



Our Lady Help of Christians  
Youth Ministry Pilgrimage to  
**SPAIN & PORTUGAL**  
**July 28 - August 9, 2023**

**Celebrate World Youth Day Events  
in Lisbon August 1-6!**

**Led by: Fr. Joseph Dudzik  
Pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians, Cheektowaga, NY**



**\$3,950 - \$4,250**

**Estimated Cost Per Person Sharing Twin from Toronto  
Final Price will be announced in September 2022**

**COST INCLUDES:** Round trip air from Toronto; 11 Nights first class accommodations in twin bedded rooms with private bath as per itinerary on page 2 or similar; breakfast & dinner daily; deluxe, private motor coach per itinerary on pg. 2; services of English speaking tour manager throughout & local guides as necessary; audio headset; entrance fees to sites visited; hotel taxes & services; portorage of one bag per person; daily Mass and spiritual activities; WYD Registration and package for events in Lisbon (event details are expected to be advised by WYD Organization in late 2022).

**NOT INCLUDED:** Items not specified above, e.g. lunches; beverages with dinners unless specified above; passport & visa fees if applicable; optional travel insurance; group gratuities (\$125 group gratuities will be pre-collected on final invoice); items of a personal nature; pre-entry and or/arrival covid-19 tests if required at time of travel.

Featuring

- ◆ World Youth Day Masses, Catechesis, Youth Festival Events, Stations of the Cross and Papal Arrival and Vigil Mass
- ◆ 7 nights in Lisbon - See Belem Tower, St. Anthony's Church, Lisbon Cathedral and more
- ◆ Sintra - Pena Palace and Gardens
- ◆ Fatima - Shrine, Apparition Chapel, and village of Aljustrel where the 3 shepherd children were born
- ◆ Santiago de Compostela, the final stop on the Camino
- ◆ Avila - tour the 11th century city where St. Teresa was born
- ◆ And much more!

**TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT:**

Deposit \$200 per person + payment for optional travel insurance. (Premium is based on age and trip cost, please refer to Arch RoamRight travel insurance rates)

**IMPORTANT: Please include a photocopy of your passport and proof of vaccination with your deposit.**

Payment installment schedule will be provided in 2022.

**ANY QUESTIONS?**

**Contact Fr. Dudzik  
Email: [ksdudzik@gmail.com](mailto:ksdudzik@gmail.com)  
Phone: 716-778-9822**

**TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

Travel insurance is available through Arch Roamright Insurance. Please refer to Arch Roamright insurance coverage and available plans for purchase. Rates are based on cost of trip and your age. **When purchased at time of deposit, pre-existing medical conditions are waived.**

Any questions contact: [erin@farawaygrouptours.com](mailto:erin@farawaygrouptours.com)

**BOOKING FORM**

**Grp #2300 World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Spain & Portugal; July 28-August 9, 2023.** Enclosed is my deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$200 per person + insurance payment due as soon as possible. Payment installment schedule will be provided in 2022.

**Checks payable to: FAR AWAY TOURS**

Name: (Mr./Mrs./Ms) \_\_\_\_\_

Enter your legal name as it appears on passport—no nicknames, please!

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (month/day/year): \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

E Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO:**

**Fr. Joseph Dudzik, Pastor  
Our Lady Help of Christians  
4125 Union Rd.,  
Cheektowaga, NY 14225**

Twin Room \_\_\_\_ Single Room @ \$1,100 Supp. (limited) \_\_\_\_

Sharing room with \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to purchase travel insurance \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

**IMPORTANT: U.S. Passport valid until February 9, 2024 or beyond is required and a copy of your Covid-19 vaccination card**

