

DAY 1: USA / PARIS

Today: Your pilgrimage begins today as you depart on your flight to Paris. Meals and drinks served aloft.

DAY 2: ARRIVE PARIS / LISIEUX / BAYEUX

Today: Upon arrival in Paris this morning we will clear immigration, collect our baggage, meet our local tour manager and head to Lisieux (2.5 hour drive). In Lisieux, the home of St. Therese the “Little Flower of Jesus,” we will see the house where St. Therese lived as a child, the Carmelite Convent where she was a nun, the Basilica of St. Theresa and Cathedral of St. Peter. After Mass we will head to our hotel in Bayeux (1 hour drive).

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 3: BAYEUX / MONT SAINT MICHEL / OMAHA BEACH / BAYEUX

Today: After breakfast the group will travel to Mont Saint Michel to see the incredible island city with its high steeple pointing towards heaven (1.5 hour drive). We then travel to see the almost 10,000 white marble crosses which glow in memory of the soldiers who died at Omaha Beach during the massive Allied landing on June 6, 1944. This was the eye of the hurricane where the end of WW II began. Mass will be celebrated in memory of these soldiers in the haunting cemetery which crowns the beach (1.5 hour drive). After Mass we will return to our hotel.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 4: BAYEUX / PARIS

Today: After breakfast, we board our bus and return to Paris (3 hour drive)! This afternoon we will enjoy a tour of the “City of Lights “including visits to the Eiffel Tower, the famous Opera House (outside visit), the Arc de Triomphe (outside visit), and Montmartre with its magnificent Basilica of Sacre Coeur.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 5: PARIS / CHARTRES / PARIS

Today: Proceed to visit the stunning Chartres Cathedral, and after Mass, we will then return to Paris and visit the world-famous Louvre Museum which contains countless works of art including the Mona Lisa and Venus de Milo. Late this afternoon we will enjoy a leisurely boat ride on the Seine.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 6: PARIS / LOURDES

Today: We will visit the Shrine of Saint Vincent de Paul where the saint's body is on display in a precious reliquary. Then visit the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal at Rue de Bac where Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830. In the afternoon, we catch our train through the beautiful French countryside to Lourdes (5 hour ride).

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 7: LOURDES

Today: Today we will have all day to experience the unique atmosphere of this beautiful town. Attend Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, the site where the Virgin appeared. Also, visit the Basilica of Pius X (the world's largest underground church), see the house where Bernadette lived during the Apparitions, and visit several of the sites where the miraculous cures have taken place. This evening we will participate in the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the Candlelight Procession.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 8: LOURDES / TOULOUSE

Today: After Mass in the morning, you will be free until lunch to visit the baths, the Grotto, Way of the Cross, and confession. Lunch will be followed by a drive to Toulouse for touring and a visit to the French Gothic Design Church of the Jacobins and relics of St Thomas Aquinas. After checking into our Hotel, there will be time for some final sightseeing, shopping or relaxing before we enjoy our final Pilgrimage dinner.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

DAY 9: LOURDES / U.S.A.

Today: Following breakfast, transfer to Toulouse Airport to catch our return flight to Paris and Chicago