

As never before  
a splendid 10-Day Pilgrimage  
to  
**Lourdes**

Allowing you additional  
visits to:

**Padua, Rome,  
Vatican, Nevers  
and  
*Rosa Mystica Shrine***



**Day 1** Group report at the Bandaranaike International Airport for departure to **Rome**.  
Group met at the Departure Lounge by a Senior Company Executive.

**Day 2** Arrive in Rome.  
Transfer to visit the **Vatican**. Vatican City - the world capital of Catholicism, is the world's smallest state. It occupies 43 ha (106 acres) within high walls watched over by the Vatican guard. It was the site where St Peter was martyred (AD 64) and buried and it became the residence of the Popes who succeeded him.  
Transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.



**Day 3** Breakfast at hotel.  
After breakfast visit the shrine of **Rosa Mystica**.  
In the Spring of 1947, whilst praying in the Chapel of the local hospital in Montichiari, nurse **Pierina Gilli** had an unforgettable experience. Mary, the Mother of God, appeared to her in a wonderful vision and magnificent light, as the exalted Lady, dressed in mauve, very sad and with tears in Her eyes. Pierina noticed that Her heart was pierced by three swords. Our Lady asked for **Prayer, Sacrifice and Penance**. These were Her only words.



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Continue on to visit the **Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua**. Lunch en-route. Padua, is a picturesque city with arcaded streets that lead into open squares. It was one of the wealthiest cities of northern Italy in late Roman times. View the relics of St. Anthony. Among the relics are the **Holy Tongue, the Vocal Cords and Jaws of St. Anthony**.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Padua.



### **Day 04**

Early morning depart to **Lourdes**.

Arrive in Lourdes and transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

### **Day 05**

Breakfast at hotel.

Morning at leisure for your own religious activities.

**Lourdes** is the greatest religious pilgrimage town in Europe. This little market town with a population of 17,000 inhabitants is situated in South-West France (800 km from Paris, 150 km from Biarritz and 45 km from Pau) at the meeting point of mountain and plain. In 1858 a 14 year old girl called Bernadette Soubirous, walking by the rocky banks of the river gave at **Lourdes**, experienced the first of a long series of visions of the Virgin Mary. During her lifetime, pilgrims in increasing numbers, having heard of these wonders, journeyed to **Lourdes**.

Two splendid basilicas were built beside the original Grotto. In 1858 a third underground basilica was opened (St Pius X Basilica) for more than 25,000 persons at the same time. In the Grotto area you will find: Basilica of the Rosary, Crypt, Upper Basilica St Pius X Underground Basilica, Grotto of the Miracles, Fountains and Pools.

Afternoon at leisure for your own religious activities

Dinner and overnight at hotel.



### **Day 6**

Breakfast at hotel.

Rest of the day at leisure for your own religious activities.

Afternoon participate in a procession for the "Blessing of the Sick"

Dinner at hotel. After dinner participate in the "Torch Light Procession"

Return to hotel for overnight stay.

### **Day 07**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner at hotel

Rest of the day at leisure for your own religious activities

### **Day 08**

After breakfast leave Lourdes for **Nevers**.

This journey takes you through one of the most Picturesque and scenic routes of Europe.

Arrive in Nevers. Visit St. **Gildard's Convent** to see The incorrupt body of St. Bernadette.

(A must for every pilgrim visiting Lourdes.)

Dinner and overnight at hotel.



### **Day 09**

Breakfast at hotel.

After breakfast leave to Airport for departure flight to Colombo

### **Day 10**

Arrive in Colombo

**Tour Ends.**

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