## DAILY ITINERARY

- JUL 28/FRI - DEPART TORONTO.** Depart Toronto International Airport for your flight to Madrid.
- JUL 29/SAT - MADRID/AVILA.** Arrive in Madrid and meet your English speaking tour guide who will remain with the group throughout the duration of your stay. Transfer by coach to the nearby medieval city of Avila, your home for one night. Before checking-in to our hotel, we will meet a local guide for a guided tour of this beautiful city where St. Teresa of Avila was born. Marvel at the perfectly preserved 11th century walls that surround the old town. Visit the Cathedral of Avila, a fascinating blend of Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance architecture. Visit the Basilica of St. Vincent, built on the location where the Saint was martyred. Visit Incarnation Convent, where St. Teresa became a nun. Finally, we will transfer to your hotel in Avila for dinner and overnight. (D)  
**HOTEL PALACIO DE LOS VELADA or similar**  
[www.hotelpalaciodelosvelada.com](http://www.hotelpalaciodelosvelada.com)
- JUL 30/SUN - AVILA /GUADALUPE/EVORA.** After breakfast, we will board the coach and travel through the scenic Extramadura region to the Guadalupe, located in the province of Caceres. Here we will visit the spectacular Monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After we will stroll through the town square, the Plaza de Santa Maria. Lunch on own. Next, we will board coach and continue on, crossing the border into Portugal to the city of Evora, located in the Alentejo region of Portugal. Here we will see the city's first century Roman Temple, one of the best preserved in the Iberian Peninsula. Also visit the Cathedral of Evora, constructed in the gothic style and built in the 13th century. Finally we visit the Bone Chapel, constructed of 5,000 plus bones stacked on top of each other. Board coach and check-in to your hotel in Evora for dinner and overnight. (B,D) **EVORA HOTEL or similar** [www.evorahotel.pt](http://www.evorahotel.pt)
- JUL 31/MON – EVORA/SINTRA/LISBON.** After breakfast, board coach and departs towards Portugal's capital city of Lisbon, your home for 6 nights and where we will participate in World Youth Day activities and share the love of Christ with your peers from all over the world! En-route, stop in Sintra to visit Pena Palace and its enchanting gardens, named of Portugal's "Seven Wonders." You will feel like you are stepping out of a fairytale. Transfer to your hotel in Lisbon to prepare for tomorrow's World Youth Day opening ceremony. Dinner and overnight. (B,D) **SANA METROPOLITAN HOTEL or similar**  
[www.metropolitan.sanahotels.com](http://www.metropolitan.sanahotels.com)
- AUG 1/TUE – LISBON.** World Youth Day begins this evening! Before that, we will enjoy a guided tour of Lisbon's historic city center. See the spectacular Belem tower and then stop in the charming Alfama district to visit Lisbon Cathedral and St. Anthony's Church (perhaps Mass here). Many know him as St. Anthony of Padua, the patron Saint of lost things, but few know that he was originally born in Lisbon. This church is built upon the site of St. Anthony's birth and is also where St. John Paul II visited in 1982. See the National Pantheon, set upon a hilltop. Time permitting we will visit Jeronimos Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit it's church and cloisters and also the tomb of Vasco de Gama. In the evening, we will gather to participate in the Opening Ceremony of World Youth Day! (B,D)
- AUG 2/WED - LISBON.** Catechesis, Youth Festival. (B,D)
- AUG 3/THU – LISBON.** Catechesis, Papal Welcome. (B,D)
- AUG 4/FRI – LISBON.** Catechesis, Youth Festival, Via Crucis. (B,D)
- AUG 5/SAT - LISBON.** Pilgrim Walk, Prayer Vigil. (B,D)
- AUG 6/SUN - LISBON.** World Youth Day will end with a Closing Mass and Pilgrim Walk. Dinner and overnight here in Lisbon. (B,D)
- AUG 7/MON - LISBON/FATIMA/SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA.** Today we will depart early morning towards Fatima, site where the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children monthly from May 13 to October 13, 1917. Visit the spectacular Shrine including Apparition Chapel, Basilica and New Santissima Trindade Church. Celebrate Mass. Visit the village of Aljustrel, where the three children were born. Also visit Valinhos, site of the 4th Apparition, and the Church of Old Fatima where they were baptized. If time permits, stop at the Coin Caves, located 15 minutes outside of Fatima. Enjoy a guided tour of the spectacular limestone formations. Or perhaps instead you may wish to visit the Monastery of Batalha, a great masterpiece of gothic art which was built to commemorate the victory over the Castilians at Aljubarrota in 1385. In the afternoon, board coach and continue north, crossing the border into Spain and arriving in Santiago de Compostela, the famous pilgrimage center believed to be the burying place of St. James the Apostle. Santiago is the final destination of the Pilgrim's Way, and so exciting to experience. Check-in to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D) **HOTEL LOS ABETOS or similar** [www.granhotellosabetos.com](http://www.granhotellosabetos.com)
- AUG 8/TUE - SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA/LEON/MADRID.** After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of the historic city center. Visit the fabulous main square, the Plaza del Obradoiro with it's Palace, town hall and the historic pilgrim's hospice. Next, tour the Cathedral and Crypt of Saint James, the Bell Tower and urn represent the life and work of the Apostle. In the afternoon, we will board the coach and depart towards Madrid, en-route stopping in Leon, a city founded in the 1st century BC and which reached its heyday in the Middle Ages. Tour the old quarter and see the Cathedral of Leon, constructed in the 13th and 14th centuries. With it's soaring towers and ornate façade, it is considered on of the great masterpieces of early gothic architecture. We will also visit the Royal Collegiate Church of Saint Isidore, a 10th-century church built in the pre-Romanesque style. Continue on to Madrid. Check-in to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D) **HOTEL SILKEN PUERTA or similar**  
[www.hoteles-silken.com](http://www.hoteles-silken.com)
- AUG 9/WED –** Transfer by coach to Madrid International Airport for your return flight back to Toronto.

