return

from prison before we proceed onto the little village of **Aljustrel** to visit the homes where the children lived. Enter the original **parish church** and see the Baptismal font where the children were baptised.

Tonight, we gather in the square for the international rosary, followed by a candlelight procession.

Fatima overnight (BD)

DAY 5: FRIDAY 23 MAY - FATIMA VIA SALAMANCA & ALBA DE TORMES TO AVILA

After breakfast we farewell Fatima and journey inland through Portugal before crossing into Spain and on through **Salamanca**, known as the 'Golden City' owing to the colour of its historic sandstone buildings.

Later we arrive at **Alba de Tormes**, the little village where St Teresa died. Her incorrupt heart and arm are enshrined and displayed here at the Carmelite convent. Here too we enter the convent for Mass, where **St John of the Cross** lived and who companioned St Teresa in her spiritual walk.

We journey on to the historic walled town of **Avila**, where the atmosphere has changed little since the days of St Teresa to whom the city is dedicated. It was here that she entered the Carmelite convent and encountered many mystical experiences during her life.

Avila overnight (BD)

DAY 6: SATURDAY 24 MAY - AVILA PILGRIMAGE

We begin our day with a visit to the **Convent of Saint Teresa** built over the saint's birthplace and located just inside the South Gate of the old town. Most of the convent remains in cloister but you can see the very spot where she was born, now a chapel in the Baroque church.

We then visit **Avila's Cathedral** which was



Lourdes



started in the 12th century before entering the **Monastery of the Incarnation** for Mass where St Teresa's cell can be seen as well as other relics of her life.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to soak in the prayerful atmosphere and medieval charm of this holy town.

Avila overnight (BD)

"This trip has intensified our spiritual connection with Mary. The time provided each day gave us opportunities for personal reflection."
— Jocelyn & Jinny Lee

DAY 7: SUNDAY 25 MAY - AVILA VIA SEGOVIA & CALERUEGA TO SANTO DOMINGO DE SILOS

This morning we depart Avila, travelling east by coach to **Segovia**, between the Eresma and Clamores Rivers. We will visit the stunning **Segovia Cathedral**, the last Gothic cathedral to be built in Spain. Marvel too at the best conserved **aqueduct** of the Imperial Roman Empire. Outside the walls, we will visit and celebrate Mass at a convent adjacent to the Vera Cruz church, where the mortal remains of **St John of the Cross** are buried. View here the famous **Alcazar**.

From here we journey north to **Caleruega**, the home of Bl Jane of Aza and Felix Guzman and birthplace of their son St Dominic. Our guided exploration will feature the **Dominican Nuns Convent**, formerly the home of the Guzman family. A highlight here is **the Crypt** where a well marks the spot where Dominic was born around 1170. It is now the centrepiece of a chapel which is adorned with exquisite mosaics depicting scenes from Dominic's life. Also visit the **Church of San Sebastian** where Dominic was baptised.

Finally today, we come to the quaint village of **Santo Domingo de Silos**, home to the great Benedictine Abbey famous for its beautiful Romanesque cloister and for spreading the finest tradition of **Gregorian chant** throughout the world.

After dinner we will proceed up to the Abbey for **evening prayer**.

Santo Domingo de Silos overnight (BD)

DAY 8: MONDAY 26 MAY - SANTO DOMINGO DE SILOS VIA LOYOLA TO LOURDES

Seven times a day for over 1,500 years a sweet and sublime sound rises like a fragrance from the hills of Castille. Is it the sound of angels singing? One might be mistaken to think so. Enter the Romanesque cloisters of the sacred monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos and you will discover that this heavenly sound emanates from the Benedictine monks who became world famous after their recordings of Gregorian chant hit number one on the European pop charts.

This morning we will attend the chanted High Mass at the Abbey before visiting the adjacent **Monastery** and **Museum**.

We then rejoin our coach and set off on our travel day, journeying north to **Loyola** where St Ignatius was born and where he later found his conversion.

In Loyola pilgrims will have the opportunity to visit the impressive **Sanctuary of St Ignatius**, including the **Casa Santa** (Holy House) - **13th century tower house** - where he was born and spent many of his early years. Visit also the ornate monastery complete with shrine and relics of the saint and a 65m dome, which can be seen from a great distance. See the sparse room where he lived and recovered from his injuries and developed his spiritual life.

Later we travel through the scenic foothills of the Pyrenees, crossing into Southern France before continuing on to **Lourdes**.

It was in this small town that Our Lady first appeared to St Bernadette in 1858.

