

A Spiritual Journey to the Shrines & Cathedrals of **France**

Suggested Pilgrimage #2 (8 nights/10 days)

Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service to Paris

Day 2

Paris

(D)

Arrive in Paris

Meet your Faith Journeys Tour Manager who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a panoramic tour of Paris to see the Eiffel Tower, L'Arc de Triomphe, and Champs-Élysées. We will also see the Basilica of the Sacred Heart (Sacré-Coeur)

Late afternoon check-in at the hotel

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

Day 3

Paris

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Attend Mass at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, site of three apparitions of the Virgin Mary in 1830. Visit the Tomb of St. Vincent de Paul in the Chapel of the Vincentians

Lunch, on own

Continue our tour with a view of Notre Dame and continue to Sainte-Chapelle, a 13th-century Gothic chapel in the heart of Paris where we might also celebrate Mass

Enjoy time at leisure for additional sightseeing, reflection, or other activities

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 4

Paris / Beauvais / Amiens / Lisieux

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

This morning we will visit the incomplete Cathedral of St. Peter of Beauvais. It is in some respects, the most daring achievement in Gothic architecture. Continue to Amiens Cathedral in the heart of Picardy

Lunch, on own

Enjoy time at leisure for additional sightseeing, reflection, or other activities

Travel to Lisieux for evening dinner and overnight

Day 5

Lisieux / Chartres

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

C Mass at the Tomb of St. Therese in the Chapel of the Carmelite Monastery. Also visit the Martin family house where Saint Therese lived until she entered the Carmel Convent and the great Basilica of Saint Therese

Lunch, on own

Continue to Chartres to visit its magnificent Cathedral. Chartres Cathedral has been a major pilgrimage destination since the early Middle Ages and has a spirit of holiness that impresses even the most resolute of nonbelievers

Evening dinner and overnight



Day 6**Bourges / Paray-le-Monial (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

On our way to Paray-le-Monial, stop in Bourges to visit its 13th century cathedral dedicated to St. Stephen. The site occupied by the present cathedral has been the site of the city's main church at least since Carolingian times

Lunch, on own

Continue to Paray-le-Monial, home to St. Margaret Mary and the Shrine of the Sacred Heart. Visit the Church of St. Claude de Colombière and the Chapel of the Visitation where St. Margaret Mary received her visions

Evening dinner and overnight

**Day 7****Cluny / Ars-sur-Formans (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Travel to Cluny to visit the Benedictine monastery. Tour the remains of the great abbey and continue to the town of Ars, home of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests. Visit the basilica that houses St. John Vianney's incorrupt body, and then continue to the Chapel of Our Lady of Ars, one of the favorite devotions of St. John

Lunch, on own

Continue to Annecy through the beautiful countryside and wine country of Burgundy to the shores of Lake Annecy

Evening dinner and overnight

**Day 8****St. Francis de Sales (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

This morning we visit Annecy Castle, residence of the Counts of Geneva
Tour the Monastery of the Visitation and Basilica. It was here that St. Francis de Sales was buried in 1623. Many miracles have been reported at his shrine

Lunch, on own

Continue to the village of Thorens to celebrate Mass at the De Sales Chapel
Visit Chateaux Thorens, the ancient family residence of the De Sales family

Evening dinner and overnight

**Day 9****The French & Swiss Alps (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

A 90-minute drive by motor coach through the picturesque Arve Valley takes you from Annecy to Chamonix, one of the most famous mountain villages at the foot of the remarkable and majestic Mont Blanc.

Enjoy time at leisure for additional sightseeing, reflection, or other activities

Lunch, on own

Travel to the Italian ski village of Courmayeur to enjoy amazing vistas surrounding the mountains before returning to Annecy

Farewell dinner and overnight

Overnight at hotel

**Day 10****Depart for home (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Geneva Airport for return flight



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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