



PROROME



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A Pilgrimage to Portugal and Spain

Join Christendom College Alumni & Friends

This pilgrimage will immerse you in the vast cultural and Catholic heritage of Portugal and Spain, with a specific emphasis on their Marian apparitions and Carmelite saints. The itinerary features two nights in Fatima, one night in Santiago de Compostela, one night in Cangas de Onis, one night in Carrion de los Condes, two nights in Avila and two nights in Madrid. Daily Mass - the cornerstone of each day - will be complemented by a rich Catholic touring program that will bring the pilgrims face to face with the many shrines and sacred sites and relics found throughout the course of the itinerary. A major focus will be the holy lives of Sister Lúcia dos Santos, Sts. Francisco and Jacinta Marto, St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and more!

Roundtrip airfare and centrally-located three and four star hotels will be arranged. A ProRome Tour Manager will accompany the group throughout the course of the pilgrimage. Private bus transportation, Catholic tour guides, all tours and tickets, daily breakfast plus one main meal each day are included in the price. A second daily meal (either lunch or dinner) is the only item not included in the price.

March 6 - 16, 2025

\$4800 per person (includes airfare from Washington Dulles)

For more information or to register, please visit www.prorometours.com/christendom2025 or contact ProRome Tours directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at office@prorome.com

THE ITINERARY



Thursday, March 6 Departure

Departure information forthcoming.

Friday, March 7 Arrival | Lisbon

Welcome to Portugal! Upon our arrival in Lisbon, we will be met by our Tour Manager, who will guide us via private coach on a panoramic tour of this historical and beautiful city! We will see sites such as the Jeronimos Monastery and the Belem Tower. After our guided tour, we will then celebrate Holy Mass together before enjoying a group lunch. After lunch, we will board our motorcoach and continue our journey to Fatima. Upon our arrival we will check into our hotel and enjoy a delicious welcome group dinner together before getting some much needed rest.

Holy Mass - TBD in Lisbon or Belem
Meals Included - Lunch and Dinner

Saturday, March 8 Fatima

We will start our day with breakfast and then the celebration of Holy Mass. Afterwards, we will begin our guided tour with Sister Stella Guza who will introduce us to the holy town of Fátima. We will have the opportunity to visit the Sanctuary in Fatima, and then Valinhos, where the Guardian Angel of Portugal appeared to the Fatima children, and finally Aljustrel, where the Fatima children were born. If time permits, we will also walk the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacra. After our thorough tour, we will break for an independent lunch and a free afternoon with time to explore and for prayer. We will reconvene at our hotel for dinner and overnight. There will be the opportunity for those interested to participate in the candlelight rosary procession in the Sanctuary with thousands of other pilgrims from around the world!

Holy Mass - Basilica in Fatima or La Capelinha (concelebrated)
Meals Included - Breakfast and Dinner

Sunday, March 9 Fatima | Santiago De Compostela

We will begin our Sabbath with breakfast and then the celebration of Holy Mass, either at the Basilica of Fatima or at La Capelinha, the chapel built on the exact spot where Our Lady appeared to Sister Lúcia dos Santos and Sts. Francisco and Jacinta Marto. Afterwards, we will board our motorcoach and depart Fatima for Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Along the way we will stop for an independent lunch with time to stretch our legs. Upon our arrival in Santiago we will check into our hotel, freshen up and get settled in our accommodations. We will gather together for a hotel dinner and time to rest after a long day of travel.

Holy Mass - Basilica in Fatima or La Capelinha (concelebrated)
Meals Included - Breakfast and Dinner

Monday, March 10 Santiago De Compostela

Following breakfast, we begin our day with a guided tour of Santiago de Compostela. We will visit the Old Quarter and then the Cathedral, which was built over the remains of St. James more than a thousand years ago. The magnificent Baroque facade draws the weary pilgrim inside, wherein he discovers the original Romanesque interior, richly decorated through the centuries in honor of

the Apostle James. We will then participate in the Pilgrim's Mass in the Cathedral. After Mass, everyone will have some free time to enjoy an independent lunch and siesta. After lunch, we will continue on our journey to Cangas de Onis, famous for its 1st century Roman bridge. We will stop along the way at the ancient hamlet of O Cebreiro. Upon arrival in Cangas de Onis we will check into our hotel and enjoy a group dinner before retiring for the evening.

Holy Mass - Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela (concelebrated)
Meals Included - Breakfast and Dinner

Tuesday, March 11 Covadonga

After breakfast, we will depart Cangas de Onis for the city of Covadonga. Upon arrival we will immediately celebrate Holy Mass together as a group. After Mass, we will enjoy a guided tour of Covadonga, which will include the Basilica and Cave of Our Lady of Covadonga, who miraculously aided the Spanish Christians in their first victory over the Moors in 722. After the tour, we will enjoy an independent lunch and time to explore. We will then depart Covadonga for Carrion de los Condes with its numerous churches and monasteries. Upon our arrival we will check into our hotel and enjoy a group dinner together.

