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Catholic France

Join Father Peter Tassini and the Fallon Family on Pilgrimage to France this June

Featuring Lourdes, Aix-en-Provence, Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume, Ars,
Nevers, Paray-le-Monial, Lisieux, Chartres and Paris

— **June 8 - 20, 2024** —

\$4790, air-inclusive from New York (JFK)

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THE ITINERARY



Saturday, June 8 | Departure

Today we depart from New York (JFK) for Paris (CDG) at 11:15 PM on Air France Flight 9.

Sunday, June 9 | Arrival And Lourdes

At 12:40 PM we are scheduled to touch down in Paris. Following a brief layover we will board Air France flight 7406 departing at 1:50 PM for Toulouse (TLS). Upon arrival in Toulouse (scheduled for 3:10 PM) we will meet our tour director and continue to Lourdes by private coach. In Lourdes we will check into the 4-star Hotel Gallia & Londres where we will enjoy a welcome dinner.

Monday, June 10 | Lourdes

Today we embark on a spiritual journey through the life and legacy of St. Bernadette. We will visit her childhood home and hear her incredi-

ble story, and visit the very grotto where Our Lady appeared to her! Here we will have Mass. In the afternoon we will have time to go to the baths to wash ourselves or perhaps to spend some time in quiet prayer. After such a blessed day we will come together again for dinner at the hotel. Afterwards we will participate in the torchlight Marian procession - a beautiful custom of prayer at Lourdes since 1863.

Tuesday, June 11 | Lourdes

Following breakfast we will celebrate Mass in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, built directly over the grotto where Our Lady appeared to Saint Bernadette! After Mass we will continue our spiritual journey along the Stations of the Cross. The afternoon is free for private prayer and exploration. Take the time to more fully reap the great spiritual benefits of being at Lourdes. In the evening we will enjoy dinner together in the hotel.

Wednesday, June 12 Aix-en-provence

Following breakfast we will depart for Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume, stopping for lunch enroute. Tradition holds that Mary Magdalene came to France by boat after the death and Resurrection of Jesus, along with companions Lazarus, Maximin, Martha and Sara. Lazarus became the first bishop of Marseilles and Maximin became the first bishop of Aix-en-Provence. St. Maximin buried Mary Magdalene in an oratory built at the grotto where she spent her remaining years in prayer. Her burial place is now in the crypt of the Cathedral which was built over it. In the afternoon we will arrive at our four-star hotel Vallee de l'Arc, in the medieval village of Trets, located between Sainte Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume and Aix-en-Provence. We will then visit Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume, the resting place of St. Mary Magdalene. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Thursday, June 13 Saint-Maximin-La-Sainte-Baume

Following breakfast we will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Magdalene before embarking on a day trip to Aix-en-Provence, founded by the Romans in the 2nd century BC and celebrated for its Medieval history and Baroque buildings and fountains. In Aix we will visit the Eglise Saint-Jean-de-Malte, the first Gothic church in Provence and a chapel for the Knights Hospitaller of the Order of Malta, along with many of the beautiful and sacred sites found in this lovely French town, known as the "Paris of the South." In the evening we will return to the Hotel Vallee de l'Arc for dinner and overnight.

Friday, June 14 | ARS

Following breakfast we will depart for Ars, stopping for lunch enroute. in Ars, we will check into the Hotel Regina. Late afternoon Mass and tour in the Basilica at Ars at the Altar of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests. In the evening we will enjoy dinner together at the hotel.

Saturday, June 15 Paray-Le-Monial

After breakfast we will depart for Paray-le-Monial, where Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque to ask that she propagate devotion to His Most Sacred Heart. Here we will venerate the relics of Blessed Claude de Colombiere and celebrate Mass. There will then be free time for lunch.

After lunch we will then continue to Nevers where St. Bernadette became a Sister of Charity and where her incorrupt body now lies. Upon arrival we will check into the Hotel Bernadette Soubirous followed by dinner and overnight.



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Sunday, June 16 **Nevers & Lisieux**

Following breakfast and Mass in Nevers we will depart for Lisieux, stopping for lunch enroute. Upon arrival in Lisieux we will check into our hotel, Le Grand Hotel de l'Esperance. We will then visit Les Buissonnets, the home where St. Thérèse lived for eleven years before entering the Carmel of Lisieux. We will follow in the Little Flower's footsteps to visit the Cathedral of St. Pierre - where Thérèse attended daily Mass for ten years of her life, before entering the Lisieux Carmel where she reached the heights of sanctity. Dinner at the hotel, known for its characteristic Normandy cuisine.

