



**A preview of our 2023 World Youth Day
Program Offerings for Your Archdiocese, Diocese,
Parish, or Organization**



WORLD YOUTH DAY | LISBON 2023

At the closing mass of World Youth Day 2019, Panama, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, head of the Vatican's Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, officially announced the location of the next World Youth Day. That site will be Lisbon, Portugal, and will take place in July 2022.

With the rich Catholic heritage of Portugal and the return to the summer for 2022, this next World Youth Day has the potential of being a great success! Faith Journeys, would be proud to serve as your ministry partner in planning and attending this great event with your youth.

CATHOLIC HERITAGE IN PORTUGAL



BRAGA



COIMBRA



FATIMA

One of the oldest Christian cities in Europe. Burial site of the first king of Portugal, Afonso, site of Our Lady of Sameiro (the second-most visited shrine in Portugal) and Bom Jesus do Monte (Good Jesus of the Mountain) where pilgrims can meditate on the Stations of the Cross while climbing stairs to the top of the mountain.

Portugal's second city and its medieval capital and the home of the Convent of Santa Clara, where Sr. Lucia dos Santos of Fatima lived the last 57 years of her life. Attached to the convent is a small museum that traces the life of Sr. Lucia and the apparitions of the Virgin Mary at Fatima.

Considered the most significant Marian apparition of the 20th century, Our Lady appeared monthly to three shepherd children in a field, just outside Fatima, between May and October of 1917. Pilgrims can visit the site of the apparitions, Cova da Iria, the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima and The Church of the Holy Trinity, among many other beautiful sites, chapels and churches.



LISBON

The capitol and largest city in Portugal and the birthplace of St. Anthony of Padua. The religious and historical sites of this ancient city including Pombal square, Liberty Avenue, Rossio Square, Belem Tower and the cities beautiful Romanesque Cathedral.



PORTO

Located on the banks of the Douro River, in Northwestern of the country, Porto is the second largest city in Portugal. With the Gothic Porto Cathedral, the Church of St. Francis, the stunning Sao Bento Train Stations, cobbled streets and lovely bridges, Porto is a wonderful place to visit (or to spend a few days on pilgrimage).



SANTAREM

This small town in the central part of the country is the site of a great Eucharistic Miracle. Today, the city still contains a castle, a 14th century fountain a medieval tower and several historic churches.

Sample Itinerary

DAY ONE: SUNDAY

Our journey begins as we depart the USA on an overnight flight to Lisbon, Portugal

DAY TWO: MONDAY

Arrival into Lisbon and meet our Faith Journeys representative who will assist us to the awaiting motorcoach and transfer into the city. Half-day guided tour of the city that is rich in art, architecture, spirit, and home to many saints. Visit St. Anthony's Church, known in Portugal as a marriage saint, because legend has him as a conciliator of couples. Check-in to the hotel for dinner and overnight.



DAY THREE: TUESDAY

Morning at leisure (or guided tour if it did not happen on day of arrival). Afternoon and evening participation in the opening of the World Youth Day in Lisbon.



DAY FOUR: WEDNESDAY

Morning Catechesis and World Youth Day activities. WYD participants, organized by language groups, will have catechesis sessions with bishops from all over the world. The sessions will take place in church, school, auditoriums, and sports centers in Lisbon. Afternoon gathering for all pilgrims from the USA.



DAY FIVE: THURSDAY

Morning Catechesis and World Youth Day activities. WYD participants, organized by language groups, will have catechesis sessions with bishops from all over the world. The sessions will take place in church, school, auditoriums, and sports centers in Lisbon. Arrival of Pope Francis and Welcoming Mass.



DAY SIX: FRIDAY

Morning Catechesis and World Youth Day activities. WYD participants, organized by language groups, will have catechesis sessions with bishops from all over the world. The sessions will take place in church, school, auditoriums, and sports centers in Lisbon. Take part in the Stations of the Cross in the afternoon.

DAY SEVEN: SATURDAY

Young people will arrive at the site for the Overnight Vigil. The pope will arrive and Eucharistic adoration will begin. An address is made by the Holy Father. Overnight Vigil.

DAY EIGHT: SUNDAY

Pope Francis will concelebrate Mass with thousands of bishops and priests, and he will address the young people, to send them out to the world to witness to their faith, as the Lord did with His Apostles. At the end of the Mass, the Holy Father will announce the place where the next edition of World Youth Day will be held. Culmination of World Youth Day 2023. Return to Lisbon. Enjoy a dinner as a group.



DAY NINE: MONDAY

Full-day excursion to Santarem and Fátima. Santarem (Portugal's third largest city) is a site of many churches, including the Church of the Holy Miracle, which contains a 13th century Eucharistic miracle on continuous display since 1269. Continue to Fatima to Celebrate Mass. Fatima is home to one of the most well-known Marian shrines in the world, the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Each year as many as 4 million people visit here because they are drawn by the reports of three local shepherd children who in 1917 saw the Virgin Mary. Visit the Tombs of Francisco and Jacinta, as well as other sites related to the appearances of Mary. We will take time for our own devotions and prayers at the Hungarian Stations of the Cross consisting of fourteen small chapels along walkways leading to a marble monument of Christ on the cross.

Return to Lisbon for a farewell dinner as a group and overnight.



DAY TEN: TUESDAY

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight home. With renewed faith in Christ and the Church, we share our gifts and strengths in our local community.

OTHER NEARBY CATHOLIC HERITAGE SITES:

1. TOLEDO, SPAIN

5 ½ hours – a Crusader stronghold and site of the Corpus Christi Festival

2. SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, SPAIN

5 ½ hours – The completion of walking the El Camino

3. MADRID, SPAIN

6 hours – The capital of Spain and a European center for culture

4. AVILA, SPAIN

6 ½ hours – Birthplace of St. Teresa of Avila

5. LOYOLA, SPAIN

9 hours – Hometown of St. Ignatius of Loyola

6. LOURDES, FRANCE

11 hours – Site of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes

7. BARCELONA, SPAIN

12 hours - Home of the Sagrada de Familia

