

# Fr. Ebuka Mbanude & Lou of Fratelli & Co. LLC Fatima, Spain & Lourdes

September 21—October 3, 2026

Dear Friends;

This trip/pilgrimage to Fatima / Lourdes / Barcelona, including Avila, Loyola and other places of faith and religious interest has been designed and the itinerary written by Fr. Ebuka Mbanude and I, Lou Falconeri, with many of you who traveled with us last year in mind.

Last year's journey through Italy and the Eternal City (Rome) was a great success and an enjoyable and spiritual journey for most of us.

Father and I discussed something different for next year and have come up with this trip/pilgrimage. If you are receiving this brochure it means that you have responded, with interest, to our email a few weeks ago, or you have expressed interest since.

**Why are you receiving 2 brochures?** I assure you they are the same itinerary and trip. The tour operator for this pilgrimage likes to make up his own brochures and Tour Applications. His contains a lot more pertinent information about the other aspects of the trip, such as; Costs, Insurance, Credit card charges, deposits, etc..... My brochure gives you mainly information about the day by day trip and some Inclusions & Exclusions.

Copy and paste the link below for a copy of Peter's Way brochure & Tour application.

<https://petersway.com/docs/1366LouisFalconeriPortugalSpain2026.pdf>

To register for this trip, please fill out the Registration form and mail it in to:

**Peter's Way Tours, 425 Broadhollow Road, Melville, NY 11747** along with your **deposit for \$500. + the Travel Insurance (if you are taking it).**

Father Ebuka and I would like to be kept informed about who has sent in a deposit for the trip. Please contact us to let us know at:

[louis@fratelliandcompany.com](mailto:louis@fratelliandcompany.com) or Father at: [nzeebuka@gmail.com](mailto:nzeebuka@gmail.com)

Please do not hesitate or procrastinate as the spaces go quickly! Last year we had a wait list of about 12 people, who, unfortunately, we could not accommodate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at the above email address.

Thank you & God Bless

(May the Holy Virgin, the Immaculate Conception, guide us and make this another successful pilgrimage).

Sincerely,

Lou

Fratelli & Co. Group Travel







# Fr. Ebuka Mbanude

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of Peace, Washington, DC

presents

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**Highlights: Fatima/Salamanca/Avila/  
Zaragoza/Loyola/Lourdes/Montserrat/  
Barcelona and more...**





*Dear Friends ;*

*I am pleased to announce that St. Francis Xavier Parish will be going on an exciting and spiritually nourishing pilgrimage Fatima, Lourdes and Barcelona. This pilgrimage promises to encourage your Catholic faith and enhance your sense of beauty as you behold the beautiful churches that have served as testament to our faith. The trip will cover some the major Churches and attractions of these magnificent cities. We have arranged for excellent guides knowledgeable in church history and deeply committed to the faith to give us inspiring and factual points of some of the most sacred places we hold dear as Catholics.*

*Sincerely Yours in Christ,*

*Fr. Ebuka Mbanude*

## **ITINERARY**

### **Day 1. September 21. Monday: Depart for Portugal**

Today: Depart Washington Dulles International Airport via United Airlines for the overnight transatlantic flight to Lisbon. Portugal. Dinner, breakfast, and beverages will be served on board. (D)

### **Day 2. September 22. Tuesday: Arrive in Lisbon / Fatima**

Arrive at Lisbon International Airport. We will proceed through Passport Control and baggage claim. We meet a our tour manager upon our exit from Customs. Board our private coach and WG will be on our way to Lisbon for an orientation tour of this beautiful Portuguese city. We will visit the Church of St. Anthony in Lisbon, where in 1195, the patron saint of Portugal was born. **Lunch on your own.** Continue to Lisbon Cathedral and see the baptismal font used to baptize St. Anthony. Then we will pass by the Belem Quarter, Belem Tower, 25 April Bridge, Discoveries Monument, and St. Jerome's Monastery. After our orientation tour of Lisbon, we will continue to Fatima, where the Blessed Mother appeared in 1917 to three shepherd children and exhorted humanity to *pray* for world peace (1.5-hour bus ride). Check In at our hotel in Fatima. **Dinner (included)** at the hotel restaurant. We will **Celebrate Mass at Fatima Shrine. 9:30 pm Rosary in the Chapel of the Apparitions and Candlelight procession.** Overnight at our hotel In Fatima. (D)



### **Day 3 September 23 Wednesday: Fatima/ Valinhos/ Aljustrel**

After breakfast at *our* hotel, we will **celebrate Mass** in the Chapel of the Apparitions.

