

Pilgrimage to France & Northern Italy with Father David Skillman

Abbaye Notre-Dame de Cîteaux - Dijon
St Michael's Church - St. Elizabeth of the Trinity ✠ Dijon
Paray-le-Monial ✠ St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
St. John Vianney ✠ Basilica Notre Dame De Fourvière
Eglise St. Bonaventure ✠ Lyon ✠ Annecy
St. Jane de Chantal and St. Francis de Sales
Basilica of Maria Ausiliatrice ✠ St. John Bosco, Saint Mary
Mazzarello & Saint Dominic Savio
The Duomo of Milan ✠ St Charles Borromeo ✠ Padua
Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper" ✠ Venice

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Monday, August 25: Depart St. Louis at 1:25 PM to Montreal for connection to your overnight flight to Paris. Dinner and breakfast served aboard.

Tuesday, August 26: After arriving this morning in Paris at 10:20 AM, we are met by our multilingual Tour Manager. After our luggage is collected and transferred onto the Motorcoach, we settle in for our ride to **Dijon**. On the way we stop for a lunch. Upon arrival into Dijon, we make our way to the **Cathedral of Saint-Benigne**, where we **Celebrate our Opening Mass**. Afterwards, we reboard our motorcoach for a drive to our hotel in order to check in and overnight.

D Dijon

Wednesday, August 27: After breakfast in our hotel, we will take in the sites of Dijon. Our first stop is to the **Notre-Dame of Dijon Notre Dame de bon espoir (Our Lady of Hope)**. A beautiful Gothic Cathedral built in the 13th Century. Housed in this Cathedral is the Statue of Notre-Dame de Bon-Espoir dating back to the 11th Century to which many miracles have been attributed. Our next stop is the 16th Century **Eglise Saint-Michel de Dijon**. Known for its Gothic and Renaissance style, it is a place of religious significance for **Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity. Elizabeth Catez**, born in 1880 in Avor, France, felt called to religious life from a young age and vowed virginity at thirteen. She entered the Carmelite convent in Dijon at twenty-one, where she experienced deep spiritual joy despite suffering from a debilitating illness. A mystic and lover of Jesus, she dedicated herself to God with profound devotion, referring to herself as Laudem Gloriam (Praise of Glory) and identifying with the fiery heart of Elijah and the pierced heart of St. Teresa. Elizabeth died on November 9, 1906, with the words, "I am going to Light, to Love, to Life!" and was canonized a saint in 2016. Here **we venerate this Saint as well as Celebrate Mass**. Next we have a walking tour of Dijon and see sites such as The Porte Guillaume, Rue de la Liberté, a walking street leading you into the old town of Dijon. Place de la Libération, Tour Philippe le Bon which is a tower overlooking the heart of Dijon as well as The Palais des Ducs de Bourgogne and end with the Well of Moses Monument /Champmol. We end the day by visiting **Abbaye Notre-Dame de Cîteaux**; the Mother House of the Cistercian Order. After our visit, we will have dinner in a restaurant in Dijon.

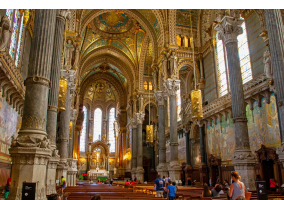
B & D Dijon

Thursday, August 28: After breakfast we then check out and drive to **Paray-le-Monial**. Here we visit the chapel in the Monastery of the Visitation Sisters. There we venerate the Tomb of **St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**, who was privileged by apparitions of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave her the mission to spread devotion to the **Most Sacred Heart**. From this sprung the pious practice of First Friday devotions. We will have about an hour to walk the grounds, pray or even recite the Rosary. Soon after we reach Ars, France. Ars is the home of **St. John Vianney; Patron of Priests**. **Here in the Basilica we will celebrate Holy Mass in the Parish Church made famous by the Cure of Ars**. We can see the confessional where he spent long hours in the care of souls as well as learn about this great Saint. Later, we drive South a little ways to **Dardilly**, where we have the opportunity to visit the **Childhood home of St. John Vianney**. A few minutes drive South is Lyon, where we will check in for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

