

# FATIMA *and* SANTIAGO de COMPOSTELA

*First we start with a visit to Fatima, where Our Blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children with her message of love and call to conversion. Continue north to Santiago de Compostela to El Camino, "The Way of St. James" and its beautiful Cathedral.*



**DAY 1: NEW YORK/LISBON** - We depart on an international overnight flight to Lisbon. Dinner and breakfast are served on board.

**DAY 2: LISBON/FATIMA** - Upon arrival in Lisbon, we are greeted by our tour guide, and next board our deluxe motorcoach for a panoramic tour of the charming Portuguese capital. See the Belem Tower, St. Jeronimos Monastery dedicated to the Virgin Mary, the Monument to the Discoveries and the Basilica of St. Anthony that was built on the site where Saint Anthony of Padua was born in 1195. Then, continue to Fatima with a stop in Santarem, one of the oldest cities in the world. Visit the Church of St. Stephen, which houses the Miracle of the Bleeding Host on continuous display since 1269 AD. Mass can be celebrated here before we depart for Fatima, arriving in the afternoon to check into our hotel. In the evening you can participate in a memorable Rosary and the Candlelight Procession which begins in the Little Chapel of the Apparitions (Capelinha). Dinner and overnight in Fatima. (D)

**DAY 3: FATIMA** - After breakfast we discover the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. We begin with visit to the pristine Basilica which contains the tombs of St. Jacinta, St. Francisco and Sister Lucia. Continue to the Little Chapel of the Apparitions where Our Lady first appeared to the three shepherd



children on May 13, 1917. We celebrate mass here and light a candle. The balance of the day at leisure for private reflection, prayer, and meditation. Join the Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation available each day at the Basilica. In the evening once again participate in the Rosary and the Candlelight Procession (if available). Dinner and overnight in Fatima. (B/D)

**DAY 4: FATIMA** - In the morning we travel to the hamlet of Aljustrel, the birthplace of the "three little shepherds of Fatima", Lucia dos Santos, Francisco & Jacinta Marto. Our Blessed Lady appeared to three shepherd children from May 13th until October 13th 1917 with her message of love and call to conversion. Then we continue to Valinhos where Our Lady appeared on August 19, 1917 after the children's release from the prison. We visit the church where they were baptized and the local cemetery. We also stop at the sites where the Angel of Peace appeared to the children in 1916 advising them of the future apparitions of the Virgin Mary. Afternoon at leisure for private meditation, prayer, and reflection. After dinner once again experience the Rosary and the Candlelight Procession (if available). Dinner and overnight in Fatima. (B/D)

**DAY 5: FATIMA/COIMBRA/BRAGA/SANTIAGO de COMPOSTELA** - Depart Fatima for Coimbra for a visit to the Carmelite Monastery where Sister Lucia lived for many years prior to her death. Continue to Braga for a visit to Bom Jesus do Monte church, a sanctuary dedicated to the Good Jesus of the Mountain. It is a pilgrimage site with six chapels dedicated to the Passion of Christ. Next is the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Sameiro on the outskirts of Braga, considered to be Portugal's second most important shrine honoring the Virgin Mary. We arrive in Santiago de Compostela late in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Santiago de Compostela. (B/D)

**DAY 6: SANTIAGO de COMPOSTELA** - After breakfast enjoy a full day tour of the medieval city of Santiago de Compostela. We celebrate Mass at a local church and then visit the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, the reputed burial place of Saint James the Great. Tradition invites us to take part in the rites connected to the blessings of St. James. The most important and meaningful one is for us to climb the stairs behind the altar and hug the statue, visit the crypt under the altar holding the relics of St. James and touch the central pillar (Portico de La Gloria). We visit the Cloister Museum before we take an enjoyable stroll through the Plaza del Obradoiro (one of the most famous squares in Santiago de Compostela) and explore the city's narrow streets filled with interesting shops of tiles, jewelry, chocolates, glass, lace, and its fascinating architecture. Dinner and overnight in Santiago de Compostela. (B/D)

**DAY 7: SANTIAGO de COMPOSTELA** - A full day at leisure to explore the city on your own or take an optional tour to Pontevedra (at additional cost). Upon arrival, enjoy an orientation tour of Pontevedra, a city that dates back to Roman times. Visit the Sanctuary of the Apparitions, a former Dorothean convent where Sister Lucia spent time as a postulant and had a vision of the Blessed Mother requesting the Five First Saturday Devotion. Next, stop at the 16th century Basilica of Saint Mary Major. There will be leisure time to explore this ancient city on your own. Dinner and overnight in Santiago de Compostela. (B/D)

**DAY 8: SANTIAGO de COMPOSTELA /PORTO/ NEW YORK** - After breakfast we transfer to Porto airport for our flight back home arriving the same day. (B)

NOTE: the Rosary & the Candlelight Procession in Fatima are not daily during the winter (between December & March). Only on Saturday.