

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011

TIME FRAME FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011

(based on information as of early 2009)

TUESDAY, AUG 16: REGISTRATION DAY AND OPENING MASS

WEDNESDAY, AUG 17, 18, 19: WORLD YOUTH DAY ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND MADRID

SATURDAY, AUG 20: OVERNIGHT VIGIL (VENUE STILL UNKNOWN)

SUNDAY, AUG 21: FINAL MASS WITH THE HOLY FATHER (VENUE STILL UNKNOWN)

• SPECIAL TRAVEL PACKAGES FROM CLUB EUROPA

A group from your parish may be interested in a travel package built around the festivities in Madrid. Maybe a youth pilgrimage has been on your mind for a while and you have just been waiting for a special event to link it to. Here are six ample itineraries prepared by Club Europa. A leader in specialized and customized group travel to Europe since 1959, we took over three thousand young Christians from the US to World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany, in 2005. One of our sample tours may be exactly what you have in mind. If you have a different itinerary request we will be happy to prepare a custom-designed program for your group to any destination in Europe.

• COMBINE WITH OTHER GROUPS

If you have a group of less than 20, we will be pleased to put you in touch with other groups with similar travel interests. This will enable you to keep the cost down by taking advantage of our group rates which are generally based on a minimum number of 20 paying participants and always INCLUDE ONE FREE—please let us know if more of your staff need to travel free of charge.

• PRICES – THE BUDGET IS UP TO YOU

Rates and prices depend on the choices you can make:

- Choose from our sample itineraries, make changes, or let us help you create your own
- Choose from among budget hotels, tourist class, first class. . . .
- Choose how many of your clergy and staff need to travel FREE of charge—ONE is always included for 20 paying
- Choose the number of meals you want included (breakfast is always included)—anything is available from picnic style lunches to superior welcome and farewell dinners

...and please keep in mind: prices drop considerably the more participants you have in your group!

TO RECEIVE A FULLY DETAILED PROPOSAL FOR THE TRIP YOU DESIRE, PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED REQUEST FORM - OR SIMPLY GIVE US A CALL TO DISCUSS YOUR PROJECT.

Prices and conditions will be explained when we send you the proposal for the trip you request.

TIME FLIES – PLEASE START MAKING YOUR PLANS NOW FOR AUGUST 2011 !

Taking into account the tremendous travel activities that are to be expected, flight and hotel space will be limited.



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SPECIAL PILGRIMAGE TOURS

READY-MADE OR CUSTOMIZED ACCORDING TO YOUR REQUESTS



YOUNG CHRISTIANS FROM AROUND THE WORLD WILL BE WELCOMED TO MADRID, SPAIN, IN AUGUST OF 2011, FOR THE 23RD WORLD YOUTH DAY. THEY WILL PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS FAITH-BASED ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND MADRID, CARRYING ON THE SPECIAL TRADITION IN CELEBRATION OF UNIVERSAL FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP. CLUB EUROPA INVITES YOU AND YOUR GROUP TO PICK ONE OF THE PILGRIMAGE ITINERARIES WE HAVE DESIGNED AROUND THIS EVENT – OR TO DESIGN YOUR OWN !



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MADRID AND BEYOND

Day 1 / Aug 12: Overnight flight to Europe (inflight meals)

Day 2 / Aug 13: Arrival and “meet-and-greet” by your CLUB EUROPA escort. Short transfer to SEGOVIA / AVILA - both cities are important pilgrimage sites.

Dinner is included; overnight in Segovia or Avila (D)

Day 3 / Aug 14: The day is dedicated to guided visits of Segovia and Avila, located only an hour from each other. Segovia has the highest concentration of Romanesque churches in all of Europe and is surrounded by a medieval wall; we will visit the famous Alcazar Castle, where Queen Isabel promised Columbus the financial backing for his voyages. The Roman Aqueduct is the largest and best preserved of its kind anywhere, and the tallest building in Segovia is still the 16th-century cathedral.

Avila, famous for its outstanding architectural features and, above all, for St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582), whose writings became a school of deep prayer.

