

Inspirational Tours, Inc.

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13 Day Tour
Shrines of France

Lisieux ❖ Normandy Beaches ❖ Mont St. Michel
Paris ❖ Nevers ❖ Lourdes ❖ Toulouse

August 6 – 18, 2027 $5,290.00 Per Person From Houston

Includes: *Roundtrip Air Transportation From Houston, Hotels As Listed Per Itinerary, Double Occupancy, Daily Sightseeing, Daily Mass, 3 Meals A Day – Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner, Airport Taxes, Fuel Surcharges - Which Are Subject To Change, And Tips To Guides, Drivers, And Hotels Staffs.*

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13 DAY TRAVEL ITINERARY

AUG 6 / DAY 01 HOUSTON / PARIS

Our spiritual journey begins as we gather at the airport to board our transatlantic flight from Houston to Paris. En route to the land of great saints, mystics, and martyrs, we offer our travel up in prayer, preparing our hearts for the graces of this holy pilgrimage.

AUG 7 / DAY 02 PARIS / ROUEN / LISIEUX: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JOAN OF ARC

Arrive in Paris, where we are greeted by our pilgrimage guide. We board our motorcoach and journey into the heart of Normandy. Our first stop is the historic city of Rouen, where we recall the heroic martyrdom of St. Joan of Arc at the place of her witness. We continue our journey to the peaceful town of Lisieux for check-in and dinner.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: Rouen Cathedral

AUG 8 / DAY 03 LISIEUX: THE LITTLE WAY OF ST. THÉRÈSE

Today is dedicated to St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the "Little Flower" and Doctor of the Church. We visit the Carmel of Lisieux for Mass and to venerate her sacred relics. We will also visit the small museum next to the Chapel. In the afternoon, we look up and visit the breathtaking Basilica of St. Thérèse, a monument of thanksgiving for her "Little Way" of spiritual childhood. Dinner and overnight in Lisieux.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: Chapel of the Carmel



Cathedral of St. Therese

AUG 9 / DAY 04 CAEN / NORMANDY BEACHES: SACRIFICE, PENANCE, AND REMEMBRANCE

We depart early for Caen, the historic "Benedictine City." Here, we visit the magnificent twin abbeys built by William the Conqueror and Queen Matilda as an act of papal penance. From there, we make a solemn journey to the Normandy coast. We stand upon the historic D-Day landing beaches and visit the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach, offering our prayers for the souls of the brave soldiers who laid down their lives for freedom. Continue to Mont St. Michel area for dinner and overnight.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: Église Saint-Pierre de Caen

AUG 10 / DAY 05 MONT ST. MICHEL / PARIS

We behold the awe-inspiring sight of Mont St. Michel, the spectacular medieval Benedictine abbey rising from the sea, dedicated to the Prince of the Heavenly Host. After exploring this marvel of Christendom, we continue to Paris for dinner and overnight.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: Abbey Church of Mont St. Michel

AUG 11 / DAY 06 PARIS: THE GRACES OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

We take a panoramic morning tour of Paris, viewing the Eiffel Tower, Champs-Élysées, and the Arc de Triomphe, culminating at the summit of Montmartre at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart *(Sacré-Cœur)*, where perpetual eucharistic adoration has continued unbroken since 1885. We then immerse ourselves in the spiritual treasures of Paris. Our day begins at the Rue du Bac, kneeling at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830. Here, we pray before the incorrupt remains of St. Catherine and the sacred heart of St. Vincent de Paul. We then walk just two blocks to the Shrine of St. Vincent de Paul to venerate his incorrupt body, drawing inspiration from his life of boundless charity. Dinner and overnight in Paris.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: Chapel of the Miraculous Medal



Mont St. Michel

AUG 12 / DAY 07 PARIS / CHARTRES: THE VEIL OF OUR LADY

This morning we journey to Chartres to marvel at the world's most famous Gothic Cathedral, built 1194-1220s. For over eight centuries, pilgrims have gathered here to venerate the *Sancta Camisia/le Voile e la Vierge*, the sacred veil worn by the Blessed Virgin Mary, donated by Charles the Bald to the Cathedral in 876. View the veil, the unparalled medieval stained glass windows and the original labyrinth on the floor of the Cathedral. Return to Paris for dinner and overnight.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: Chartres Cathedral



Chartres

AUG 13 / DAY 08 PARIS: THE PASSION RELICS AND NOTRE DAME

Today we step into *Sainte-Chapelle*, a jewel-box of Gothic architecture built by the King St. Louis IX to house Christ's precious Crown of Thorns and fragments of the True Cross, which he had brought from Constantinople. We marvel at its towering stained glass, depicting over 1,100 biblical scenes. We then make our way to the newly restored Cathedral of Notre Dame, the spiritual heart of France, to join in prayer and view the sacred Relics of the Passion, hidden during the French Revolution and brought to the Cathedral in 1806. Perhaps some will climb the Cathedral's steps to the bell tower for the wonderful view. Dinner and overnight in Paris.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: Cathedral of Notre Dame

