

## ✠ Pilgrimage to the Shrines of France ✠

Fr. Craig Scott

September 13-25, 2018 (13 days)



**Day 01**

**Sep 13, Thu: VANCOUVER – PARIS**

Departure for France.

**Day 02**

**Sep 14, Fri: ARRIVE PARIS**

After arrival – check into hotel and depending on flight arrival, brief orientation. (D)

**Day 03**

**Sep 15, Sat: PARIS**

Half day city tour with the main sites- Champs Elysees, Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame; then after lunch time to visit Rue du Bac, the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal, which was built in 1815 and was dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In 1830 it was privileged with the extraordinary events of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin to Sister Catherine Labouré that marked it forever. (B,D)

**Day 04**

**Sep 16, Sun: PARIS**

Half day visit to the Louvre; in the afternoon a visit to Sacre Coeur on top of Montmartre (B,D)

**Day 05**

**Sep 17, Mon: PARIS – NEVERS – PARAY LE MONIAL**

Morning departure and stop in Nevers, where Bernadette Soubirous spent time from 1866 to 1879, after she moved there from Lourdes; learn about her story and see her incorrupt body, preserved since her death in 1879. Then after lunch travel on to Paray le Monial; visit the Shrine which is home to the devotion to the Sacred Heart. It was here that Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), revealing to her His Heart burning with love for man. From the apparitions grew a spirituality and great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. After the visit, check in at your hotel and dinner (B,D)

**Day 06**

**Sep 18, Tue: PARAY LE MONIAL– LYON - LA SALETTE**

Time for lunch in Lyon and visit to the beautiful Cathedral Fauvieres, overlooking the city – then w climb the mountains to La Salette and settle into our accommodation there (B,D)

**Day 07**

**Sep 19, Wed: LA SALETTE**

Feast Day of Our Lady of La Salette, we go to the Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, visit the Basilica, join the procession etc – Our Lady appeared here to 2 shepherds in 1846 to share a message of conversion. (B,D)

**Day 08**

**Sep 20, Thu: LA SALETTE – LE LAUS – APT - AVIGNON**

This morning we stop and in the village of Le Laus, site of the shrine of Our Lady of the Le Laus where the Virgin appeared to young shepherdess Benôte Rencurel in 1664, and she became a messenger of reconciliation. There were 54 years of apparitions of Mary, the angels and Jesus Crucified – visit the shrine church, the home of Benôte and several outdoor sites where Mary appeared. The visions were approved in 2008. Le Laus is a remarkable place of natural beauty and grace – at our next stop in Apt, we visit the Church dedicated to Ste. Anne – then we leave the Alps and travel to Avignon, seat of the Papacy between 1309 – 1377, 7 consecutive popes resided here – and we visit the Papal Palace – check in and dinner. (B,D)

**Day 09**

**Sep 21, Fri: AVIGNON – CARCASSONNE – LOURDES**

Morning departure and stop in the medieval city of Carcassonne, a hilltop town famous for is Citadel, watch-towers and double wall fortifications. Then we travel on to Lourdes. (B,D)

**Day 10**

**Sep 22, Sat: LOURDES**

Today, spend time at the Sanctuary and visit the birthplace of St. Bernadette (family home during the time of the apparitions). Attend Mass at the Grotto where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858 – bathe in the healing waters - in the afternoon do the Way of the Cross and attend the blessing of the sick – at night you may join the evening's rosary and candlelight procession (B,D)

**Day 11**

**Sep 23, Sun: LOURDES – LISIEUX**

All day drive to Lisieux, arrive in time for dinner. (B,D)

## Day 12

### Sep 24, Mon: LISIEUX – CAEN/NORMANDY LANDING BEACHES – ROUEN - PARIS

Visit the town of St. Therese whom Pope Pius X called “the greatest saint of modern times”. Her extraordinary love for God and service to humanity comes alive as you visit the Basilica of Saint Therese, one of the biggest and most magnificent religious structures built in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Stop at Les Buissonnets, St. Therese’s family home, there on display are relics, clothing, and personal objects belonging to the “little flower”. Visit the ancient Cathedral of St. Peter and the Carmelite Convent. Then visit to Caen / Abbaye aux Hommes (William the Conqueror) and the Landing Beaches from 1944, Juno Beach and the memorial, etc – then travel via Rouen (stop for a coffee and a visit to the site where Jean of Arc was burnt at stake) – and end the day in Paris area in time for dinner. (B,D)

## Day 13

### Sep 25, Tue: PARIS – VANCOUVER

Transfer to airport for your flight home. (B)



Tour Package	:	<b>\$5427.00</b>	(Note: a minimum of 25 passengers is required for this tour to proceed.)
Single supplement	:	<b>\$1035.00</b>	
Deposit	:	<b>\$ 500</b>	non-refundable, payable upon registration; to be applied toward final payment.
Additional payment	:	<b>\$2,000 due on March 10, 2018</b>	
Final payment	:	<b>July 13, 2018</b>	

### Included:

- Airfare including taxes/surcharges
- Private bus and English speaking guide throughout
- Accommodation in good Tourist Class Hotels \*\*\*
- Breakfast and dinner as indicated (B,D)
- Sightseeing and entrance fees to all sights visited according to the itinerary
- Tips to Guide & Driver
- City Tours with local experts

### Not included:

- Insurance
- Lunches
- Drinks and items of personal nature

### **Insurance:**

Purchase of Comprehensive Insurance, which covers among other things, Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Excess Hospital & Medical Insurance and Baggage Insurance, is **strongly recommended**. *Be aware that pre-existing medical conditions exclusion may apply.*

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		90 – 61 days prior to departure	- 50% of tour package price
		60 days or less prior to departure	- 100% of tour package price

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