Dinner is included; overnight in Segovia or Avila (B,D)

Day 4 / Aug 15: After breakfast: departure for Madrid, with an extensive stop at the huge monastery / palace of El Escorial, one of the most outstanding building complexes in Europe. Arrival in Madrid is scheduled for late afternoon

Dinner is included. (B,D)

Days 5 – 10 / Aug 16 – 21: These days are kept free for the actual WORLD YOUTH DAY activities, beginning with registration and opening mass on August 16, ending with final Mass in the presence of the Holy Father, on Aug 21.

(Daily breakfast at your hotel is included.)

Day 11 / Aug 22: After breakfast: private coach and assistant for transfer to the airport for your return flight.

MADRID AND BARCELONA

Day 1 / Aug 11: Overnight flight to Europe (inflight meals)

Day 2 / Aug 12: Arrival and “meet-and-greet” by your CLUB EUROPA escort. Transfer to the city, orientation drive ending at hotel, relax and unwind.

Dinner is included; overnight Barcelona (D)

Day 3 / Aug 13: Guided sightseeing tour in this vibrant Catalan capital its unique collection of Gaudi architec-

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What happens if I have a small group (under 20) and if we choose NOT to join groups from other parishes?

In order to take advantage of the prices given for our sample tours, smaller groups will be combined usually into groups of 35 to 45 passengers). If you want your group to travel independently we will be happy to provide customized pricing for YOUR group ONLY, no matter how many participants you have (all airlines, however, require a minimum of TEN people to be eligible for a group airfare!).

Can I make changes to the sample itineraries?

Yes, you can, and you are invited to do so. Once again, this would make your tour a customized trip and would have to be priced separately. A repricing would also be necessary if you require more than ONE free land package.

Can we buy the “land only” from CLUB EUROPA - and the flights through a local travel agent?

Yes, no problem - just keep us informed about your flight arrangements as soon as they are definite.

Can CLUB EUROPA arrange venues for Mass?

Yes, we do this for most of our pilgrimage groups. Please let us know in which city you would like to celebrate Mass with your group and we will try our best to accommodate your requests.

Why is airfare not included in the pricing?

Airlines do not guarantee space or airfares earlier than 300 days prior to departure. Rather than surprising you with a sudden fare and/or tax increase we believe in quoting you accurate pricing which will be available in late summer of 2010. Beware of tour operators offering you an airfare or a price for land AND air prior to August 2010! CLUB EUROPA will gladly arrange your flights from your preferred gateway or even local airport. Although we offer group flights we will also be happy to do a “land only” arrangement for your group.

What assistance will be provided by CLUB EUROPA during our tour and WYD?

Every group will have a permanent CLUB EUROPA escort from arrival in Europe through their arrival in Madrid (August 15). During World Youth Day CLUB EUROPA will be present in Madrid with an office and a sufficient number of staff to guarantee assistance for your group at any time and for any concern. All escorts / assistants are multilingual. We have close affiliations with several ground operators in Spain.

Can we get travel insurance through Club Europa?

Yes, and we strongly recommend to obtain health & accident insurance for the duration of your tour. About a year prior to your departure we will send you detailed information and a sufficient number of insurance forms which are to be filled out and sent - along with your payment - directly to the insurance company. CLUB EUROPA has worked with TRAVELEX Insurance for over 15 years.

Is anybody from Club Europa available for a preparatory meeting prior to departure?

Yes. If you want to schedule a meeting a few weeks before departure, our Andy Benz will be glad to attend, give an introduction to your journey and answer your questions. Andy, who is European like many of our staff, is the owner of CLUB EUROPA and has been in the travel business since 1978.

When are payments due?

1. Upon verbal acceptance of our proposal we will send you a contract. The contract explains deposits, cancellation deadlines, fees, refunds, and all necessary details.
2. With the return of the signed contract (within 45 days) a deposit of \$ 100.- per person is due; the total amount of your deposit will reflect the number of participants you expect for your pilgrimage. (If you expect 30 participants, the initial deposit will be \$ 3,000.-). Of this first deposit \$ 50.- per person is nonrefundable.
3. Deadlines for further deposits will be outlined in the contract
4. Final payment will be due by May 1, 2011.