AUG 14 / DAY 09 PARIS / LOURDES: JOURNEY TO THE MARIAN SHRINE

This morning we board the high-speed TGV train, cutting across the beautiful French countryside toward the foothills of the Pyrenees. We arrive in the holy village of Lourdes and check into our hotel. Walk together into the Domaine, the very large, protected area including the Grotto and three basilicas. After dinner, we take our place in the beautiful evening Candlelight Marian Procession, lifting our voices in the *Ave Maria*.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: Grotto of Massabielle

AUG 15 / DAY 10 LOURDES: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

On this glorious Feast Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we participate in a walking pilgrimage of Lourdes. We visit the *Boly Mill* where Bernadette was born, the parish church housing her baptismal font, the *Cachot* where she lived at the time of the apparitions. We then enter the sacred Domain, processing to the Grotto of Massabielle to pray at the miraculous spring revealed by Our Lady. In the evening, we join thousands of faithful from around the world for the Solemn Candlelight Procession.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: Basilica of the Our Lady of the Rosary



Paris – Notre Dame Cathedral

AUG 16 / DAY 11 LOURDES: THE WAY OF THE CROSS

We begin our day with a deeper look into the history of the apparitions at the Museum of the Miracles, followed by a visit to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. In the afternoon, we walk the deeply moving, life-sized Stations of the Cross carved into the hillside, uniting our prayers with Christ's suffering. We gather one final evening for the beautiful Candlelight Procession at the Grotto.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

AUG 17 / DAY 12 TOULOUSE: THE ANGELIC DOCTOR

We depart the peaceful valley of Lourdes for the historic city of Toulouse. Our orientation tour features the magnificent Basilica of St. Sernin, a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture and an ancient stop on the Camino de Santiago. We then visit the Church of the Jacobins to kneel and pray before the tomb of St. Thomas Aquinas, the "Angelic Doctor" and one of the greatest theologians in the history of the Church. Farewell dinner and overnight in Toulouse.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: Basilica of St. Sernin



Our Lady of Lourdes

AUG 18 / DAY 13 TOULOUSE / HOUSTON: THE PILGRIM'S RETURN

With hearts renewed by the sacraments, the intercession of Our Lady, and the witness of the saints, we transfer to the Toulouse airport for our return flights home to Houston. *Deo Gratias!*

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Toulouse

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Tour Price Includes:

Air Transportation: Airfare is based on special contract agreements with various international airlines and include certain restrictions and deadlines. These fares are subject to cancellation penalties, and once tickets are issued, they are **NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE AND CANNOT BE USED TOWARDS FUTURE TRAVEL**. Please refer to our CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY below. Airfare and tour prices are based on prices effective as of **JANUARY 1, 2027** and are subject to change without notice.

Surface/Land Transportation: All surface/land transportation described in the itinerary will be provided by modern motor coach, designed for highway travel. Groups will be met and transferred upon arrival and departure.

Hotels: We only use first-class hotels. Hotel accommodations are based on double occupancy (2 per room). We reserve the right to substitute hotels of similar quality for those specified in the itinerary.

Single Room Supplements: If you would like a single room, there is an additional cost of **$1,700.00** that will be added to the tour price. Single rooms are limited and will be reserved on a first come first serve basis. If you request a roommate and none is available, you will be considered a "forced single," and charged one half (½) of the Single Room Supplement cost.

Meal Plan: Meal plans include three (3) meals per day, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with timing depending on the itinerary. Taxes and service charges normally appearing on restaurant bills are included in the tour price for these meals. **A list of any and all dietary requests or food allergies must be emailed to cathy@inspirationaltoursinc.com for hotel/airline accommodation at least seven (7) days before departure**. We cannot guarantee any dietary accommodations but will make all efforts to secure special dietary requests. In the event airlines or hotels are unable to accommodate dietary requests, you will be responsible for your meals; it is the individual's responsibility to choose appropriate foods while on the tour. Unused meals will NOT be reimbursed.

Baggage: Inspirational Tours, Inc. restricts all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage (max. 50 lbs.) and one (1) carry-on (max. 18 lbs.). **All passengers should check with the airline for up-to-date baggage weight/dimension information and restrictions, which are subject to change at any time before departure.**

Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges: are included in the tour price and are subject to change.

Tips On The Tour: Tips to guides, porters, headwaiters, and drivers are included in the tour price, unless otherwise specified.

The Tour Price Does Not Include: Expenses related to issuance/renewal of passports, laundry, mineral waters, wine & liquor, after-lunch/dinner tea, coffee, or food not included in the meal plan above; additional baggage; expenses of carriages, guides, sightseeing or other services other than those specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary; insurance for baggage or personal trip or health insurance; all items of a personal nature, in addition to those not listed above as being included in the tour price.

