



Dear Friends,

Join me, Fr. Ted Lucas, and Fr. Peter Colletti for the experience of a lifetime on a pilgrimage to Lourdes and Paris, France. Journey to Lourdes, France where the Blessed Virgin Mary

appeared to St. Bernadette 18 times. It may be that Disney World is the happiest place on earth but without a doubt Lourdes is the holiest place on earth. Upon entering the Grotto and touching the rock upon which the Blessed Virgin stood you will know you are touching heaven. St. Bernadette wrote that she was absolutely compelled to return to the place where she saw "that One" our Blessed Mother, Mary. You too are called by Mary to come to Lourdes to experience the fullness of God's peace and His Holy and Profound Presence. You will never be the same after your journey to Lourdes. God will abundantly bless you for your efforts in making a pilgrimage.

We will attend daily mass, have the opportunity to bathe in the miraculous waters of Lourdes, Celebrate the Blessing of the Sick, and join the breathtaking Candlelight Procession. There will also be time to visit the local parish that contains the font where St. Bernadette was baptized; the "Cachot" or jail cell where St. Bernadette lived with her family during the time of the Apparitions; the chapel where St. Bernadette made her first communion; and see the beauty of the Pyrenees Mountains.

After we conclude our Pilgrimage in Lourdes we will visit Paris – the City of Lights! Marvel at the Cathedral of Notre Dame. Pray at the Basilique du Sacré-Cœur or Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The basilica is located at the summit of the butte Montmartre, the highest point in the city. Visit the Eiffel Tower – National Landmark and breathtaking at Night. Go the Louvre Museum to see the Mona Lisa. This is a trip you will never forget!

I hope you can join Fr. Peter and myself on this most amazing journey.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ted Lucas

TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip airfare from Cleveland.
- Accommodations at first class/select hotels in twin-bedded rooms with private bath.
- Most meals.
- Comprehensive sightseeing throughout.
- All service charges and local hotel taxes.
- \$100,000 Automatic Flight insurance.*

*Subject to policy terms and limitations.

YOUR DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY

MON, SEP 6 – CLEVELAND/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Depart Cleveland today on board your overnight transatlantic jet flight to France, arriving the following day. Enroute enjoy dinner followed by a full length movie.

TUE, SEP 7 – ARRIVE FRANCE/LOURDES

Your spiritual pilgrimage begins with your arrival in France. Proceed to the shrine city of Lourdes where Mary appeared in 1858 to a young shepherd girl. (D)

WED, SEP 8 – LOURDES

Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared in the Grotto of Massabielle to the poor shepherd girl, Bernadette, a total of 18 times. Scratching the ground as instructed by the Virgin, Bernadette saw a miraculous spring well up where none had existed before. Celebrate International Mass, bathe in the Miraculous Waters, and participate in the Blessing of the Sick and the Torchlight Procession. (B,D)

THU, SEP 9 – LOURDES

This morning you will visit the places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including the Grotto of Apparitions, Rosary Basilica, Basilica of St. Pius X, the Way of the Cross over the Hillside, the chapel and altar where Bernadette received her first communion, and Le Cachot, where Bernadette lived during the time of the apparitions. Celebrate Mass at one of the many altars, and participate in the Blessing of the Sick and the Torchlight Procession. (B,D)

FRI, SEP 10 – LOURDES

Celebrate Mass at one of the many altars, bathe in the Miraculous Waters, participate in the Blessing of the Sick and the Torchlight Procession. Time for prayer and personal devotion. (B,D)

SAT, SEP 11 – LOURDES

Celebrate Mass at one of the many altars, bathe in the Miraculous Waters, participate in the Blessing of the Sick and the Torchlight Procession. Time for prayer and personal devotion. (B,D)