



FATIMA & NORTHERN SACRED TOWNS PILGRIMAGE

A Journey through Marian Devotion, Portuguese Heritage, and Coastal Beauty 8 days – 7 nights

*Portugal unfolds as a land where faith is not merely remembered but lived—woven into daily rhythms, etched into stone façades, and sung in the melancholic strains of fado. This pilgrimage invites you into that living tradition, where **Marian** devotion, sacred history, and natural beauty converge to form a deeply reflective journey.*

*Your path begins in **Lisbon**, a city shaped by both empire and evangelization. From its hills overlooking the Tagus River, missionaries once departed to distant lands, carrying the Gospel across oceans. As you walk through the ancient **Alfama** district and stand before the grandeur of **Jerónimos Monastery**, you encounter a spirituality rooted in gratitude and trust—faith that sustained explorers through uncertainty and inspired a global Catholic heritage.*

*Nearby, **Sintra** offers a different kind of encounter: a contemplative harmony between nature and devotion. Its palaces and gardens reflect a symbolic universe where beauty points toward the divine, inviting pilgrims to recognize God in creation.*

*The heart of this pilgrimage lies in **Fátima**, one of the world's most profound **Marian** sanctuaries. Here, in 1917, the Blessed **Virgin Mary** appeared to three shepherd children—**Lúcia dos Santos**, **Francisco Marto**, and **Jacinta Marto**—calling the world to prayer, repentance, and peace. The sanctuary today is not only a destination but an experience of grace: candlelight processions, silent prayer, and the universal language of devotion unite pilgrims from every nation.*

*As you journey northward, cities such as **Coimbra** and **Braga** reveal the intellectual and liturgical depth of Portuguese Catholicism. **Coimbra**, with its ancient university, speaks to the harmony of faith and reason, while **Braga**—often called the “Portuguese Rome”—immerses you in centuries of sacred tradition, where processions, sanctuaries, and sacramental life continue to shape identity.*

*Throughout this pilgrimage, the celebration of the Eucharist anchors each day, transforming travel into spiritual encounter. Whether in grand basilicas or hillside chapels, each Mass becomes a moment of unity—linking pilgrims not only to one another, but to generations of faithful who have walked these same paths. By journey's end, you will not simply have visited **Portugal**—you will have entered into its soul, carrying home a renewed faith enriched by beauty, history, and the enduring presence of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**.*

DAY 1 LISBON A City of Light and Faith

Upon arrival in Lisbon, you are welcomed into a city long considered a gateway between worlds—Europe and the oceans beyond. After settling into your hotel, an orientation walk through Baixa and Alfama introduces you to Lisbon's layered history, from Roman roots to Christian reconquest. Narrow streets lead to hidden chapels where generations have paused in prayer. As evening approaches, you may choose to enter a small parish church for quiet reflection, offering your intentions at the beginning of this pilgrimage. Your guide sets the spiritual tone, inviting you to see each step as part of a sacred journey. The gentle rhythm of the city—bells tolling, voices echoing in ancient alleys—becomes your first encounter with Portugal's living faith. Overnight in Lisbon.

DAY 2 LISBON – SINTRA Faith, exploration and beauty

Your morning begins with a visit to Jerónimos Monastery, a masterpiece of Manueline architecture built in gratitude for Vasco da Gama's voyage. Here, you celebrate Mass within walls that have witnessed centuries of prayer, reflecting on the courage of missionaries who carried Christianity across continents. In Belém, monuments such as the Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries recall a time when faith and exploration were inseparable. The afternoon journey to Sintra invites

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Every program can be fully customized
according to your group's needs.

INCLUDED SERVICES

- 7 nights in carefully selected 3***–4**** hotels including daily breakfast
- Farewell dinner in Lisbon.
- Private air-conditioned coach throughout the itinerary.
- Private airport transfers
- Guided Visits & Excursions:
 - ✓ Jerónimos Monastery and Sintra
 - ✓ Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima
 - ✓ Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte
 - ✓ Northern sacred towns such as Guimarães and Viana do Castelo
- Professional English-speaking guide
- All entrance tickets to included monuments, churches, and sites
- Daily Mass or Mass at key pilgrimage sites
- Assistance with liturgical arrangements where required
- Personal audio systems for guided tours (for groups where applicable).
- 24 h. support (Hotline)

