World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Lisbon
"Mary arose and went with haste" (Luke 1:39)

Suggested Pilgrimage #1   (8 nights/10 days)

Day 1: Sunday

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

Day 2: Monday   (D)

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 3: Tuesday: World Youth Day Opening Mass   (B, WYD Meals)

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 4: Wednesday: World Youth Day   (B, WYD Meals)

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 5: Thursday: World Youth Day & Arrival of Pope Francis   (B, WYD Meals)

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 Frances and Welcoming Mass.

Day 6: Friday: World Youth Day & Stations of the Cross   (B, WYD Meals)

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.

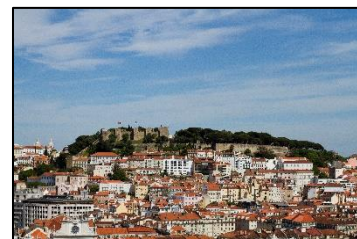**Day 7: Saturday: World Youth Day & Overnight Vigil   (B, WYD Meals)**

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 8: Sunday: World Youth Day, Papal Mass   (WYD Meals, D)

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.

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Day 9: Monday: Santarem & Fatima   (B,D)

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 10: Tuesday: Depart for Home   (B)

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.

__This is a very flexible itinerary__. Except for confirmed appointments, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable

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