# Pilgrimage to France & Lourdes with Father Robert Rosebrough & Father Joseph Banden

Lourdes Sacre Coeur St. Vincent de Paul St John Vianney - Ars Basilique Saint-Martin de Tours The Oratory of the Holy Face Chapel of the Miraculous Medal Sr. Mary of St. Peter Paris Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Rouen Basilica of St. Therese Lisieux Saint-Denis Basilique Our Lady of Lourdes

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Friday, October 3: After arriving this morning in France, we are met by our multilingual Tour Managers. We then drive into Paris, the City of Lights. Our first stop is the Basilica Cathedral of Saint Denis, located on the site where Saint Denis, the first bishop of Paris, is believed to have been buried after being decapitated as a martyr. The basilica became a place of pilgrimage and a necropolis containing the tombs of many French kings, including nearly every king from the 10th century to Louis XVIII in the 19th century. Afterward, we visit the Sacré-Cœur, consecrated in 1919. One of Paris's most iconic monuments, it sits atop Butte Montmartre, offering stunning panoramic views of the city from 130 meters above. Here, we will celebrate Holy Mass. After Mass, lunch is on your own, followed by a panoramic tour of Paris where our Tour Manager will point out many beautiful and historic sites. We then head to the Guest House to prepare for dinner together, followed by a well-deserved rest. B & D Paris

Saturday, October 4: This morning, we visit the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal on Rue du Bac. At this site, we will see the incorrupt body of St. Catherine Labouré, a member of the Daughters of Charity. In their convent chapel, Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine and gave her the image of the Miraculous Medal. The chair where Our Lady sat during one of the apparitions is displayed in the chapel. We will celebrate Holy Mass in the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal. Just around the corner on Rue des Sèvres, we visit the Church of St. Lazare, where we will see the tomb of St. Vincent de Paul, co-patron of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and a model of charity toward the poor. After lunch on your own, we embark on a guided walking tour of the Eiffel Tower, Champs-Élysées, Place de la Concorde, and Arc de Triomphe. Later, we take a relaxing Seine River Cruise, lasting just over an hour, offering views of many famous monuments of the City of Lights. We return to the guest house to prepare for dinner in the Montmartre neighborhood. B & D Paris

Sunday, October 5: Today, we visit Saint-Étienne-du-Mont, a church near the Panthéon containing the shrine of St. Genevieve, the patron saint of Paris. The church also holds the tombs of Blaise Pascal and Jean Racine, and Jean-Paul Marat is buried in the church's cemetery. We will celebrate Mass here. Afterward, we walk to the Panthéon, originally built as a church to house the relics of St. Genevieve, but now a secular mausoleum for prominent French citizens. We then stroll through the Jardin du Luxembourg, a peaceful 23-hectare garden with tree-lined promenades, lush lawns, tennis courts, and model sailboats on the Grand Bassin. Don't miss the 102 statues and monuments, including the famous Médicis Fountain. Next, we visit Sorbonne University, a prestigious institution founded in the 13th century. Our final stop today is the newly restored Notre-Dame and Sainte-Chapelle. The rest of the day is free, and dinner is on your own.



Monday, October 6: After breakfast, we head southwest to Chartres, a major center for Christian pilgrimage. Our guided tour of the world-famous Chartres Cathedral highlights its stunning stained-glass windows dating back to the 12th and 13th centuries, with a predominance of the iconic "blue of Chartres." Here, we celebrate Holy Mass. After a quick lunch, we continue on to the Shrine of Our Lady of Montligeon, dedicated to praying for the deceased and offering comfort to those suffering. We will pray and attend Vespers at 5:45 PM before heading to Lisieux for dinner and overnight accommodation. B & D Lisieux

**Tuesday, October 7:** This morning, we visit **Les Buissonnets**, the family home of **St. Thérèse of Lisieux.** Her "little way" of loving God and others through simple acts has inspired many Catholics since her death in 1897. We also visit the **Carmelite Monastery Chapel** to venerate **the tomb of St. Thérèse**. On the outskirts of town, we celebrate Holy Mass at the Basilica of St. Thérèse, where the beautiful mosaics on the church's interior depict her life. We also **visit the tombs of her parents**, **Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin**, in the crypt behind the basilica. This afternoon, you have free time to explore Lisieux. Later, we enjoy dinner together at our hotel. **B & D Lisieux** 

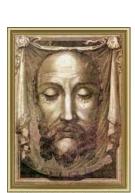
Wednesday, October 8: After breakfast, we drive to Saint-Pierre Cathedral in Lisieux to celebrate Holy Mass. Saint-Pierre de Lisieux is a cathedral with origins that date back to the 12th century. Before she became a saint, Thérèse Martin attended Mass here with her family. It was her local church, and it was in the axial chapel that she decided to become a nun. Today, there is a chapel in the choir dedicated to her. After Mass, we head north to visit the Beaches of Normandy, a solemn experience as we visit areas where the Allies fought for freedom. We will reach Arromanches, a key site in the 1944 Normandy Invasion. We stop to see Pegasus Bridge, a strategically important location captured by the Allies on D-Day, made famous in the film *The Longest Day*. On a bluff overlooking Omaha Beach is the American Cemetery, where 9,387 American military personnel are buried. Nearby, we visit Pointe du Hoc, a 100-foot cliff, fortified by the German army but scaled and captured by the U.S. Army Rangers. There will be time for lunch on our own, followed by dinner together at our hotel. (We would like to celebrate daily Mass in the chapel at the cemetery.)

