



# *Fatima*

## *and the Shrines of France and Spain*

*11 Days / September 26 to October 6, 2017*  
*Depart/Return USA*



I am so overjoyed to be invited to lead the pilgrimage to the Marian shrines of Our Lady of Lourdes and Fatima. It was Our Lady of Fatima who was so instrumental to my call to the priesthood and continues to remain close to my heart. To be able to pilgrimage to this Holy Shrine for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mary's apparition to Blessed Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco is truly a rose from heaven.

I have had the blessing of pilgrimaging to many Marian shrines throughout the world, but have never had the grace to visit the Shrine at Lourdes. It was here that Our Lady appeared to Saint Bernadette as the Immaculate Conception, and gave to us all this oasis of God's healing waters, a holy place which has a very special place in the heart of the Church.

This Pilgrimage will be a great opportunity to visit two of the most important Shrines to the Virgin Mary, and seek her love and intercession. To visit these shrines not only renews our spiritual life, but draws us deeper into the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She is our Mother and when we go to these shrines we experience her tender love in a concrete way.

A little of my history; I was trained as an actor at DePaul/Goodman school of Drama. I worked in Chicago and LA. It's a long story, but Our Lady slowly led me toward the priesthood, and I was ordained in 2005. I have been blessed in my ministry, and have been assigned to great parishes. Each has nurtured my priesthood, and introduced me to so many kind and loving souls. My internship was at St. James in Glen Ellyn, and my first parish as a priest was St. Petronille. After four years, I was reassigned to St. Mary Immaculate in Plainfield. After that I was sent to Resurrection Parish in Wayne to take on my first Pastorate. Lastly, I was reassigned to St. Raphael's in Naperville and have been here three and a half years.

It promises to be a great pilgrimage and adventure. To go on pilgrimage is a life-giving experience, and the effects are Heavenly!

*Father Dan Bachner*





Barry Smith, President of BRS Consulting Inc. and former Business Manager at St. Petronille Parish, is excited to be part of the planning for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage to Fatima and the shrines of France and Spain. He has been an active member of Knights of Columbus for the last 30 years and has a long-standing devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Barry was baptized at *Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church* in Birmingham, Alabama, confirmed at *Our Lady of Fatima* parish in Biloxi, Mississippi and married to his wife of 36 years at the U. S. Naval Academy. Today, December 8, 2016, as this brochure goes to print is the *Feast Day of the Immaculate Heart of Mary* AND the 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the start of BRS Consulting Inc.

Barry and his lovely wife, Camille, have had the opportunity to travel extensively worldwide, including two pilgrimages to Medjugorje in Bosnia/Herzegovina while serving as an international consultant and later while working at St. Petronille. Barry plans to enrich your pilgrimage experience by sharing some of the stories from the book he hopes to publish next year entitled: Creation, RSVP to the Book of Life.

## Tour Highlights & Inclusions

- Round Trip Airfare from Chicago\*
- English speaking Tour Director throughout
- 9 Nights' Accommodation at 4 star/first class hotels / Except in Santiago de Compostela 3\* Hotel
- Sightseeing by luxury coach with air-conditioning
- 18 Meals:
  - 9 Buffet Breakfasts at hotels
  - 8 Dinners at hotels (including house wine, mineral water, coffee and tea)
  - 1 Farewell Dinner at Local restaurant in Lisbon
- City Tours with English speaking Local Guides at:
  - Barcelona, Burgos, León, Santiago de Compostela, Porto & Lisbon
- Entrances to monuments during city tours:
  - Sangrada Familia (Barcelona), Cathedral (Burgos), Cathedral (Leon), Cathedral (Santiago), Palacio
  - Da Borsa & Winery (Porto), Jeronimos Monastery & St. George Castle (Lisbon)
- All taxes and Porterage at the hotel for one suitcase per person
- Mass at Santiago De Compostela Cathedral and Church of St. Anthony, plus other scheduled masses throughout

**\$3,599 P.P., Double**  
\$3,999 Single

**Custom – Private Tour**  
**One Coach Only!**

### Our Hotels....

Sep 27-28	Hotel Abba Balmoral
Sep 28-30	Hotel Eliseo – Lourdes
Sept 30-Oct 1	Hotel Reyes Catolicos – Burgos
Oct 1-3	Hotel Gelmirez – Santiago de Compstela
Oct 3-5	Hotel Cinquentenario - Fatima
Oct 5-6	VIP Executive Diplomat – Lisboa