NOT INCLUDED

- International and local flights.
- Local city taxes (to be paid at the hotels)
- Tips for Guides, drivers and Porters
- Personal expenses
- Optional tours
- Other services not mentioned here





contemplation of divine beauty expressed in creation. At Pena Palace, vibrant colors and symbolic motifs evoke a spiritual vision of harmony between heaven and earth. Return to Lisbon with a renewed awareness of how faith shapes both history and imagination. Overnight in Lisbon. **(B)**

DAY 3 LISBON – FATIMA *Entering sacred ground*

Travel north to Fátima, where the atmosphere shifts from urban energy to profound stillness. Upon arrival at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima, you visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima, including the Grotto of the Apparitions—the very place where Mary appeared in 1917.

Mass is celebrated here, uniting your intentions with those of countless pilgrims. Walking the vast esplanade, you may follow the Way of the Cross or light candles, symbolic of prayers rising to heaven. Reflection on the lives of Lúcia dos Santos, Francisco Marto, and Jacinta Marto deepens your understanding of simplicity, sacrifice, and trust in God. In the evening, participate in the candlelight procession—an unforgettable expression of communal devotion. Overnight in Fátima. **(B)**

DAY 4 FATIMA - COIMBRA *Faith and knowledge*

Departing Fátima, you journey to Coimbra, a city where intellectual pursuit and spiritual life have long been intertwined. At its ancient university, scholars once explored theology alongside philosophy, seeking truth through both faith and reason. Visit the Sé Velha (Old Cathedral), a Romanesque stronghold of Christian identity, where you celebrate Mass in an atmosphere of solemn beauty. As you walk through cloisters and historic streets, you encounter a quieter form of devotion—one rooted in contemplation and study. The afternoon offers time for personal reflection along the Mondego River or within one of Coimbra's many chapels. This day invites you to consider how knowledge and faith together illuminate the path toward God. Overnight in Coimbra. **(B)**

DAY 5 COIMBRA - BRAGA *The Portuguese Rome*

Continue to Braga, one of Portugal's oldest Christian cities. At the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte, you ascend the baroque staircase, meditating on Christ's Passion through its chapels.

At the summit, Mass is celebrated, offering a moment of spiritual culmination as you overlook the surrounding landscape. The ascent itself becomes a symbolic pilgrimage—each step a prayer, each landing a pause for reflection. In Braga's cathedral, one of the oldest in the country, you encounter centuries of liturgical tradition. The city's devotion is palpable, expressed in its churches, processions, and daily rhythms of prayer. Overnight in Braga. **(B)**

DAY 6 BRAGA *Northern sacred towns – roots of faith*

Today explores the spiritual roots of Portugal in towns like Guimarães and Viana do Castelo. In Guimarães, often called the birthplace of Portugal, faith and national identity are deeply intertwined. In Viana do Castelo, visit the hilltop sanctuary overlooking the Atlantic, where Mass may be celebrated in a setting that inspires awe at God's creation. The vast ocean reminds pilgrims of the missionary journeys that began from these shores. Throughout the day, your guide highlights how Marian devotion and local traditions have preserved faith across generations. Quiet moments for prayer allow you to absorb the sacred atmosphere of these lesser-known yet deeply meaningful places. Return to Braga for reflection. Overnight in Braga. **(B)**

DAY 7 BRAGA – FATIMA - LISBON *A journey of return*

As you travel south, you return to Fátima for a final visit. This second encounter often feels more personal—an opportunity to offer gratitude and deepen intentions formed throughout the pilgrimage. Celebrate Mass once more at the sanctuary, bringing closure to your spiritual journey. Many pilgrims choose to revisit the Grotto or spend time in silent prayer, entrusting their lives to Mary's care.

Continuing to Lisbon, the journey becomes one of reflection. A farewell dinner gathers the group to share experiences and insights, recognizing how each moment—sacred and simple—has contributed to a deeper faith. Overnight in Lisbon. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 LISBON *Departure*

Your pilgrimage concludes in Lisbon, but its spiritual impact continues beyond departure. After breakfast, transfer to the airport with time for a final prayer or quiet reflection. As you leave Portugal, you carry with you the memory of sacred places, the witness of saints, and the grace encountered in prayer and Eucharist. Like the pilgrims before you, you are now sent forth—renewed in faith, strengthened in hope, and inspired to live the message of Fátima in daily life. End of our services. **(B)**