Thursday, October 9: After breakfast, we travel to Mont Saint-Michel, one of the wonders of the western world, perched on a granite island just over one-half mile in circumference and 260 feet high. Surrounded by the sea at high tide, it is an impressive sight. We will celebrate Holy Mass in the Chapel of St. Pierre. After Mass, we have a guided tour of Mont Saint-Michel, dedicated to the Christian faith. Before we board our motor coach for Tours, France, we have lunch on our own. Then we head west to Saint-Brieuc, where we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Friday, October 10:** After breakfast and check-out, our first stop is **La Vallée des Saints**. This unique site combines history, legend, and monumental sculpture. It features a 16th-century chapel, a feudal moat, and giant statues of Breton saints scattered across the rolling Poher landscape. We then continue to the **Sanctuary of Our Lady of Eternal Help in Querrien, Brittany.** In 1652, 12-year-old Jeanne Courtel, a poor shepherdess, was deaf and mute when the Blessed Virgin appeared to her, holding the child Jesus and a stalk of lilies. When the Virgin spoke, Jeanne was miraculously able to hear. We have time for veneration and prayer at this site. After a light lunch, we travel to the **Basilique de Sainte-Anne-d'Auray**, where we celebrate Mass. We then drive to Les Herbiers for check-in, dinner, and overnight stay.

Saturday, October 11: After breakfast and check-out, we begin our day at the Basilica of St. Louis de Montfort and Blessed Marie Louise in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre. This basilica is the burial place of two renowned Catholic saints: St. Louis de Montfort and Blessed Marie Louise Trichet. We celebrate Mass and have time for prayer at this sacred site. We then board our motor coach for the Basilique Saint-Martin de Tours. The original church, built in the 5th century, was constructed over the tomb of St. Martin. After its destruction during the French Revolution, a new basilica was built, completed in 1886. We have a guided tour and time for veneration of the

#### B & D Saint-Brieuc



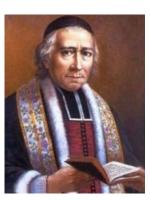














saint's relics. Sister St. Mary of St. Peter, a Carmelite nun in Tours, received a series of revelations between 1843 and 1847 from Our Lord about a powerful devotion to His Holy Face. The devotion aimed to make reparation for the sins that offend God most. At the same time, in 1849, Pope Pius IX, fleeing during a revolution, ordered public prayers for the Papal States. During a three-day exposition of the Holy Veil of Veronica at St. Peter's Basilica, a miracle occurred—the divine face on the veil became distinctly visible, illuminated by a glowing light, with features expressing pain. Leo Dupont, a friend of Sister St. Mary, prayed the Holy Face prayers, leading to miraculous healings. We will visit the Oratory of the Holy Face, where the original image still hangs, and where the oil lamp continues to burn. After a tour, veneration, and spiritual exercises with Fathers Rosy and Banden, we visit the Carmelite convent where Sister St. Mary lived. We then head to the Apparitions of Our Lady of Prayer in L'Île-Bouchard, where the Blessed Virgin appeared in 1947 to three girls, offering hope to a post-war France. We will learn about this apparition and the power of the Rosary. In the evening, we arrive in Poitiers for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, October 12: After breakfast and check-out, we begin our day with a visit to the Church of Notre-Dame-la-Grande in Poitiers, where we celebrate Mass in this beautiful church dating back to the 10th century. Our next stop is the Baptistry of St. John, a 4th-century Gallo-Roman structure that became a parish church. Inside, you will see a baptismal pool used for immersion baptisms until the 8th century, decorated with Romanesque and Gothic murals. After our visit, we travel toward Bordeaux, making a stop at a renowned local winery. Here, we will sample various vintages paired with lunch. Later, we check into our hotel in Bordeaux. B & D Bordeaux

Monday, October 13: Today, we journey to Saint-Émilion to explore the Monolithic Church, an awe-inspiring underground church carved from rock. You will also visit the Church of Saint Eulalie, a site of Eucharistic miracles and the place where St. Louis Martin, the father of St. Thérèse, was baptized. Your pilgrimage continues to the Carthusian Cemetery, where we will venerate the grave of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, the founder of the Marianist Order. We will conclude the day with a visit to the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Verdelais, where we will attend Mass. In the evening, we travel to Lourdes for dinner and overnight.

Tuesday, October 14: Lourdes is the site of the 1858 apparitions of Our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception. We begin our day at 9:45 AM with Holy Mass, celebrated at the very Grotto where the Blessed Mother first appeared to the saintly peasant girl, St. Bernadette, and where she unearthed the miraculous spring of water. A time will be arranged to view the Lourdes video, which tells the story of the apparitions. In this holy place of spiritual and physical healing, we will have the opportunity to take the "Baths" in the waters of Lourdes (Water Ritual). This day in prayer can include the Way of the Cross, time spent in Eucharistic Adoration, and other personal devotions. At 5:00 PM, we will participate in the daily Procession of the Blessed Sacrament with the Blessing of the Sick. The Candlelight Procession is also available this evening.

Wednesday, October 15: This morning, we will celebrate Mass in the Chapel of St. Anne at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. After Mass, we will embark on a walking tour of Lourdes to visit significant sites from St. Bernadette's life, including the Boly Mill and the Cachot, an abandoned prison which was her family's home during the apparitions. We will also visit the parish church and the font where Bernadette was baptized. Throughout the day, there will be ample time for personal devotion during our "mini-retreat" in Lourdes. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered as well.

Thursday, October 16: This morning, Father Rosy and Father Banden will concelebrate Holy Mass at the Grotto. After Mass, you will have time on your own for prayer, reflection, or perhaps another opportunity to take part in the Holy Waters of Lourdes. After our day of devotions, we will transfer to a hotel near the Toulouse airport for our farewell dinner and overnight stay in preparation for our early flight home.

#### B & D Toulouse

**Friday, October 17:** After breakfast, we check out and transfer to the airport for our return flight home, arriving the same day.





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