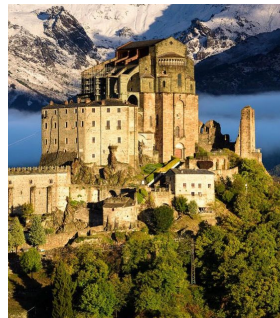
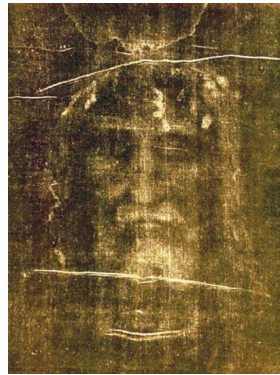
B & D Lyon

Friday, August 29: After breakfast, our destination will be **The Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière**, which was built between 1872 and 1884 to thank the Virgin Mary for having spared the city from invasion during the Franco-Prussian war. **Here we Celebrate Mass** and have a tour of this beautiful minor Basilica. Nearby is the hill of Fourvière which currently preserves the Gallo-Roman origins of Lyon (Museum of Gallo-Roman civilization). We will see the magnificently restored ruins of the theater, odeon, temple, aqueducts, Roman roads. We briefly view this area and then have lunch together. After our walking tour, we make a stop at L'Antiquaille. This is a museum dedicated to highlighting the origins of Christianity in Gaul. After our tour we conclude at the Cathedral of Lyon in order to recite the Rosary. Time permitting, we will visit the Eglise St. Bonaventure. Tonight, we sample some local cuisine at a typical French Restaurant, then back to the hotel for an overnight.

B & D Lyon



Saturday, August 30: This morning after breakfast and checkout, we head east **Annecy**. Here we learn about two Saints **St. Francis de Sales** and **St. Jane Frances de Chantal**. **St. Francis de Sales** (1567-1622), who was a French bishop, theologian, and spiritual writer, known for his deep spirituality, gentle approach to Christian life, and pastoral care. He is considered one of the great saints of the Catholic Church and was named a Doctor of the Church in 1877. His teachings focus on the love of God, the importance of living a devout life in the world, and the call to holiness for everyone, regardless of one's state in life. **St. Jane Frances de Chantal** (1572-1641) was a French noblewoman, widow, and co-founder of the **Visitation Order** (also called the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary) along with **St. Francis de Sales**. Known for her deep spirituality, compassion, and commitment to serving others, St. Jane's life was one of transformation and profound faith. She is honored as a saint in the Catholic Church, and her legacy lives on through the order she helped establish, which continues to serve those in need and promotes a life of prayer and contemplation. We visit the **Basilica of the Visitation & Celebrate Mass**. Built between 1922 and 1930, it was consecrated by Cardinal Tedeschini in 1949. In neo-gothic style, this basilica acquired the name of Visitation to honor one of the hidden mysteries of the church: "the visit of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth". Inside, there are magnificent mosaics and stained glass windows that tell the story of the lives of **Saint Francis de Sales and Jeanne de Chantal**, whose bronze coffins are on display. After our tour of Annecy and lunch, we drive through the Alps to Turin Italy. Here, we check in into our hotel for dinner and overnight.



Sunday, August 31: Today we have **Mass at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist**. Here is the location of the all important **Shroud of Turin**. The Shroud of Turin is considered a powerful relic that may have been the burial cloth of Jesus Christ, believed to bear the imprint of His suffering, death, and resurrection. The Shroud is venerated as a symbol of Christ's Passion and an invitation to deeper reflection on His sacrifice for humanity. As Catholics, we view the Shroud as a tangible connection to the reality of Jesus' crucifixion, encouraging faith, prayer, and contemplation of His love and sacrifice. (The Shroud will not be available for view in 2025. We will visit the Chapel where the Shroud is kept for Veneration. We will also visit the Museum). We then make our way to the **Basilica of Maria Ausiliatrice (Our Lady Help of Christians)** Here the remains of 3 Saints are interred: **St John Bosco, Saint Mary Mazzarello, & Saint Dominic Savio**. After a light lunch, we then have visit the **Basilica of Corpus Domini & the Eucharistic Miracle**. Inside the Corpus Domini Basilica in Turin, there is an iron railing that closes in the place where, in 1453, the first Eucharistic miracle of Turin occurred. An inscription inside the railing describes the miracle: "Here the she-mule that was carrying the Divine Body fell prostrate; here the Sacred Host was miraculously freed from the bag containing the Sacred Species and rose high; here came gently down among the suppliant hands of the people of Turin; here then, the place made holy by the miracle. Remembering, pray on your knees. (June 6, 1453)". We overnight in Turin with dinner outside the hotel.