Monday, June 17 **Lisieux & Beaches of Normandy**

After breakfast we will visit the Lisieux Carmel and have Mass in the chapel there, the final resting place of St. Thérèse. We will also visit the Basilica of St. Therese, which was constructed in honor of her canonization. After lunch we will embark on a day-trip to the Normandy Beaches, passing through Bayeux, the first town to be liberated by the Allies in 1944. (The Bayeux Cathedral was consecrated in 1077 in the presence of William the Conqueror.) We continue to the Normandy coast where we will visit the American Cemetery and Omaha Beach, one of the sites where the Allies came ashore on D-Day. In the evening we will return to Lisieux for dinner and overnight.

Tuesday, June 18 **Chartres and Paris**

After breakfast we will depart for Paris, stopping in Chartres for Mass in Chartres Cathedral followed by free time for lunch. Upon arrival in Paris we will check into our hotel (TBD), followed

by an excursion to Montmatre, where Saint-Denis, the patron saint of Paris, was martyred in around the year 250. This neighborhood still retains vestiges of the village feel that once existed in other parts of the city as well. There is a vineyard on the hill and many of Montmartre's residences retain charming private gardens. But the crowning glory of Montmartre is the Basilica of Sacré Coeur, built atop the highest point of the city. The gleaming white basilica (1885-1912) was begun during the Pontificate of Blessed Pius IX, when the Pope was a "prisoner of the Vatican." Sacre Coeur was built to fulfill a vow of reparation:

In the presence of the misfortunes that have befallen France and the greater misfortunes that perhaps still threaten her. In the presence of the sacrilegious attacks committed in Rome against the rights of the Church and the Holy See and against the sacred person of the Vicar of Jesus Christ. We humble ourselves before God and uniting in our love both Church and Fatherland, recognize that we have sinned and been justly punished. And to make honorable amends for our sins and obtain through the infinite mercy of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ pardon for our faults, as well as the extraordinary help that alone can deliver the Holy Pontiff from his captivity and put an end to the misfortunes of France, we hereby promise to contribute to the construction, in Paris, of a sanctuary dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Following our visit to Montmartre we will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, June 19 | Paris

Our day of pilgrimage begins with Mass at the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Rue du Bac, the Motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity where Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine

Laboure. This is followed by a visit to the nearby Shrine of St. Vincent de Paul where the saint's relics are housed. There will then be free time for lunch.

We will rendezvous after lunch to visit two of the world's greatest architectural treasures. We will see Notre Dame Cathedral (though it is unclear how much of the Cathedral will be open to the public, due to the ongoing restorations following the tragic fire in 2019). We will also see Sainte-Chapelle, the chapel built by King St. Louis IX (1214-70) to house relics of the Passion of Christ given to him by the Emperor in Constantinople. Sainte-Chapelle is arguably the most beautiful Gothic interior ever constructed. Finally, we will stop at the Basilica of Our Lady of Victories to whom the parents of St. Therese, Louis and Zelle Martin, had a great devotion. Their relics are housed in the Basilica. Return to the hotel to freshen up before departing for a dinner cruise on the Seine aboard a Bateaux Mouches.

Thursday, June 20 **Paris & Return to the USA**

Following breakfast we will enjoy a free morning in Paris. You might consider visiting the Eiffel Tower or the Louvre Museum. Please note that these events should be booked individually and not a part of the group package.

At 2:00 PM our bus will depart from the hotel for Paris CDG airport. Our Air France Flight 10 is scheduled to depart for JFK at 6:30 PM, with scheduled arrival at 8:40 PM. Welcome home!



▶ **Cost - \$4790**

Single Room Supplement - \$990

▶ **Payment Schedule**

\$200 Deposit - Due at registration

\$2295 - Due six months before departure

\$2295 - Due four months before departure

Single Room Supplement: \$990 - Due four months before departure (if applicable)

▶ **Price Includes**

- Roundtrip airfare on Air France in Economy Class
- One checked-bag, one carry-on and one personal item allowed
- Ten nights lodging (in double occupancy room) in beautiful and well-located hotels:
- Two nights at the four-star Hotel Gallia Londres, Lourdes
- Two nights at a four star hotel Vallee de l'Arc near Aix-en-Provence
- One night at the two-star Hotel Regina, Ars
- One night at the Saint Bernadette Soubirous Guesthouse, Nevers
- Two nights at the three-star Le Grand Hotel de l'Esperance, Lisieux
- Two nights at a three/four star hotel in Paris
- Private ProRome Tours tour manager throughout the course of the trip
- Deluxe A/C Coach throughout the tour for all transfers according to the above itinerary
- Professional qualified English-speaking guide for all visits according to the above itinerary
- All tours and all entry-ticket prices as per itinerary
- All Mass reservations
- Daily breakfast and daily dinner (without choice of menus)
- Water and house wine at meals
- Audio guiding system throughout the tour

▶ **Price Does Not Include**

- Any personal expenses
- Daily lunch
- Any drinks during included meals other than water and house wine
- Trip Insurance (Available for purchase through ProRome)
- Gratuities (suggested \$30-\$50 or €30-€50 per person trip for both the driver and tour manager)
- Optional donations to churches where the group will celebrate daily Mass



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