Holy Mass - TBD in Covadonga
Meals Included - Breakfast and Dinner

Wednesday, March 12 Segovia

After breakfast, we will depart Carrion de los Condes for Segovia, to learn something of the deeds and holiness of the remarkable Spanish saint, St. John of the Cross. We will enjoy a guided tour of the historic center, which will include the Carmelite Convent of St. John of the Cross (its founder), a Roman Aqueduct, and the Old Quarter. We will also have an opportunity to stop at the Pradera de San Marcos and view the beautiful Alcazar castle. After our tour, we will celebrate Holy Mass at the Carmelite Monastery which houses the tomb of St. John. After Mass, we will have free time for an independent lunch, exploring and prayer. We will then board our motorcoach and continue our way to Avila, stopping at Los Cuatro Postes with its remarkable view of the city of Avila. Upon our arrival in Avila, we will check into our hotel and enjoy dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass - Carmelite Monastery in Segovia
Meals Included - Breakfast and Dinner

ITINERARY CONTINUED



Thursday, March 13 **Avila | Alba De Tormes**

After breakfast, our day begins with a guided tour of Avila which will allow us to glimpse something of the life of St. Teresa of Avila. Our tour will include the Monastery of the Incarnation, the Convent of St. Teresa and the Old Quarter with the Monastery of San Jose. We will celebrate Holy Mass at the Transverberation Chapel at the Incarnation Monastery in Avila. We will conclude our morning with some free time for shopping, an independent lunch, personal time for prayer, or just rest.

In the afternoon we will journey to Alba de Tormes, the burial place of St. Teresa. We will participate in a guided tour of the Carmelite Convent, which houses the tomb of St. Teresa, and the Carmus-Museum, allowing us to enter more deeply into the life of this saint and mystic. In the evening we will return to Avila for a hotel dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass - Transverberation Chapel at the Incarnation Monastery in Avila
Meals Included - Breakfast and Dinner

Friday, March 14 **Valley Of The Fallen | San Lorenzo Del Escorial | Madrid**

Today we will be taking a day trip to central Spain to visit San Lorenzo del Escorial and the Valley of the Fallen. Upon arrival we will begin with the celebration of Holy Mass. We will then begin our guided tours. Our first tour will be San Lorenzo de El Escorial, built

by King Philip II in the sixteenth century; designed by Juan Bautista de Toledo, it is the largest Renaissance building in the world, and most famous for the monastery that lies within it. We will also receive a guided tour of the Valley of the Fallen monument site and basilica. We will enjoy lunch on our own before returning to Madrid.

In Madrid we will receive a guided tour of this remarkable city. The panoramic tour will include sites such as Plaza de España, Gran Vía, Paseo de la Castellana, Calle and Puerta de Alcalá, Cibeles and Neptuno fountains. After a long day we will check into our hotel and enjoy dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass - TBD in Valley of the Fallen or El Escorial
Meals Included - Breakfast and Dinner

Saturday, March 15 **Toledo**

We will spend our last full day in Spain enjoying a day trip to the incredible city of Toledo! Toledo marks an essential stage in the life of Saint Teresa of Avila, as it was here that she began to write down her divinely-inspired thoughts, marking the beginning of her great literary corpus. In Toledo we will visit the Old Quarter, the Cathedral, and the Santo Tome Church with its magnificent masterpiece, "The Burial of the Count of Orgaz" by El Greco. We will then enjoy free time for lunch and shopping before returning to Madrid. Tonight we will have our special farewell dinner at a nearby

restaurant before retiring for the evening.

Holy Mass - TBD in Toledo
Meals Included - Breakfast and Dinner

Sunday, March 16 **Departure**

Following breakfast, we will check out of our hotel and depart for the Madrid Airport (MAD) for our flight back home. Flight information forthcoming.

Holy Mass - TBD in Madrid
Meals Included - Breakfast and Dinner





▶ Final Cost

\$4800 per person

▶ Payment Schedule

\$200 - ProRome Registration Fee - Due upon Registration

\$2300 - Due September 6, 2024

\$2300 - Due November 1, 2024

\$990 - Single Occupancy Surcharge (if applicable) - Due November 1, 2024

▶ Price Includes

- Roundtrip airfare on British Airways in Economy Class
 - One checked-bag, one carry-on and one personal item permitted
- Nine nights lodging in a double occupancy room
 - Two nights at the Flag Hotel Fatima - House of the Dominican Sisters, in Fatima
 - One night at the Hospederia San Martín Pinario, in Santiago de Compostela
 - One night at the four-star Parador Hotel in Cangas de Onis
 - One night at the four-star Hotel Real Monasterio San Zoilo in Carrion de los Condes
 - Two nights at the four-star Palacio de los Velada Hotel in Avila
 - Two nights at the three-star Hotel Porcel Ganivet in Madrid
- ProRome Tour Manager throughout the course of the trip
- Professional qualified English-speaking guides for all visits according to the above itinerary
- Tours and all entry-tickets
- Daily buffet breakfast and daily three-course dinner (without choice of menus)
- Water and house wine at meals
- Deluxe A/C coach when required (note that we will still walk 3-5 miles per day)
- Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip
- Porterage service in Santiago de Compostela and in Ávila

▶ Price Exclusions

- Any personal expenses
- Daily lunch (except on March 7th)
- Beverages other than water and house wine at included meals
- Trip Insurance (available for purchase through ProRome)
- Gratuities for the Tour Manager and Driver
 - Suggested \$20-\$30 per person for both the tour manager and the bus driver



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