

## Price includes

- Direct return flight from London Gatwick to Lourdes via Toulouse (easyJet)
- 4 nights stay in Hotel Padoue 4 stars (or similar)
- Full board accommodation (breakfast/lunch/dinner in hotel)
- Transfers between airport and hotel
- Airport taxes and government charges
- Personalised luggage label and badge
- Hymn booklet
- ATOL Financial Certificate

## Not included

- Tips & Gratuities
- Travel insurance, from £39
- Single room (limited availability), £120 for 4 nights

## How to book

- Fill in our booking form (contact us using details below) and return to our office
- Deposit required to secure your place £150 (by card or cheque)
- Final balance to be paid 2 months prior to travel.

## Your financial protection

The air holidays we operate are ATOL Protected by the Civil Aviation Authority. This means that our license is a guarantee of the protection of all tour payments and repatriation back to the UK in the unlikely event of insolvency.



**Note:** Prices are based on two people sharing a twin bed hotel room.  
Dinner is your first meal depending on the time of arrival.  
Breakfast is your last meal on the day of departure.

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# A Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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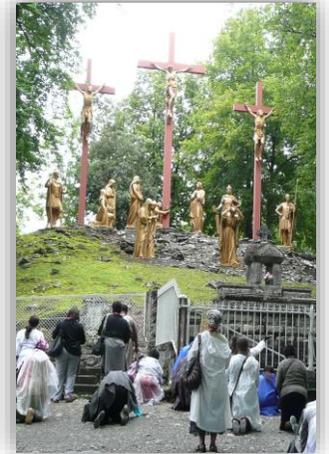
from **£469**  
per person FB

**7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017**  
5 days/ 4 Nights

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To secure your place at this price, book by 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017



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## Lourdes: A Brief History

Every year this Marian shrine at the foot of the Pyrenees draws millions of pilgrims to the Grotto of Massabielle where, in 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared to a local girl named Marie-Bernarde Soubirous. She was canonised as St. Bernadette in 1933 and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes was erected in recognition of the eighteen apparitions she experienced of Our Blessed Mother.

Lourdes has been a focal point for Christian pilgrims for the last 150 years, especially popular among the sick and the disabled due to the Sanctuary's excellent facilities and traditional healing baths.

## What can I expect?

Much of this five-day itinerary is based in the Sanctuary, exploring the history, tradition and Christian significance of the apparitions of Our Lady, Saint Bernadette's experience of them and what her life was like before and after the apparitions.

Your hotel will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner (full board) and is located nearby the Sanctuary, meaning convenient, short walks between meals and Sanctuary group activities. Daily Mass will be arranged when not joining international Mass in the wonderful Pius X Basilica. Free time is also included so that individuals can pursue their own interests in the Sanctuary and around Lourdes.



## Itinerary/Program Summary

- Visit the Grotto and touch the rocks around the cave of apparitions
- Pray the Rosary right across the River Gave with our group
- Bathe in the Sanctuary's marble baths, filled with water flowing from the spring that Saint Bernadette drank from at Our Lady's request: "Go drink at the spring and wash yourself there". The water is said to have special curative effects (you can also collect and take home the holy water).
- Stations of the Cross can be followed along the High Mountain, Lower Stations or the Way of the Cross for the disabled and sick.
- Light candles and attend, individually or as a group, the daily Candlelight Procession, Blessing of the Sick and the Blessed Sacrament Procession.
- Visit the Upper Basilica, the Crypt, the Rosary Basilica and the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament as well as many other holy sites in Lourdes.
- Enjoy a group video presentation in the Sanctuary theatre, featuring the life of Saint Bernadette and the apparitions.
- Participate in the International Masses at the Pius X Basilica which is held every Wednesday and Sunday.
- Outside of the Sanctuary, visit Bolly Mill where Bernadette was born and lived with her family, and The Cachot where Bernadette's family lived during the time of the apparitions.
- (OPTIONAL) Other activities available during your free time outside of the Sanctuary are train rides, visiting the Museum of St Bernadette, seeing a movie about Lourdes, the Castle of Lourdes, the church in the Old town where Bernadette was baptised, Pic du Jour cable car.

### Information Forum

There is an excellent information forum in the Sanctuary. They can provide maps for you, a list of the activities in Lourdes, schedules of Masses in many different languages, as well as the timing of Confessions (also in many languages).

### Wheelchair Assistance

If you require wheelchair assistance at the airport this can be arranged. Please request this in writing prior to booking as airlines limit the number of less able pilgrims on each flight. The Sanctuary itself is very well equipped for disabled visitors.