

# MONSIGNOR RONALD BROWNE

INVITES YOU TO EXPERIENCE

## *Lourdes & Fatima*

AUGUST 15-24, 2017



### Your 10 Day Pilgrimage Includes

- Eight (8) nights' accommodations at 3-4 star hotels:
  - 2 nights in Lourdes
  - 1 night in Zaragoza
  - 3 nights in Avila
  - 2 nights in Fatima
- Continental breakfast daily
- Five (5) dinners, including a Welcome and Farewell Dinner
- Luxury motor coach for airport transfers in France & Portugal\* and for specified sightseeing in Europe
- Tour escort while in Europe
- Local guides according to itinerary
- Sightseeing and entrance fees according to itinerary
- Daily Mass in unique and historical churches
- Hotel & city taxes and portorage for 1 piece of luggage
- Round trip scheduled commercial air from Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) to Toulouse (TLS) and returning from Lisbon Portela Airport (LIS) to Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) (including fuel surcharges and government imposed fees of \$575 as of 09/01/16; final amount subject to change)

\* Only for passengers traveling with group airfare

**Day 1** ✂ Tuesday, August 15: Depart USA

Depart from USA on overnight flights to Lourdes, France.

**Day 2** ✂ Wednesday, August 16: Arrive in Lourdes



This morning, arrive in France and meet your European tour escort. Transfer by motorcoach to Lourdes, located at the foot of the Pyrenees Mountains in the southwest of France. One of the most important pilgrimage sites for over 140 years, Lourdes is the birthplace of St. Bernadette to whom Our Lady appeared in 1858 near the Grotto of Massabielle.

Settle into your hotel and celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (pending confirmation). This evening, join the Candlelight Procession where thousands of visitors pray the Rosary and sing hymns in honor of the Mother of God. Welcome Dinner and overnight in Lourdes. (D)

**Day 3** ✂ Thursday, August 17: Lourdes

Today celebrate Mass at the famous Lourdes Grotto and then walk in the footsteps of St. Bernadette. See Boly Mill where St. Bernadette was born and the Cachot, an abandoned prison, where Bernadette's impoverished family lived. This afternoon is free for personal prayer. Visit the healing baths, pray the life-size Stations of the Cross, or visit one of the many confessionals. This evening, attend the blessing of the sick and participate in the nightly candlelight procession requested by Our Lady. Enjoy dinner on your own and overnight in Lourdes. (CB)

**Day 4** ✂ Friday, August 18: Zaragoza



This morning depart for Zaragoza, once the seat of the ancient kingdom of Aragon. Upon arrival, visit the site of the world's first Marian apparition, the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar and celebrate Mass (pending confirmation). It is recorded

that after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, Saint James was preaching the Gospel in Spain, but was disheartened because of the difficulty of his task. The Blessed Mother appeared and reassured him in his mission. A column of jasper in her image remains there to this day. Enjoy a group dinner tonight. Overnight in Zaragoza. (CBID)

**Day 5** ✂ Saturday, August 19: Agreda | Avila

This morning depart for Avila, a medieval walled city that is one of the best preserved in the world. Enroute, stop in the charming town of Agreda, home to Venerable Maria of Jesus, a 16th century nun known for her sanctity and mystical visions. Visit the convent where she lived and pray at her tomb, where her incorrupt body lies. Celebrate Mass in Agreda before continuing on to Avila. Known as the "city of stones, city of saints", Avila is dedicated to St. Teresa the great mystic and the first woman to be named a Doctor of the Church. Visit the places that speak of her life, including her struggles and her calling. Dinner and overnight in Avila. (CBID)

**Day 6** ✂ Sunday, August 20: Madrid



Today, enjoy a guided tour of the highlights of Madrid with a local guide, including the Plaza Espana, the Royal Palace and the Puerta de Alcala. Enjoy a tour of the Cathedral and stop at the Church of San Francisco el Grande to celebrate Mass (pending

confirmation). Continue on to the grand Plaza Mayor, the main square in Madrid, a place that teems with activity. This afternoon includes free time for shopping and exploring. Return to Avila for dinner on your own and overnight. (CB)

**Day 7** ✂ Monday, August 21: Segovia

Today visit Segovia to see the highlights of this city full of ancient architecture and history. Visit the famous Alcazar Castle built before the 13th century and the ancient, intact Roman aqueducts. Celebrate Mass at the Carmelite Convent, where St. John of the Cross is buried, and meditate on his life and spiritual works (pending confirmation). Tour the Cathedral of Segovia in the Plaza Mayor which stands at a commanding height of 345 feet against the Segovia skyline. This Gothic Cathedral was dedicated to the Virgin Mary and continues to be a place of worship and prayer for Catholics around the world. Return to Avila for dinner on your own and overnight. (CB)