## ***Fatima and the Shrines of France and Spain***

### ***Day by Day Itinerary***

#### **Day 1 – Tuesday – September 26, 2017 - DEPART USA**

#### **Day 2 – Wednesday - September 27, 2017 - BARCELONA**

Upon arrival in Barcelona we are welcomed by our local guide for a panoramic tour around Montjuic to see the Olympic Stadium, the port and city, Plaza Catalunya and Paseo de Gracia. Here we will admire the eccentricity of Gaudi's architectural masterpieces in Houses Batlló and Milà, and visit inside the Basilica of the Sagrada Familia. (D)

#### **Day 3 – Thursday – September 28, 2017 – BARCELONA – CARCASSONNE-LOURDES**

We leave Spain and head for the French-Spanish border en route to Lourdes, France. We make a stop and walk around Carcassonne and then to Lourdes. We arrive in our hotel and then you will have time to rest. Following dinner, join the Candlelight Procession. (B,D)

#### **Day 4 – Friday - September 29, 2017 - LOURDES**

Today we explore the sites where Mary appeared to Bernadette. We visit the Grotto, the Spring and the healing Baths, as well as the Basilica of St. Pius X, the Rosary Basilica and Bernadette's home. We join pilgrims from all over the world. You will have time for reflection and private prayer. After dinner join the Candlelight Procession. (B,D)

#### **Day 5 – Saturday – September 30, 2017 – LOURDES – SAN SEBASTIAN-LOYOLA-BURGOS**

Departure to Burgos through the spectacular Pyrenees Mountains into Spain driving by San Sebastian where we'll stop to sample pintxos and tapas so famous in this basque city. We arrive in Loyola and see the 17th-century Basilica dedicated to St. Ignatius. We will visit his family home and have time to pray at the most venerated room where Ignatius at age 30, was brought following his serious wounding at the Battle of Pamplona. Continue to Burgos. (B,D)

#### **Day 6 – Sunday - October 01, 2017 – BURGOS – LEON – SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

Morning city tour of Burgos where we will see remains of fortifications and ramparts, the Plaza Mayor and the towers of the Arco de Santa Maria. To Santiago de Compostela via Leon and city tour to explore its Gothic masterpiece, the Cathedral. We arrive in Santiago de Compostela. (B,D)

#### **Day 7 – Monday - October 02, 2017 – SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

We start with a sightseeing tour of the city of St. James (Santiago), the Patron Saint of Spain. This city has been the third major site visited by Christian pilgrims and visitors (after Jerusalem and Rome) and is the present capital of Galicia. We will walk through this medieval city on labyrinthine cobbled streets. Santiago remains virtually intact, since no man or natural upheavals have produced any damage to the city. It's a true national monument with its buildings built with practically indestructible granite stone. We will visit the great Cathedral and celebrate Mass. Inside the Cathedral there are pieces of priceless architecture, statues and religious treasures. Behind the silver and gold main altar we will find the sarcophagi of St. James and two of his disciples. We will have time to explore the quaint narrow streets and plazas, admiring such buildings as the Neoclassical Rajoy Palace, now the city hall, the Romanesque Colegio de San Jeronimo, and the utterly stunning Parador de Los Reyes Católicos. (B,D)

#### **Day 8 – Tuesday - October 03, 2017 – SANTIAGO – PORTO - FATIMA**

We attend morning Mass before departing for Fatima, Portugal. First we stop in Porto where we see the old town and savor some of the local vintage at a local winery. After all, this is the home of port wine! Later we arrive in Fatima, where the Blessed Mother appeared in 1917 to three simple shepherd children: Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, and exhorted mankind to pray for world peace. (B,D)

#### **Day 9 – Wednesday - October 04, 2017 – FATIMA**

We will see the basilica that was constructed in 1928 and contains Francesco and Jacinta's graves and the Little Chapel of the Apparitions. Then we visit the Hamlet of Aljustrel. Follow the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacra (The Sacred Way) culminating in the Chapel of Calvary. You may want to join in prayers for the sick, drink water from the miraculous well, participate in nightly candlelight processions requested by Our Lady, and have time for private prayer and devotions. (B,D)

#### **Day 10 – Thursday - October 05, 2017 – FATIMA – SANTAREM - LISBON**

Drive to Santarem, site of many notable churches including the Church of the Holy Miracle which contains a 13th century Eucharistic miracle on continuous display since 1269. The host is enshrined in its miraculous crystal pyx in a silver monstrance and placed on display atop a tabernacle. Four paintings and 16th century glazed tiles depict the miracle. Then to Lisbon, a city rich in art, architecture and spirit, and home to many saints including St. Anthony. We'll visit the São Jorge Castle, the Jeronimos Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Anthony. (B,D)

#### **Day 11 – Friday - October 06, 2017 – LISBON - USA**

Transfer to Lisbon International Airport for the return flight. (B)

*B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner*



## **RESERVATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS - FATIMA AND THE SHRINES OF FRANCE AND SPAIN**

**Deposit:** \$500.00 per person by check only, (non-refundable unless insurance applies) due at time of reservation plus: optional insurance premium if chosen along with completed and signed reservation form and copy of passport.

