

WYD Portugal Direct

WITH AVILA, LISBON & FATIMA



DEPARTS SYDNEY 28 JULY 2023

Journey directly to the heart of Spain and onto the medieval walled city of Avila in honour of St Teresa. Then join the youth of the world in Lisbon for the 16th International World Youth Day – for a week of prayer, worship and celebration, in the company of Pope Francis. Following the excitement of the WYD Week, we depart for the tranquillity and relaxation of our Post WYD Retreat in the Fatima area.



Sydney Catholic Schools

FULLY ESCORTED

With Chaplain
And Tour Director

Plus Professional Guide

15 DAYS

Departs Sydney
Fri 28 July 2023

Returns Sydney
Fri 11 August 2023

INDICATIVE TOUR COST

15 Days from
\$6170 Per person
Twin Share

Tour Code: SYD03



CATHOLIC
ARCHDIOCESE
OF SYDNEY

ITINERARY:

Avila (2 Nights) • Segovia • Salamanca • WYD Week Lisbon (7 Nights) • Post-WYD Retreat - Fatima area (3 Nights).



FEATURED SAINTS:

St Teresa of Avila • St John of the Cross • Our Lady of Fatima



World Youth Day Lisbon 2023

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Itinerary

MEAL CODES: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

DAY 1: FRIDAY - DEPART FOR SPAIN

DAY 2: SATURDAY - ARRIVE AVILA

After our arrival into Spain we will be met and taken by coach to the historic walled town of **Avila**, where the atmosphere has changed little since the days of **St Teresa**, to whom the city is dedicated. It was here that she entered the Carmelite convent and encountered many mystical experiences during her time.

Upon arrival we will enjoy some time to wander within the walls, before celebrating our first group Mass in this holy town.

Avila overnight (D)

DAY 3: SUNDAY - AVILA & SEGOVIA

We begin our day with a walking tour of Avila inside the walls. Enter the **Convent of Saint Teresa** (La Santa), built over the saint's birthplace and located just inside the South Gate of the old town. Most of the convent remains in the cloister but you can see the very spot where she was born, now a chapel in the Baroque church. Another highlight is a visit to **Avila's Cathedral** which was started in the 12th century. We then visit the **Church of San Juan Bautista**, where St Teresa was baptised in 1515, and the school she attended at the **Nuestra Senora de la Gracia Monastery**.

In the afternoon we travel by coach to **Segovia**, between the Eresma and Clamores Rivers. We will visit the stunning **Segovia Cathedral**, the last Gothic cathedral to be built in Spain. Marvel too at the best conserved **aqueduct** of the Imperial Roman Empire. Outside the walls, we will visit and celebrate Mass at a convent adjacent to the Vera Cruz church, where the mortal remains of **Saint John of the Cross** are buried. View here the famous Alcazar.

Avila overnight (BD)

DAY 4: MONDAY - AVILA VIA SALAMANCA TO LISBON

After breakfast we farewell Avila and travel by coach to **Salamanca**, known as the 'Golden City' owing to the colour of

its historic sandstone buildings.

We then journey inland through the beautiful Spanish countryside before crossing the border into Portugal, joining the streams of young pilgrims converging today on Lisbon, the **World Youth Day** host city and our long-awaited meeting with the youth of the world and our Holy Father.

Upon our arrival, we will be welcomed and ushered to our designated place of accommodation. At this point we will receive our WYD pilgrim's bag containing the WYD handbook, tourist guide, pilgrim pass, transport card and all the information you need to get around Lisbon and participate in the WYD events.

Lisbon overnight (BD)

DAY 5: TUESDAY - WORLD YOUTH DAY WEEK LISBON (WYD BLD)

Theme: "Mary arose and went with haste." (Lk 1:39)

AM: MORNING WALKING TOUR OF LISBON

This morning we meet our guide and enjoy a walking tour of Lisbon city. From the scenic Garden of San Pedro de Alcantara – taking in sweeping views of the city, to its narrow streets of the picturesque Alfama district, bustling plazas, and along the riverfront - stopping in Lisbon's most beautiful and historic churches all along the way.

PM: WYD OPENING CEREMONIES

DAY 6: WEDNESDAY - WORLD YOUTH DAY WEEK LISBON (WYD BLD)

AM: MORNING CATECHESIS

There will be opportunities for Catechesis, Daily Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PM: YOUTH FESTIVAL EVENTS

Featuring music, dance and dramatic performances from around the world in small and large stadiums and venues across the city.

DAY 7: THURSDAY - WORLD YOUTH DAY WEEK LISBON (WYD BLD)



AM: MORNING CATECHESIS

There will be opportunities for Catechesis, Daily Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PM: YOUTH FESTIVAL EVENTS

Featuring music, dance and dramatic performances from around the world in small and large stadiums and venues across the city.

PM: WELCOMING CEREMONIES FOR THE HOLY FATHER

DAY 8: FRIDAY - WORLD YOUTH DAY WEEK LISBON
(WYD BLD)

AM: MORNING CATECHESIS

There will be opportunities for Catechesis, Daily Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PM: YOUTH FESTIVAL EVENTS

Featuring music, dance and dramatic performances from around the world in small and large stadiums and venues across the city.