All deposit will be applied to your land cost.

Late booking requests (after final payment) will be accepted subject to availability.

PLEASE NOTE:

In case you are handling your parish's World Youth Day pilgrimage for the first time: Please note that **you must register your group with the USCCB** (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth, in Washington D.C.: www.usccb.uscc.org



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the Roman Forum, the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain etc....

Dinner is included. (B, D)

DAY 4 / Aug 12: Free time after breakfast for sightseeing and exploring, perhaps one or two of the major Basilicas, such as Santa Maria Maggiore or St John Lateran (the 'official' church of Rome).. Mid afternoon we transfer to the Port of Civitavecchia, an hour's drive from the city. All aboard the OVERNIGHT SHIP to Spain.

Dinner aboard is included. (B,D)

DAY 5 / Aug 13: Breakfast aboard ship is included, lunch is on own. Mid-afternoon arrival at the port of Barcelona and private transfer to the hotel.

Dinner is included, overnight Barcelona (B,D)

DAY 6 / Aug 14: After breakfast: guided sightseeing tour in this vibrant Catalan capital its unique collection of Gaudi architecture, the "old" Cathedral de la Seu, the parks and ports,

the Olympic area etc..... Enjoy a free afternoon for further exploration or some time at the Ramblas pedestrian area....

Dinner is included, overnight Barcelona (D)

DAY 7 / Aug 15: After breakfast: departure for Madrid by deluxe motorcoach - extensive stop in Zaragoza, visit of the city's symbol and pride: the Basilica de Nuestra Senora del Pilar, home of the 'Virgen del Pilar', patron saint of the entire Hispanic world! Early evening arrival in Madrid

Dinner is included. (B, D)

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(Daily breakfast at your hotel is included.)

Day 14 / Aug 22: After breakfast: private coach and assistant for transfer to the airport for your return flight.

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Dinner is included; overnight Barcelona (D)

Day 4 / Aug 14: After breakfast: embark on an excursion to the Monastery of Montserrat, located high up the mountains west of Barcelona..... The weird, saw-toothed peaks have given rise to numerous legends: here St Peter left a statue carved by St Luke, Parsifal found the Holy Grail, and Richard Wagner sought inspiration for his operas. A monastery has stood on this site since the early Middle Ages and has always been a world famous shrine...honeymooning couples flock here by the thousands every year, seeking blessing on their marriages.

Dinner is included; overnight Barcelona (D)

Day 5 / Aug 15: After breakfast: departure for Madrid by deluxe motorcoach – extensive stop in Zaragoza, visit of the city's symbol and pride: the Basilica de Nuestra Senora del Pilar, home of the 'Virgen del Pilar', patron saint of the entire Hispanic world!

Early evening arrival in Madrid - Dinner included (B,D)

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beginning with registration and opening mass on August 16, ending with final Mass in the presence of the Holy Father , on Aug 21.

(Daily breakfast at your hotel is included.)

Day 12 / Aug 22: After breakfast: private coach and assistant for transfer to the airport for your return flight.

MADRID, PARIS AND LOURDES

Day 1 / Aug 10: Overnight flight to Paris (inflight meals)

Day 2 / Aug 11: Arrival and "meet-and-greet" by your CLUB EUROPA escort. Transfer to the city, orientation drive with all the sights waiting for you: the Eiffel Tower, the Arch of Triumph, Pompidou Center, Sorbonne University etc etc....the tour will end at the hotel, time to relax and unwind.

Dinner is included; overnight Paris (D)

Day 3 / Aug 12: After breakfast extensive visits are scheduled at Notre Dame Cathedral and Notre Dame de la Medaille Miraculeuse on Rue du Bac, where, on July 18, 1830, the Holy Virgin appeared to Catherine Labouré.