**Make all checks payable to:** Viking Travel Service

**Mail all payments to:** Viking Travel Services, 700 Pasquinelli Drive, Westmont IL 60559

**Final payment:** May 1, 2017 by check or credit card (credit cards subject to 3% fee)  
Reservations made after final payment date are subject to availability, late booking fee and re-pricing.

**Passport Requirements:** A valid passport is required. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from return date and have blank pages. All names on reservation forms and tickets must match names as they appear on your passport.

**Pricing:** Tour and operation is based on a minimum of 25 passengers. \* estimated air pricing from Chicago. All prices are subject to any fuel surcharges, tax increases, currency fluctuations, and any other surcharges imposed by the airline, hotels, motor coaches and/or government beyond our control.

**Not Included:** Trip insurance, increases in security fees, taxes and fuel surcharges. Gratuities for driver guide, step on guides, Viking Travel escort and items of a personal nature, such as liquor, laundry service, phone calls, optional excursions, spa services, and meals not specifically indicated as included.

**Air Schedules & Seat Assignment:** Airfare from Chicago is included at estimated pricing. Taxes & fuel surcharges subject to change until tickets are issued. After final payment air tickets are non-refundable. Airline seating will be assigned at the airport. Subject to baggage rules & all terms and conditions. Deviations in group itineraries are subject to additional fees and may not be possible.

Group Transfers are based on passengers arriving and departing with the group. Any deviations may nullify transfer.

**Cancellation Policy:** If you must cancel for a reason not covered by insurance, the following per person penalties apply. Without exception, all cancellations must be in writing to Viking Travel Service and are effective the date of receipt. Any unused portions of the tour are non-refundable. Per Person cancellation charges:                   Date of deposit to May 1, 2017 = \$500.00 deposit is Non-Refundable.  
  May 2, 2017 to departure = 100% penalty.

**Cancellation/Travel Insurance:** Travel insurance is **not** included in the cost of the trip. This insurance will protect you in the event you must cancel for a covered medical reason, interruption, accident, baggage or covered unforeseen circumstance. Insurance must be taken at time of original deposit. As with all insurance policies, cost of insurance is non-refundable and subject to change at any time. For additional insurance information contact Viking Travel Service.

### **Travel Guard Group Insurance**

#### **\$239 per person Double or \$269 Single Occupancy**

<b><u>Coverage</u></b>	<b><u>Maximum Benefits</u></b>	<b><u>Coverage</u></b>	<b><u>Maximum Benefits</u></b>
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost	Trip Interruption	125 % of Trip Cost
Travel Delay (6 Hrs. or more)	\$500 ( <i>Max of \$150 per day</i> )	Missed Connection	\$500
Medical Expenses	\$100,000	Baggage & Personal Effects Loss	\$1000
Baggage Delay (24 Hrs. or more)	\$500		
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$50,000 (Includes evacuation & repatriation of remains)		



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## RESERVATION FORM

\_\_\_\_\_ \$3,599 per person, double occupancy \_\_\_\_\_ \$3,999 single room

**Please use legal names as they appear on your passport and include copy of passport**

Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dietary or physical restrictions we should be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be celebrating an occasion? \_\_\_\_\_

**Roommate if not travelling with spouse:** \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dietary or physical restrictions we should be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

**Deposit:** Enclosed is \$500 deposit for \_\_\_\_\_ people(s) **Deposit amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance:** Insurance available only at time of deposit

\_\_\_\_ Yes I have included my insurance at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per person for \_\_\_\_\_ people (s) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ No, I decline the offered insurance

**Total amount enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Payments: \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Master Card \_\_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_\_ Discover

Name of card holder: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of card holder: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

(credit cards subject to 3% fee)

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I (we) have read, understand and am (are) in agreement with the Terms & Conditions of this vacation package.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservation form must be filled out completely, signed and submitted with deposit and copy of passport. # E5262 Fr. Dan