

14 Day Pilgrimage to

FATIMA & LOURDES



Including Visits to-

Assisi, Vatican, Sistine Chapel, Padua, Holy Steps, Rosa Mystica & Nevers

Day 01

Group report at the Bandaranaike International Airport for departure flight to **Milan**.
Group met by the Senior Company Executive at the departure lounge.

Depart to **Milan**.

Day 02

Arrive in Milan and Transfer to the hotel.

Lunch

Visit the **Shrine of the 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 Jesus, appeared to her in a wonderful vision and a 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. She appeared many times afterwards, in different places, and also gave a **Miraculous Spring of Water**, at Fontanelle.

Transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.



Day 3

Breakfast at hotel,

Visit the **Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua**. Padua is a picturesque city with arcaded streets that lead into open squares. It was one of the wealthiest cities of northern Italy in the late Roman times. View the relics of St. Anthony; among the numerous relics there are the **incorrupt Tongue, the Vocal Cords and the Jaws of St. Anthony**.

Lunch,

Transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.



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Day 4

Breakfast at hotel,

After breakfast visit **Assisi**. Assisi is the birthplace of **St. Francis of Assisi**, who founded the **Franciscan** religious order in the town in 1208. He had miraculously received the **Stigmata** on his body; that is the five bleeding wounds of our Blessed Lord, and was the first to have received it in the history of the Church.

Visit to the **Basilica of St. Francis** and his **Tomb**. Lunch

Transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight stay



Day 5

Breakfast at hotel

Visit the Vatican. Vatican City is the world's capital of Catholicism, and is the world's smallest independent Sovereign State. It occupies approximately 109 Acres. It was the site where St Peter was martyred in AD 64 (Crucified head down,) and buried as well. In 1968 His Holiness Pope Paul VI announced to the world the discovery of the tomb and the skeletal bone relics of St. Peter directly under the main altar in the underground crypts of St. Peter's Basilica. **Visit the Basilica**.

Visit the Sistine Chapel - Vatican City has become one of the most famous art galleries in the western world. Michelangelo's famous Sistine Chapel ceiling depicts scenes of the "**Creation**" from Genesis, and on the walls below are his scenes of the "**Last Judgment**". - Lunch

Visit the Holy Steps climbed by Jesus Christ on the day of his Passion. Empress St. Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine the Great had the original stairs brought from Jerusalem.

Transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.



Day 06

Breakfast at hotel,

Depart to Fatima from Rome and **arrive in Fatima**.

Fatima- a town of the Estremadura, is about fifty kilometers from the Atlantic, in the territory of the municipality of Ourem. What was only a small unknown village until 13th May, 1917, when the apparitions began, is now one of the most famous places of pilgrimage of the Catholic world.

Transfer to hotel, Evening at leisure

Dinner and overnight at hotel.



Day 07

Breakfast at hotel

After breakfast **visit the Basilica Shrine in Fatima**.

At the Cova Da Iria, the small valley where the three visionaries first saw the Blessed Virgin on 13th May, 1917, the people had a simple and modest chapel built, which was later destroyed in a Marxist bomb outrage in 1922. There is now a monumental **Basilica** in its place, and the tombs containing the bodies of the visionaries Sister Lucia, Blessed Jacinta and Blessed Francisco, are all in two side Chapels of this Basilica. Recently, a huge separate underground Basilica was also built. Visits will be made also to the homes of the three children, and to the sites of the apparitions to them of the **Angel of Portugal** (twice in 1916) and of **St. Michael the Archangel**, who brought them Holy Communion.

Fatima is the site of the famous **Miracle of the Sun**, (witnessed by over 70,000 people) on 13th **October, 1917**, at the very last of the six apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and by which was confirmed the genuineness of the apparitions and the **Fatima messages of Our Lady**.

Lunch at hotel

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

After dinner participating in the **Rosary and Candle Light Procession**

Return to the hotel for overnight stay.



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Day 08

Breakfast / Lunch and Dinner at hotel.

Rest of the day free at leisure for your own activities **in Fatima.**

Day 09

Early morning leave Fatima to **Lourdes, in France.**

This journey takes you through one of the most picturesque and scenic routes in Europe, **across Spain.**

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

Day 10

Breakfast at hotel

Morning at leisure for your own religious activities **in Lourdes.**

Lourdes is one of the greatest religious pilgrimage town's in Europe. This little market town with a population of 17,000 inhabitants is situated in South-West France, 800 km from Paris, at the meeting point of mountain and plain. On 11th February, 1858, a 14 year old girl called Bernadette Soubirous, collecting firewood by the banks of the **river Gave** at **Lourdes**, experienced the first of a long series of **18 visions of the Virgin Mary.** During her lifetime, pilgrims in increasing numbers, having heard of these wonders, and miracles, journeyed to **Lourdes.** Two splendid basilicas were built beside the original Grotto. In 1958 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 the Basilica of the Rosary, Crypt, Upper Basilica, St Pius X Underground Basilica, Grotto of the Apparitions, **the Baths, the taps for Lourdes Water,** and the hill for the "**Way of the Cross**".

Lunch at hotel.

Afternoon at leisure for your own religious activities **in Lourdes**

Dinner and overnight at hotel.



Day 11

Breakfast at hotel

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

Lunch at hotel.

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

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

Return to hotel for overnight stay.



Day 12

Breakfast at hotel

Leave Lourdes to **Nevers.**

Lunch

Visit St. Gildard's Convent to see the **incorrupt body of St. Bernadette.** (A must for every pilgrim visiting Lourdes)

Dinner and overnight stay,



Day 13

Breakfast at hotel,

Leave Nevers to **Paris airport** for the departure flight to **Colombo.**

Day 14

Arrive in **Colombo**

Tour Ends.

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