Afterward, *our* guide will take us on a tour of the Shrine of Fatima, built on the site of the apparitions of *Our Lady of Fatima* to the three shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco. Visit the tombs of the child saints of Fatima, the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, and the Basilica of the Holy Trinity. We will then visit Aljustrel, the hamlet where the three children lived, as well as Valinhos, where *Our Lady* appeared after the children's return from prison. We will also visit the church where the children were baptized. If time permits, we will follow the Stations of the Cross along the *Via Sacra*, built by Hungarian refugees, which culminates in the Chapel of Calvary. **Lunch on your own.** The rest of the day will be free for private devotions. **Dinner (included)** and overnight at our hotel in Fatima. 9:30 pm Rosary in the Chapel of the Apparitions and Candlelight procession. (B,D)

### **Day 4. September 24. Thursday: Fatima / Salamanca / Alba de Tormes/Avila**

Breakfast at *our* hotel. This morning, we'll leave Fatima and drive to Salamanca, a UNESCO World Heritage City, known both for its monumental sights and its great university. After **lunch (on your own)** in Salamanca. We will continue to Alba de Tormes. It is here where St. Teresa established her 8th Foundation and later passed away. Though her body was moved to another location after her death, we will visit her 8th Foundation to memorialize the saint. **We will celebrate Mass at the Convent.** After Mass, we continue to Avila, the City of Kings and of Saints, completely encircled by 11th century walls. They contribute to the defining image of the warring and monastic center that Avila has been able to maintain throughout the years. Check-in at our hotel. **Dinner (included)** and overnight in Avila



### Day 5 September 25 Friday: Avila

This morning, after breakfast, we will explore Avila, seeing St. Vincent's Church, one of the most monumental complexes of Avila. Continue to the Cathedral, which house the relics of St. Teresa, and the Convent of St. Teresa, built over the house where she was born. It contains her relics, along with those of St. John of the Cross, in a small museum. We continue to the Monastery of the Incarnation, where St. Teresa lived for the first 27 years of her religious life and for three years during her term of prioress beginning in 1571. Here she had many mystical experiences. **We will celebrate Mass in the chapel, which commemorates the trans-verberation,"** [ *a religious experience where a person's heart is pierced by a "dart of love," often described as a mystical wound, symbolizing an intense spiritual union with God, usually experienced as a form of divine ecstasy* ] **or piercing, of St. Teresa's heart.**



After Mass, visit the Convent of San Jose, the first monastery of Discalced Carmelites founded by St. Teresa. Group stop for lunch (cost not included). Balance of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Avila. (B,D)

### Day 6. September 26. Saturday: Avila/Segovia/Zaragoza

This morning, after breakfast, we'll leave Avila and continue to Segovia, where St. Teresa founded her 9<sup>th</sup> convent in 1574. The foundation's opening Mass was celebrated by St. John of the Cross. We will visit the convent to venerate the remains of St. John of the Cross. We will celebrate Mass at the Convent. After Mass, enjoy a stroll in the Old Quarter of Segovia, known for its Roman aqueduct, Cathedral, and spectacular view of the Alcazar fortress from the Eresm River. **Lunch (on your own).** We will continue on to Segovia and then to Zaragoza. Check-in at our hotel. *Dinner (included)* and overnight at our hotel in Zaragoza. (B,)D)



### Day 7 September 27 Sunday: Zaragoza/Azpeitia/Lovola/Lourdes

This morning, after breakfast, we will visit the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar, an important pilgrimage site. Tradition holds that Our Lady, prior to her Assumption, appeared to St. James to encourage him in his mission of evangelization. As a sign of her protection, Mary left him the pillar with a statue in her image. The pillar, which still emits an extraordinary fragrance, can be venerated in the church.



After our visit we continue to Azpeitia to visit the baroque monastery of St. Ignatius de Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order. Visit the Basilica of St. Ignatius and Loyola Castle, where St. Ignatius Loyola was born. We will celebrate Mass at the Shrine. After Mass, continue across the Spanish/French border through the Pyrenees mountains to Lourdes. **Lunch (on your own).** This afternoon we will arrive in the picturesque town of Lourdes. Few are prepared for the experience of the sheer beauty of this place. You will meet other pilgrims imbued with the loving spirit that permeates the town. At night, they stroll the narrow streets singing and laughing and filled with joy. Whether pilgrims experience a miracle or not, they consider it miracle enough to find themselves, at last, in Lourdes.