PM: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The focus tonight is on the moving Way of the Cross when we as young pilgrims will contemplate the reality of Christ's passion and the call to true freedom.

DAY 9: SATURDAY - PILGRIMAGE WALK TO WYD VIGIL SITE
(WYD BLD)

Today will begin the mass mobilisation of pilgrims along set walking paths through the city as we converge on the site chosen for the historic WYD gathering here in Lisbon.

An afternoon of concerts, performances, and song will unfold as we await the arrival of the Holy Father. This begins the main event! Multitudes of young people together with the Pope – a summer evening of unforgettable atmosphere. The celebrations continue all night as we share in a global sleep-out under the stars.

WYD Vigil Site Sleepout (WYD BLD)

DAY 10: SUNDAY - 16TH INTERNATIONAL WORLD YOUTH DAY
(WYD BLD)

As the sun rises, we'll share in Morning Prayer, breakfast and the climactic WYD Papal Mass with the youth of the world.

AM: MORNING MASS WITH THE HOLY FATHER

The Pope will concelebrate Mass with thousands of bishops and priests, addressing us and sending us out to the world to witness to our faith, as the Lord did with his Apostles. At the end of the Mass, the Holy Father will announce the place where the next international World Youth Day will be held.

PM: PILGRIMAGE WALK BACK TO LODGINGS

DAY 11: MONDAY - DEPART LISBON FOR POST-WYD RETREAT

Today we farewell Lisbon for the tranquillity and relaxation of our Post WYD Retreat in the Fatima area. As we depart out of the city, see Europe's longest suspension bridge and view the inspiring **Statue of Christ the King** pointing the way north to Fatima.

Enroute, we will visit the **Holy Miracle Church of St Stephen** at **Santarem** containing the oldest recorded Eucharistic miracle.

Arriving at our post-WYD retreat lodgings, we will spend the following days entering into a time of rest, recreation and retreat, as we unwind and process the amazing past days on pilgrimage and WYD experiences.

Fatima area overnight (BD)

DAY 12: TUESDAY - FATIMA & RETREAT DAY

This morning we travel to **Fatima**, where in 1917 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three children as 'a lady in white'. We will enjoy a **tour of the Square** (the largest square in Christendom) including the **site of the Apparitions, Rosary Basilica** with the Tombs of the visionaries, **the Museum, Blessed Sacrament Chapel** and other main sites.

Back at our lodgings this afternoon, we enter a time of retreat, prayer and recreation.

Fatima area overnight (BLD)

DAY 13: WEDNESDAY - FATIMA & RETREAT DAY

We travel back to Fatima this morning where we will walk and pray the Stations along the beautiful **Way of the Cross** (the Sacred Way) culminating in the **Chapel of Calvary** which overlooks all of Fatima. Continue to **Valinhos**, the site of Our Lady's appearance to three peasant children Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. Proceed on to the little village of **Aljustrel** to



visit the homes where the children lived. Finally, we enter the original **Parish church** and see the Baptismal font where the children were baptised.

Back at our lodgings this afternoon, we enter a time of retreat, prayer and recreation.

Fatima area overnight (BLD)

DAY 14: THURSDAY - DEPART PORTUGAL

Today we will be transferred to the airport for our homebound flight connections to Australia. (B)

DAY 15: FRIDAY - ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

INCLUSIONS

- Return International Economy class airfare from Australia
- Internal European flights as applicable
- All prepaid airport taxes, charges and fuel levies (subject to variation)
- Mass daily (as indicated in the pilgrimage itinerary)
- University residence lodgings (all rooms with private facilities) with breakfast daily in Lisbon during WYD week (Additional costs applicable for Hotel standard accommodation)
- Accommodation throughout mostly in multi-share lodgings, hotels, pilgrim/religious houses or retreat centres on pilgrimage programme and retreat days outside Lisbon
- Meals as included in the WYD registration during WYD week in Lisbon
- Breakfasts and dinners daily on Pre-WYD touring programme. Other meals included as indicated in the itinerary.
- All transfers and touring as indicated in deluxe air-conditioned coaches
- All Sightseeing with entrance fees and local guides whilst on pilgrimage as listed
- Services of a local multi-lingual Tour Director for touring programme / coach transfers (not included during WYD week or during Retreat stays)
- Tips and gratuities for drivers and guides on tour

- Full services of the Harvest Support Team during WYD week in Lisbon
- WYD Lisbon Registration Package including:
 - Harvest's management of group registration with WYD Lisbon
 - Public transportation pass during WYD week (Tuesday to Sunday)
 - Entrance to all WYD cultural activities
 - Access to all areas reserved for WYD participants
 - WYD Lisbon pilgrim's backpack with WYD Lisbon inclusions
- Harvest WYD 2023 pilgrims travel pack including travel wallet, baggage tags, pilgrims journal

NOT INCLUDED

- Any meals not specified as part of the itinerary
- All beverages
- Any additional sightseeing costs or entrance fees not listed in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature, phone calls, laundry, etc
- Any passport or visa fees required
- Any associated health or vaccination costs
- Porterage
- Travel insurance



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