B & D Turin

Monday, September 1: After checking out and departing Turin for Milan, our first stop is the **Sacra di San Michele** (One of the seven sacred sites along an imaginary line stretching from Ireland to Israel, known as "The Sword of Saint Michael"). After we drive towards Milan and arrive at the **The Duomo (Cathedral) of Milan**. **The Duomo of Milan** is a stunning Gothic cathedral and one of the largest churches in Europe, located at the heart of Milan, Italy. Construction began in 1386 and took nearly six centuries to complete, featuring intricate sculptures, spires, and stained-glass windows. It is renowned for its architectural grandeur, its iconic marble façade, and its panoramic views of the city from the rooftop, making it a key symbol of Milan's Catholic and cultural heritage. Here we celebrate **Holy Mass**. During our tour of the Duomo, we pray at the **The body of St. Charles Borromeo**, a prominent 16th-century cardinal and archbishop of Milan, which is preserved in a silver sarcophagus located in the duomo. His remains are venerated in the crypt beneath the cathedral's main altar, where pilgrims and the faithful come to honor his life of reform and devotion. St. Charles Borromeo is widely recognized for his role in the Counter-Reformation and his significant efforts in the reform of the clergy and the church's pastoral care. We then visit the Basilica of **Saint Ambrose (Basilica di Sant'Ambrogio)**. After our visit in Milan, we then make our way to Padua for dinner and Overnight.

B & D Milan

Tuesday, September 2: After breakfast, we check out and have the opportunity to see **Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper"** in **Santa Maria delle Grazie**. After, we drive towards Padua & visit **The Basilica di Santa Giustina** overlooking the Prato. This beautiful Basilica, with its side chapels and frescoes, houses the tombs of several saints as well as the relics of St. Luke the Evangelist and St. Mathias, also known as the Twelfth Apostle. **Here we will celebrate Mass.** After our time of prayer, we have a walking tour of Padua. We will see the **Prato della Valle** and its famous market. The Prato della Valle, the largest square in Italy and one of the largest in Europe, is an elliptical square surrounded by a small canal and is particularly beautiful by night. Nearby we venerate the relics of **St. Anthony in the Basilica of the same name**. St. Anthony was born in Portugal, but came to Italy to follow St. Francis & became a great and dynamic preacher of the Franciscan Order. After our visit we have lunch on our own. Our final stop is the Scrovegni Chapel. **The Scrovegni Chapel (also known as the Arena Chapel)** is one of the most important and best-preserved examples of Gothic art in Italy. Located in Padua, in the northeastern region of Italy, the chapel is renowned primarily for its stunning fresco cycle painted by the artist Giotto di Bondone. The rest of the afternoon is dedicated to leisurely exploring the city of Padua with our Tour Manager. Tonight we will have dinner outside our hotel.

B & D Padua

Wednesday, September 3: This morning, we will have a full day excursion in **Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic."** This famed city is built on more than 100 islets, supported by millions of wooden stakes and linked by 400 bridges. We will be given a walking tour, which will include the **Doges Palace**, once the official palace of the Doge (Venetian Ruler) and the seat of government. There we walk across the **Bridge of Sighs** (the covered windowed bridge) where convicted prisoners caught their last glimpse of freedom. Lunch will be on our own. We will visit the **Cathedral of St. Mark**, whose décor of mosaics is acclaimed world-wide. **Here, we will Celebrate Mass.** After our day of exploration we return to our hotel for a rest & dinner.

B & D Venice

Thursday, September 4: After a leisurely morning, we make our way to **Santa Maria della Salute**. A Minor Basilica, its striking dome can be seen throughout Venice. Salute, as it is commonly known, was founded in 1631. The basilica was built to commemorate the end of a horrible outbreak of the plague that began in 1630, and killed a large portion of the Veneto population. It was dedicated to Our Lady of Health (Salute in Italian). **Here we have Mass.** Lunch will be on our own. In the afternoon we will be treated to **water taxis** as we make our way through the canal "streets" of Venice. Some of the sites we visit are **Murano, Burano and Torcello**. We will also Visit **Colleoni Vetreria Artistica (Murano glass factory)**. The rest of the day is open for exploration. Tonight, Dinner with wine included will be served to us in a nice restaurant in the heart of Venice. We return to our hotel overnight.

B & D Venice

Thursday, September 4: This morning after breakfast, we will arrive about 3 hour before our 12:25 PM flight from Venice back to St. Louis. We arrive back in St. Louis by 8 PM the same day.

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