Check-in at our hotel and freshen up. **Dinner (included)** at the hotel restaurant.

At 9:00 pm join in the candlelight procession, recitation of the Rosary, and singing of hymns to honor the Mother of God. Everyone is invited to carry a lighted candle as a reminder of their baptism. Overnight at our hotel in Lourdes. (B,D)



### **Day 8 September 28 Monday: Lourdes Sanctuary**

Celebrate Mass at the Grotto (*to be confirmed*). After Mass, we will embark on a walking tour of Lourdes to visit places associated with the life of young Bernadette. The places include the Boly Mill, where St. Bernadette was born; the Local Mill, residence of her parents; the "Cochot," formerly used as a jail where she lived at the time of the Apparitions, the chapel where St. Bernadette received her First Holy Communion and the Parish church containing the Baptismal Font where she was baptized. **Lunch (on your own). Dinner (included)** overnight at our hotel in Lourdes. (B,D)

The afternoon is free for private devotions.

Some of the events available to you are:

The Baths 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm (*Schedule subject to change*).

Rosary at the Grotto at 3:00 pm

Adoration 12:00 am - 4:00 pm *Crypt*

The Chapel of Reconciliation is open daily

Film about Lourdes at 4:00 pm

At 9:00 pm All may join in the candlelight procession, recitation of the Rosary, and singing of hymns to honor the Mother of God.



### **Day 9 September 29 Tuesday: Lourdes Sanctuary**

Celebrate Mass at the Grotto (*to be confirmed*).

Full day at leisure for private devotions and to enjoy the activities in Lourdes.

Some of the events available to you are:

The Baths 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm (*Schedule subject to change*).

Rosary at the Grotto at 3:00 pm

Adoration 12:00 am - 4:00 pm *Crypt*

The Chapel of Reconciliation is open daily

Film about Lourdes at 4:00 pm

At 9:00 pm All may join in the candlelight procession, recitation of the Rosary, and singing of hymns to honor the Mother of God.

**Dinner (included)** and overnight at our hotel in Lourdes. (B,D)



### **Day 10 September 30 Wednesday: Montserrat/Barcelona**



This morning, after breakfast, we will leave Lourdes for Montserrat. After **lunch (on your own)**, we'll visit the Benedictine Abbey of Montserrat. For over a thousand years, pilgrims from everywhere in Europe have made their way to the Benedictine Shrine of the Cherished Black Madonna, said to have been carved by St. Luke.

We will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat and the Benedictine Monastery standing 2,379 feet above sea level, surrounded by jagged peaks and massive rock formations that present a fantastic primeval appearance. We will celebrate Mass at the Shrine. Later in the afternoon, we'll continue to Barcelona and enjoy a panoramic tour. We will visit Montjuic Hill, the site of the 1992 Olympics, and enjoy a spectacular view over Barcelona.

Check-in at our hotel. **Dinner (included)** and overnight at our hotel in Barcelona

### **Day 11 October 1 Thursday: Highlights of Barcelona / Sagrada Familia**

After breakfast, we begin our day with a visit to the art deco work of native Antonio Gaudi, La Sagrada Familia (*Church of the Holy Family*). Due to Gaudi's untimely death, the church which he first started work in 1884 was left incomplete in 1926. The design was begun in conventional Neo-Gothic style. He completed the crypt, the famous Nativity facade with its four tall spires and the porch laden with naturalistic sculptures. The work was rebegan in 1940 at a great disadvantage. Gaudi had left no plans and no one was able to imitate his free interpretation of the Gothic motifs. The church has become a symbolic monument for Barcelona. We will celebrate Mass in La Sagrada Familia (Gaudi's Tomb). After Mass, we continue to the Gothic Quarter to visit the Cathedral and Las Ramblas. **Lunch (on your own) and a free** afternoon to explore Barcelona on your own. **Dinner (included)** and overnight at our hotel in Barcelona. (B,D)



### **Day 12. October 2, Friday: Full day at leisure in Barcelona**



Today will be a full day at leisure in Barcelona. You can re-visit some of the sights again or chose from other optional excursions of this magnificent city. Be adventurous and go from cantina to Cantina tasting the delicious “tapas”.