Lourdes overnight (BD)

DAY 9: TUESDAY 27 MAY - LOURDES

This morning we will celebrate a group **Mass at the Grotto**, before meeting our guide for a **walking tour of Lourdes** including the **Sanctuary area: Upper & Lower Basilicas, the Grotto, and the Baths** where hundreds of miraculous cures have taken place. We continue our visit of the main sites associated with St Bernadette including the **Boly Mill** where she was born in 1844, the **original parish church** and the **Cachot (prison)** where the family was forced to live due to misfortune during the time of the apparitions.

We will return to Lourdes to enjoy a peaceful afternoon to rest or wander at your own pace or take the time to pray the Stations of the Cross with the life-sized copper images which overlook the holy Grotto. Spend some quiet time perhaps reflecting at the Grotto with its chapel built over the place of the apparitions.

Optional **Blessed Sacrament Procession** and **evening candlelight procession**.

Lourdes overnight (BD)

DAY 10: WEDNESDAY 28 MAY - LOURDES

We aim to celebrate an **International Mass** this morning with pilgrims worldwide in the immense Underground Basilica of Pius X (schedule permitting) followed by a visit to the little village of **Bartres**, and the farm where St Bernadette was nursed and later returned in adolescence to help her foster mother. We will visit the **Sheepfold** and the **Parish Church** where she spent so many hours in prayer.

Free time this afternoon for a visit and prayers for the sick at the miraculous **Baths** where the water has continued to flow since 1858. During her 9th apparition to

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Bernadette, Our Lady said “Go drink and wash yourself at the spring”.

Optional afternoon **Blessed Sacrament Procession** and Blessing of the Sick before a final evening **candlelight procession** after dinner.

Note: Full immersion in the Baths is currently prohibited. The Baths have temporarily been replaced by the water gesture, a ceremony that takes visitors back to basics, followed by prayer and then venerating of the Status of the Virgin Mary.

Lourdes overnight (BD)

DAY 11: THURSDAY 29 MAY - LOURDES TO ROME

This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flight connections to **Rome** - the Eternal City. On arrival at Rome airport, we will be met and transferred to our hotel for check-in and celebrate our first group Mass before dinner.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 12: FRIDAY 30 MAY - JUBILEE OF FAMILIES, GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY*

The Jubilee Year is a time for Catholics to renew their commitment to their faith and to strengthen their relationship with God. It is also a time for Catholics to come together as a community and to celebrate their faith. The 2025 Jubilee Year is sure to be a memorable and meaningful event for Catholics around the world, to be blessed and refreshed for the mission that lies before us.

8:00am-6:00pm – Jubilee rites

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 13: SATURDAY 31 MAY - JUBILEE OF FAMILIES, GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY*

8:00am-6:00pm – Jubilee rites

9:00am-5:00pm – Spiritual and cultural events throughout the city of Rome

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 14: SUNDAY 01 JUNE - JUBILEE OF FAMILIES, GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY*

10:00am – Mass with the Holy Father

Rome overnight (BD)

**further details and specific Rome itinerary to be finalised, once official Jubilee program is released*

DAY 15: MONDAY 02 JUNE - ROME FREE DAY

Our day is free to discover more sights of Rome – perhaps throw a coin in the **Trevi Fountain** before strolling to the **Piazza Navona** to soak up the vibrant atmosphere. Indulge in a gelato or enjoy a coffee while absorbing and admiring the history of this ancient city. Strolling through the streets is like walking through the pages of a history book.

Rome overnight (BD)

DAY 16: TUESDAY 03 JUNE - DEPART ROME

Today we bid farewell to the Eternal City as we make our way to the airport for our homebound flights or ongoing travel connections.

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DAY 17: WEDNESDAY 04 JUNE - ARRIVE HOME

PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

TOUR CODE	PV2539
STARTS	Monday, 19 May 2025
FINISHES	Wednesday, 04 June 2025
AIR & LAND	AUD \$9990 (twin share) *
SINGLE ROOM	AUD \$1890 Supplement
PREPAID TIPS	AUD \$225 Per Person

** Costs are indicative and have been based on prices as at July 2024 and must remain subject to possible change in the event of significant exchange rate variations, tax increases or minimum group size (25) factors beyond Harvest's control. Refer to Harvest Booking Terms & Conditions for more details.*

INCLUDED

AIRFARES: Return Economy Class airfare from Sydney • One-way Economy Class airfare Lourdes - Rome

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS: Based on reputable local 3-4 star superior hotels or quality religious houses as applicable • Meals as specified in Itinerary

TOURING & TRANSPORTATION: Deluxe Air Conditioned Coach touring • Professional Local Guides • Sightseeing and Entrance Fees.

OTHER: Fully Escorted by Priest Chaplain • Porterage at hotels (where available) • Harvest Backpack, Pilgrim Journal and Tour Wallet.

NOT INCLUDED

Other meals not listed • Passport and Visa Costs (if applicable) • Items of a personal nature including phone calls, laundry, beverages, etc. • Travel insurance • Prepaid Tipping



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