Dinner is included; overnight Paris (B, D)

Day 4 / Aug 13: After breakfast we transfer to the railway station, from where the superfast TGV will whisk

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us to Lourdes, arrival mid-afternoon. Transfer, check-in and dinner – in the evening we take part in the candle light procession.

Dinner is included; overnight Lourdes (B, D)

Day 5 / Aug 14: A local guide will show us all the important sites related to St Bernadette of Lourdes: Boly Mill (her birthplace), Cachot Jail (where she lived), the Grotto of Massabielle (where the Blessed Virgin appeared to Bernadette), the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (Upper Basilica), the Rosary Basilica, and the Basilica of St Pius X. There will be plenty of time to participate in Sunday Mass and other activities...

Dinner is included; overnight Lourdes (B, D)

Day 6 / Aug 15: An early breakfast and an early departure are necessary as it is a long drive to Madrid. However, an extensive stop will be made in ZARAGOZA, visit of the visit of the city's symbol and pride: the Basilica de Nuestra Senora del Pilar, home of the 'Virgen del Pilar', patron saint of the entire Hispanic world! Lunch in Zaragoza is on own and arrival in Madrid is scheduled for early evening.

Dinner is included Overnight Madrid (B, D)

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(Daily breakfast at your hotel is included.)

Day 13 / Aug 22: After breakfast: private coach and assistant for transfer to the airport for your return flight.

MADRID, LISBON, FATIMA & SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

DAY 1 / Aug 10: Overnight flight from the U.S. to Lisbon (inflight meals)

DAY 2 / Aug 11: Arrival and “meet-and-greet” by your CLUB EUROPA escort. Transfer to the city and sightseeing with local, licensed guide Highlights of Lisbon are the Cathedral of Lisbon called ‘Se’, (founded in 1150 to commemorate the defeat of the Moors), the Tower of Belem, Black Horse Square, Jeronimo’s Monastery, the Orphanage and the Hospital, where Jacinta died, the Church of Santa Luzia, and the birthplace of St Anthony of Padua, (1195–1231).

Orientation meeting and welcome dinner (included); overnight Lisbon. (D)

DAY 3 / Aug 12: After breakfast: departure for Fatima with stop in SANTAREM, to see the Graca Church, holding the tomb of Pedro Cabral, the discoverer of Brasil. Afternoon sightseeing in FATIMA, one of the most important pilgrimage sites of the Catholic world.

Dinner is included; overnight Fatima (B, D)

DAY 4 / Aug 13: Breakfast and departure for Santiago: brief stop in COIMBRA to see St Theresa’s convent, where Sister Lucy, one of the visionaries, used to live. Early evening arrival in Santiago de Compostela, final destination of the Camino de Santiago (Way of Saint James), the legendary medieval way of pilgrimage, The name Santiago goes back to the Apostle James (Saint James = San Tiago) who went to this north-western part of Spain, called by the Romans “Finis Terrae”, “end of the world”, to preach and convert people to Christianity.

Dinner is included; overnight in Santiago de Compostela (B, D)

DAY 5 / Aug 14: After breakfast: activities for the day will be arranged around Sunday Mass: a local guide will show us the famous sites and explain the importance of this unique pilgrimage destination.

Dinner is included; overnight in Santiago de Compostela (B, D)

DAY 7 / Aug 15: After breakfast departure for Madrid by deluxe long

distance coach. Evening arrival in Madrid.

Dinner is included. (B, D)

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(Daily breakfast at your hotel is included.)

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MADRID & ROME

DAY 1 / Aug 9: Overnight flight from the U.S. to Rome (inflight meals)

DAY 2 / Aug 10: Arrival and “meet-and-greet” by your CLUB EUROPA escort. Transfer to the city with an en route visit to the Catacombs of San Callisto, south of Rome. In case of early arrival a light lunch will be included.

Orientation meeting and welcome dinner (included), overnight Rome. (D)

DAY 3 / Aug 11: After breakfast: transfer to the Vatican and guided sightseeing of St Peter’s Basilica and the Vatican Museums, with entry to the Sistine Chapel. The afternoon is dedicated to some of the major sights of Rome, such as the Colosseum and

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