Barcelona boasts a rich history and culture, making it a fantastic destination for sightseeing.

**Dinner (included)** and overnight at our hotel in Barcelona. {B,D)

#### **Things to do on your own:**

##### **Exploring history and culture**

Wander the narrow, winding streets of Barcelona's oldest district and admire the well-preserved medieval architecture. Visit the Barcelona Cathedral, explore hidden squares, and immerse yourself in the city's history. Located in the Gothic Quarter, this museum houses an extensive collection of Picasso's work, tracing his artistic evolution from student to master.

Take the funicular to the top of Montjuïc hill for panoramic views of Barcelona. Explore the , visit art museums like the and , or simply enjoy the beautiful gardens.

This bohemian neighborhood in the heart of the historic center is known for its artisanal boutiques, cozy cafes, tapas bars, and the .

##### **Relaxation and enjoyment**

Stroll along this famous tree-lined boulevard, enjoying the vibrant atmosphere, street performers, shops, and restaurants.

Relax on the sand, swim in the Mediterranean, or enjoy fresh seafood at one of the many restaurants along the promenade.

This expansive park offers green spaces for relaxation, a zoo, and museums.

A fun destination for families, this historic amusement park features thrilling rides and incredible city views.

##### **Food and drink**

La Boqueria market: A vibrant food market near Las Ramblas where you can sample fresh produce, tapas, seafood, and cured meats.

Tapas and Cava: Indulge in the local culinary scene by trying tapas at traditional bars and enjoying Cava, Catalonia's sparkling wine.

### **Day 13. October 3. Saturday: Return from Barcelona**

This morning, we'll be transferred to Barcelona Airport for our direct return flight to the USA. Arrive home the same day. (B)



## **INCLUSIONS:**

Airlines: Round-trip economy class via United Airlines: Dulles/Lisbon-Barcelona/Dulles.

U.S. departure tax; Customs user fee; security and all airport departure tax.

Accommodations: Eleven (11) nights' accommodations with private facilities in twin rooms at first class hotels throughout your tour.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner daily. All dinners include two glasses of wine and mineral water.

Coach Transportation: Local modern deluxe motor-coach transportation, upon arrival and available for the entire tour.

Tour Management: One full-time, multilingual tour manager will be on the motor coach throughout the entire tour, including arrival and departure transfers. Peter's Way tour managers and overseas office staff are easily available 24 hours daily to render assistance whenever needed.

Excursions: All sightseeing, conducted by licensed, professional, English-speaking guides as outlined in the day-by-day tour itinerary.

Entrance fees to all sights, as per itinerary included.

Portage of one piece of luggage, per person, at hotels throughout.

Coordination of daily liturgies.

## **EXCLUSIONS:**

Health, trip cancellation/interruption or baggage insurance. All are strongly recommended. Peter's Way offers a comprehensive policy at additional cost.

Passport & visa costs, if any.

U.S. Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months after return date.

Items of a personal nature (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.).

Meals not specified in the program.

Gratuities to Guides and drivers.

Items not specifically mentioned above.

## **- FLIGHT SCHEDULES—**

Tentative flight schedule via United Airlines from Washington Dulles International Airport: (subject to confirmation by November 15, 2025)

Departure City	Arrival City	Airline/Flight	Departure Date/Time	Arrival Date/Time
Dulles IAD	Lisbon LIS	United Airlines# 942	September 21-10:15 pm	September 22 - 10:30am
Barcelona BCN	DullesIAD	United Airlines# 991	October 3-11:15 am	October 3 - 2:25pm

## **PASSPORTS**

**Make two copies of all of your travel documents (passports picture page) in case of an emergency or loss and leave one with a trusted friend or relative.**

Travel to European Countries in the Schengen Area

Entry into any of the 26 European countries in the Schengen area for short-term tourism, a business trip, or in transit to a non-Schengen destination, requires that your passport be valid for at least six months beyond your intended date of return. Because many Schengen countries assume all travelers will stay the full 6 months allowed for \*visa-free visitors, we recommend that U.S. citizens:

- Have at least **six month's validity remaining** on your passport whenever you travel abroad.
- Check the expiration date on your passport carefully before traveling to Europe.