**Day 8** ✂ Tuesday, August 22: Fatima



Depart this morning for Fatima, one of the most important Catholic pilgrimage destinations in the world. Between the months of May 13 and October 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared six times to three shepherd children telling them that she had been sent by God with a message for every man, woman and

child living in our century. Enroute visit the Carmelite convent in Albe de Tormes, the Monastery of la Encarnación, where St. Teresa lived for 20 years. It is here that St. Teresa died in 1582 and currently her tomb and her reliquary reside above the altar. Celebrate Mass and continue on to Fatima. Dinner and overnight in Fatima. (CBID)

**Day 9** ✂ Wednesday, August 23: Fatima

Today, tour the Basilica of Fatima and see the tombs of the shepherd children Jacinta and Francesco. Also visit the Chapel of Apparitions where Our Lady appeared, the Chapel of Adoration and the Miraculous Fountain. This afternoon, see the Hamlet of Aljustrel, where the children lived, and Valinhos, the site of Our Lady's appearance after the children's return from prison. Visit the church where the children were baptized. Celebrate Mass at the Chapel of Apparitions (pending confirmation). Farewell dinner and overnight in Fatima. (CBID)

**Day 10** ✂ Thursday, August 24: Return to USA

Transfer to Lisbon airport for your flights home.



# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**PRICING TERMS:** These are outlined adjacent to the estimated selling price listed in this brochure.

**PAYMENT TERMS:** In order to meet deposit schedules with suppliers for this tour, CTS asks for prompt payment on the requested dates. Please see the reservation form for the payment schedule. Late payments may result in cancellation of your reservation. CTS also accepts Visa and MasterCard for payment. Traveler agrees not to dispute any credit card charges associated with this trip.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** All cancellations must be received in writing. Forfeit \$100 for cancellations between time of deposit and 3/18/17. Forfeit \$350 for cancellations between 3/18/17 and 5/7/17. Forfeit \$1,600 for cancellation between 5/7/17 and 6/16/17. After 6/16/17, there will be no refund. Penalties will be according to the fax or postmark date.

**CANCELLATION INSURANCE:** CTS highly recommends the purchase of travel insurance, to protect your investment, in case you cancel from the trip, and to provide certain medical coverage while you are outside the USA. However, many travel insurance policies narrowly construe unrest and terror related events which may limit your ability to cancel and secure a refund due to your fear to travel. Therefore, if you are nervous about traveling because of unrest, terrorist threats or other reasons, you should consider purchasing a travel insurance policy that has a provision allowing you to "Cancel for Any Reason." These policies generally allow a refund of 50 to 75% of trip cost, for any reason, but the terms vary depending on the insurance carrier chosen and the terms of the policy purchased. Consideration of such policies is important because CTS adheres strictly to the "Cancellation Policy" which is specified in the sales brochure. In order to receive optimum insurance coverage, travel insurance must often be purchased within 10 days of trip deposit.

**PASSPORT:** A valid U.S. Passport is required of all passengers. Please apply for your passport immediately as passports may take a long time to process. Make sure to have it in your possession at all times while on tour. **It must be valid for 6 months following the return date of the trip or boarding or entry into the destination may be denied. Please provide CTS with a copy of the inside page of your passport (showing your name and photo) at the time of reservation.**

## GROUP AIR:

**Group Air Restrictions:** Due to the airlines' reduced capacity and restrictive group reservation terms, group air reservations are often difficult to coordinate. The number of connections, length of layovers, and all conditions surrounding air travel cannot be guaranteed and may change before departure. Accordingly, if you require specific air travel needs and are not flexible concerning group air travel, you may wish to consider purchasing a Land-Only package and secure your own preferred air arrangements.

**Deviations:** Not allowed on group air tickets. If you want to travel on different dates, you must take travel land only (see topic below) and purchase your own independent flight tickets.

**Group Air Seat Assignments:** Please note that group seats are assigned "at the discretion of the airline", although every effort will be made to fulfill requests, **SPECIFIC SEAT ASSIGNMENTS CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED.** Seat numbers will not be advised until check in at the airport. If you require specific seats, Corporate Travel suggests you book the tour package as "Land Only" and arrange your own air. Note that 'bulkhead' and 'exit row' seats are assigned by the carrier at the airport.

**Group Air Mileage Credit - Reduced:** It is common for carriers to give partial or no credit for group flights. It is important to give your frequent flyer number when checking in at the airport to make sure any eligible miles will be recorded.

**Group Air Not Upgradable:** Group Air is economy class and is not upgradable to first class, business, economy plus, etc. To travel with an upgrade, you must choose "Land Only" and book independent air. (See "Land Only" topic.)