B-Breakfast; L-Lunch; D-Dinner;

Sequence of Sightseeing Subject to Change

**DAILY MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT SELECT SITES**



## GENERAL CONDITIONS

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Regularly scheduled economy class service on any IATA or ARC carrier. Air transportation based on fares in effect October 2021 subject to change.

**TARIFF & EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS:** All tour prices herein are quoted in U.S. dollars and are based on tariffs and exchange levels in effect October 2021. Rates are subject to adjustment in the event of any changes in these tariffs and exchange levels.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Rooms with two beds and private bath throughout.

**DOCUMENTS:** Carry valid U.S. passport valid through February 9, 2024 or beyond, another photo ID, and Covid-19 vaccination card (must be fully vaccinated at least 14 days prior to arrival).

**CANCELLATIONS:** Refunds will be handled promptly and will be made for cancellations received in writing up to 125 days prior to departure less a \$125 non-refundable fee. In addition, airline tickets are nonrefundable from the day they are issued, which is sometimes several months before departure. 124-100 days prior: \$500; 99-70 days prior: \$1,000; 69-50 days prior: \$2,000; 49-0 days prior: up to total cost. Optional cancellation/travel protection insurance is strongly recommended at time of deposit to cover cancellation charges for medical emergency of self/family member.

**GROUP SIZE:** Rates herein are based on a minimum of 45 passengers.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** The travel agent and the tour operator, Far Away Tours of Higganum, CT 06441, Tel: 860-740-0325, or their agents act(s) only as agent(s) in all matters connected with the making and securing of reservations for transportation, accommodations, tours and/or other arrangements and assumes no responsibility for liability in connection with the service of any train, vessel carriage, aircraft or other conveyance which is used, either wholly or in part, in the performance of its duty to the passengers; neither this travel agency nor any of its representatives shall be, or become liable for any act, error or omission, or for any injury, loss accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any vehicle or through neglect or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out the purpose for which ticket or coupons have been issued. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable, for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations

may be made. Additional expenses if any, shall be borne by the passengers; conversely, refund will be made to the passengers if any saving is effected thereby. Also, in the event that sufficient persons are not secured for a particular tour, we reserve the right to cancel said tour, and a refund of monies paid will release the company of any further obligation. All arrangements for accommodations, transportation and sightseeing are made by the tour operator and/or their agents. The passage contract in use by companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchase of these tours and/or passage by the airlines concerned and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance.

**COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:** International travel is subject to U.S. and Portugal/Spain entry/exit requirements which are subject to change at any time. In addition, travel suppliers and governments may impose requirements, for example health affidavit forms, health screenings and/or covid testing prior to departure and or/arrival, face coverings, quarantines, etc. Travelers are also advised to visit the U.S. State Department travel website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) and the Centers for Disease Control website at [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel) to review the latest travel and health advisories, warnings and notices. It is the responsibility of the travel participant to be aware of current travel recommendations and restrictions with regards to the potential risks of Covid-19.

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