Booking Conditions: Deposits and Payment: ***A non-refundable deposit of $300.00 per person***, payable via cash, check or money order, is required at the time of registration. No registration will be processed without a deposit. Invoices for final balances are issued at or near 90 days before departure. Full and final payment is due 60 days before departure. Registrations received within 90 days of departure require payment in full. If there is any outstanding balance by the Final Payment due date listed on your invoice, all travel services will be subject to automatic cancellation and cancellation fees will apply. A service reinstatement fee may be added to your invoice and must be paid in advance in order to apply for reconfirmation of services. **WE ONLY ACCEPT CASH, CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS FOR THE REGISTRATION FEE**. Payment by credit card is accepted ONLY for final balances or payments towards final balances; all credit card payments will be assessed a ***3% non-refundable*** convenience fee, which will be added to the total amount being charged.

Cancellations and Refund Policy: All cancellations **MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING VIA FAX, E-MAIL OR U.S. MAIL**. The date of the cancellation request is the date used for purposes of any assessed cancellation fees. Please note that some Registration Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE as stated on the Registration Form. Cancellation fees (as to any monies paid over the deposit for a tour with a non-refundable deposit) depend on the timing of the cancellation request, and are as follows: request received between time of registration and up to 59 to 45 days prior to departure—cancellation fee of **50%** of tour cost; request received 44 days or less prior to departure through date of departure—assessed **100%** of the tour cost (air and land, and any deviation fees) as the cancellation fee. Additional charges/fees for deviations and/or upgraded seats may require full payment at time of booking/confirmation, and may be non-refundable; **if a non-refundable air ticket has been issued prior to receiving notice of a cancellation request, you will be 100% responsible for those fees, in addition to the cancellation penalties listed above**. Package cancellation fees include airfare. Once airfare is purchased, either at time of booking, including but not limited to, deviations or seat upgrade requests, or at time of full payment, airline tickets will be issued and are always subject to a 100% penalty. Once full payment is received, Inspirational Tours, Inc. will issue airline tickets, which are non-refundable. If the tour is canceled for any reason, including but not limited to, tour leader's decision, decision of Inspirational Tours, Inc., weather or natural disasters, strike, acts of war, terrorism, acts of god, quarantine, disease, virus, epidemic, pandemic, compliance with government orders, travel restrictions issued by the U.S. Department of State, or any other force majeure event, Inspirational Tours, Inc. reserves the right to charge a minimum $300.00 administrative fee per person, plus any non-reimbursable expenses incurred from airlines and/or overseas operators. **ALL RESERVATIONS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON.**

Deviations/Seat Upgrades: Deviation policies vary by airline and are normally allowed only on the return journey, **from the same departing city as the group, and is subject to availability**. There is a **minimum** change fee of $150.00 per person, plus any additional airline charges. Seat upgrade requests may also require additional fees by the airlines and vary. Any additional fees required to be paid by the airline for deviation requests and/or seat upgrade requests will need to be approved by the passenger in writing before confirmed/reserved, and if the request requires payment at the time of confirmation, this must be paid by the passenger at the time requested, and may be non-refundable. **ALL deviation or seat upgrade requests must be made in writing, at least 90 days prior to your departure date.**

Tour Prices: All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements in this tour are based on rates, (including foreign exchange rates), in effect at the time of the original tour agreement with your tour host and Inspirational Tours, Inc. and are subject to increase without notice prior to departure. **NOTE:** Our tours are based on a minimum number of participants. We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any tour for any reason including insufficient participants, or events beyond our control. Any cancellation will be advised at the soonest date possible. Inspirational Tours, Inc. will not be held responsible for any costs related to the issuance and/or cancellation of airline tickets or visa fees that are not refunded by those entities.

Travel Insurance: To protect your travel plans, **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE PURCHASE OF TRIP INSURANCE**. A brochure for a company we recommend will be provided with your deposit confirmation letter, upon our receipt of your registration and deposit. We do not sell travel insurance and travel insurance is not included in the tour price.

Passports: It is your responsibility to provide us with a copy of your current passport with your Registration Form. Validity date on passports must be for at least six (6) months after the date of return of the tour as per the tour dates, or any deviation request. If we do not receive a copy of your current passport, the information you provide on your Registration Form will be used for ticketing purposes. If ANY information provided (name, date of birth, etc.) does not match what is on your passport, you may be subject to penalties or fees for corrections to airline tickets, and/or may be denied boarding by the airline. Any name change, including minor spelling corrections, may require reservations to be canceled and re-booked. Reservations will then be subject to availability and pricing at the time of re-booking; any increase in airfare will be borne by the passenger. Inspirational Tours, Inc. will not be held responsible for the denial of services by a carrier due to any name or passport discrepancies. If you have a passport issued from any country other than the U.S., it is your responsibility to contact the embassies of the countries to be visited to determine if a visa will be required, and if so, it will be your responsibility to obtain such visa before departure. Please contact us for further information if this applies to you.

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