**Land Only:** Those electing to make their own air arrangements will travel "Land Only". In this case, you must notify Corporate Travel no less than 120 days before departure, be responsible for meeting the group at a specified location and time on the tour, and sign a Corporate Travel Land Only Waiver. Land only passengers are responsible for arranging and the cost of transfers to and from the airport. **NOTE:** Do not purchase independent Air Tickets until notified in writing that the minimum group size has been met and the trip will definitely operate.

**Flight Cancellations and Delays:** Corporate Travel will not be responsible for any loss incurred by travelers due to a cancelled flight or other means of transportation. Please investigate purchasing travel insurance to cover any type of loss associated with cancelled air or other transportation.

**Hazardous Materials:** Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard the aircraft, in your luggage, or on your person. A violation can result in five years imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 USD or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives, and radioactive materials.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** Unless otherwise notified, CTS will mail you your travel information approximately 10-14 days before departure.

**ITINERARY:** The Itinerary as presented in this brochure is tentative and represents what we are planning for you, however it is subject to confirmations from many organizations. Because of changes in local schedules, we may need to alter specified events, dates and/or venues to better fit the overall plan. The right is reserved to alter or cancel the itinerary, at CTS's sole discretion, as it may deem necessary or advisable.

**GRATUITIES:** Gratuities for your escort, driver and guides are not included. In Europe it is customary to tip the escort four (4) Euros and the driver three (3) Euros per person per day. The tip for the local guides is usually about one (1) Euro for half-day tours and two (2) Euros for full day tours.

**ROOMS:** Tour prices are per person according to a room type: a "Single" room is one person in a room and a "Double" is two persons in one room. Triples are one double bed with two persons sharing the bed and one single bed. Triples are not always available and are discouraged because of cramped quarters.

**LUGGAGE:** Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour.

**Checked Baggage: Fees are not included in this tour package price.** Most airlines charge fees ranging from free to \$75 per bag one way. If traveling with group air, the air carrier for your flight will be announced in your final travel documents and an online link provided to learn the exact charges of your carrier. (Note: The website [flybags.com](http://flybags.com) may be helpful and gives sample fees for all carriers.) Checked baggage is limited to **one** bag per person. There can be no exceptions. For most airlines, the one checked bag is limited to **50 pounds and 62 inches** (length + width + height). If these specifications are exceeded, excess charges may be collected by the airline at the airport. Do not lock baggage you intend to check in at the airport. Please confirm these specifications when you receive your final travel documents, as they can and do change.

**Carry On Luggage:** You may also bring a small carry-on bag that will fit under an airline seat and on the small parcel racks of the motor coach, which average about 8 inches high by 18 inches deep. It is best if your carry-on bag is soft sided, as the parcel racks on the motor coaches are small. Currently, travelers are allowed to transport only small amounts of liquids, gels, lotions, aerosols or similar items on their person or in their carry-on luggage. Details will be in your final travel documents.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Travelers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking, as motor coaches are not permitted to pick up and drop off in front of major attractions. The tour is not wheelchair accessible and is not suitable for motorized scooters, walkers, and canes. Any special medical conditions or equipment must be advised in writing, for evaluation of feasibility, at the time of making your reservation. Should any special assistance be required, traveler agrees to bring a companion capable and willing to assist traveler.

**CHILDREN UNDER 18:** For a minor under the age of 18 to travel out of the United States without both parents or legal guardians, a notarized affidavit from the non-travelling parent(s) or guardian(s) must be obtained and presented upon departure and return to the United States. You may request a form from our office.

**STATE DEPARTMENT & OTHER AGENCIES:** From time to time the State Department ([www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)) and the Center for Disease Control ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)) and other government agencies and departments issue travel advisories or warnings for one or more of the destinations that you may be visiting on tour. We encourage you to contact these agencies directly to obtain the most current information. CTS cannot change the cancellation terms or conditions based on the issuance of any such warning or advisory or the occurrence of any terror, health or other incident in one or more of the places this tour is scheduled to visit. All cancellation penalties remain in full force and effect.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** CTS may take photographs or film of its trips and trip participants, and participant grants CTS express permission to do so and for CTS to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any fee or royalties.

**UNUSED SERVICES:** There is no right to a refund for any unused services including airline tickets.

**PARTIAL PACKAGES NOT AVAILABLE:** Tour Packages are offered only as described in this brochure, at the stated price. For liability reasons, it is not possible to purchase a partial package.

**CHANGES:** Changes in any of the terms and conditions can be made only in writing signed by an officer of CTS.

**PARTICIPATION:** CTS reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any participant on any of its tours if, in its sole discretion, it deems accepting or retaining any such participant as being detrimental to the tour. In the event any participant is removed from a trip, CTS's only obligation is to refund to that person that portion of the payment allocable to unused services.

**BINDING ARBITRATION:** Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to these Terms and Conditions or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Dearborn Heights, Michigan, in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association then existent. Substantive (but not procedural) Michigan law shall apply in any such arbitration. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract. Including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

