

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA

9 DAY ITINERARY



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Convento of La Santa

ITINERARY:

DAY 1: USA / MADRID

Depart New York airport for your overnight flight to Spain.

DAY 2: AVILA

Arrive early morning in Madrid where you will be met by your tour guide and transferred to Avila, the City of Kings and of Saints, completely encircled by 11th century walls. This is the birthplace of St. Theresa one of the greatest mystics of the Church. Celebrate Mass at the Convent of St. Theresa. Dinner and overnight in Avila. (D)

DAY 3: AVILA

The walled city of Avila is most famous for being the home of St. Teresa, one of three female doctors of the Church. Avila's atmosphere has changed very little since the days of St. Theresa, to whom the city is dedicated. St. Theresa the great mystic, was the first woman to be named a Doctor of the Church. In the morning we will visit the city of Avila: the Cathedral, which contains many of St. Theresa relics; the crypt of the Convento of La Santa, built on the site of the house where she was born, is home to the most comprehensive museum dedicated to her life, and La Encarnacion Convent, the first convent she found. Dinner and overnight in Avila. (B, D)

DAY 4: AVILA / ALBA DE TORMES / SALAMANCA

After breakfast in the hotel, we will depart towards the city of Alba de Tormes. The town boasts of possessing the mortal remains of St Theresa of Avila in the church of the Carmelite Convent where her miraculously pierced heart rests in a glass reliquary. Continue to Salamanca. The group will enjoy an orientation tour of Salamanca, a famous university city, including a visit to the University, which was founded in 1223 by Alfonso XI of Leon. Also visit the Plaza Mayor and the famous Cathedral. Dinner and overnight in Salamanca. (B, D)

DAY 5: SALAMANCA / MEDINA DEL CAMPO / FONTIVEROS / SALAMANCA

Depart Salamanca for Medina del Campo. Visit the Carmelite Monastery. Continue our journey to Fontiveros, birthplace of Saint John of the Cross, where we will visit the Carmel Convent and the Church of San Cipriano where Saint John of the Cross was baptized. Return to Salamanca. Dinner and overnight in Salamanca. (B, D)

DAY 6: SALAMANCA / SEGOVIA / MADRID

Early morning departure from Salamanca for Madrid. En route, stop in Segovia.

Arrival to the city and sightseeing tour with a local guide: Alcazar, Roman Aqueduct, Gothic Cathedral, San Miguel Church where the Catholic Queen Isabel was crown, the Carmel Monastery where St. John of the Cross is buried and the Corpus Christi Church, one of the most important synagogues in Spain converted into a Church in the XIV Century. Dinner and overnight in Madrid. (B, D)

DAY 7: MADRID / TOLEDO / MADRID

Depart Madrid in the morning for Toledo, one of Spain's most ancient and charming cities. Here you will visit the El Greco Museum, tour Old Town have lunch (on your own) together at a Parador perched above the city. Enjoy the afternoon wandering the quaint streets. There will be ample time to shop for Toledo's famous gold jewelry and cutlery. Return to Madrid for dinner at the hotel and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 8: MADRID

Today we have a half day orientation tour of the beautiful capital of Spain. From your motorcoach you will see the Prado, the Royal Palace, and other important sites. Transfer to your hotel for the balance of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight in Madrid. (B, D)

DAY 9: MADRID / USA

Depart for Madrid Airport with same day arrival at New York area airport. (B)

Included Highlights:

- ❖ **Airfare:** Roundtrip from New York.
- ❖ **Accommodations:** 9 Days / 7 nights Superior Tourist Class Hotels.
- ❖ **Meals:** 7 Breakfasts & 7 Dinners
- ❖ **Sightseeing:** As listed in the itinerary.
- ❖ **Also Included:** Daily Mass, Airport-hotel transfers, hotel tips & taxes, baggage handling, Touring by Private Air Conditioned Motorcoach, Services of Professional Pilgrimage Escort.

*Price is per person based on double occupancy.
Tour does not include travel insurance.

There are a *limited* number of single rooms available.

Single Supplement: \$TBA.

Land Only (no airfare included): \$TBA.

Price is based on a minimum of 25 passengers.

**Price does NOT include tips to drivers and guides or any items not specified.

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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO:
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**FOR INFORMATION OR TO MAKE
RESERVATIONS CALL: (216) 751-8301**

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

(Deposits, Second payments, and Final payments)

*A deposit of \$300 is required no later than 95 days prior to departure to secure a reservation. There is no guarantee we can obtain airline seats for late bookings. FULL payment is due no later than 65 days prior to departure. Late payments can be assessed a \$100 late fee. Reservations may be cancelled and we reserve the right to levy full cancellation charges as set forth in these conditions if full payment is not received 65 days prior to the departure date of the tour. In the event of billing error, we reserve the right to reinvoice with correct pricing. Final documents and tickets will be issued after final payment has been processed, and normally will be sent 1 – 2 weeks prior to departure.

General: *Deposit is necessary to secure a reservation.

*For late bookings (within 60 days of departure), full payment is due immediately by bank check or money order. No reservations will be accepted 45 days or less before departure.

*Late bookings (within 60 days of departure) are subject to a \$100.00 late fee plus any increase in quoted airfare.

*All payments, except late bookings, can be made by personal check, bank check or money order. Visa, MasterCard and Discover will be accepted for all payments except late bookings. Credit cards will not be accepted for reservations made by travel agents.

* No personal checks or credit cards will be accepted with payments 45 days or less before departure date. Only money orders or cashier's checks will be accepted.

CANCELLATION INFORMATION:

All Cancellations must be in writing to us and must be signed by the person who made the original reservation. Cancellations are only effective from the day they are actually received by The Catholic Tour Company. US Postmark prevails. No refunds are issued for cancellations received after the departure date of the tour. Penalties will apply. If you cancel your tour, cancellation fees and penalties will be deducted from your refund. Cancellation fees do apply to deposit checks. Cancellation fees apply to each person.

Prior to Departure Cancellation Fees:

61 or more days \$250
31-60 days 50% of tour cost
15-30 days 75% of tour cost

Less than 15 days 100% of tour cost. No refund.

There may be additional airline, cruise line and land operator penalties applicable. Special events and Custom Groups: Based on contract. There will be a \$100 administrative rebooking fee and a \$100 late booking fee (for booking within 60 days of departure).

ROOMS: Prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available at a supplementary cost as stated on individual itineraries. A limited number of single rooms are available. On those very rare occasions when we are not able to get a roommate for you, you will be required to pay the single supplement. We will attempt to give sufficient prior notice to any room changes regarding double occupancy versus single supplement. Triple rooms may not be available in all countries.

TAXES: Tour price includes all government taxes and fees associated with the airfare. Please see individual itineraries for prices, which may vary. **Departure taxes and fuel surcharge may increase subsequent to the printing of the brochure or flyer** up until the time the group seats are purchased, typically 45 days prior to departure.

TIPPING: The price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the Tour Escort and Motor Coach Driver approximately €4 / \$5 and €2 / \$3 per person, respectively, per day to each; local step-on guides 1-2 Euros per day. **Hotel tips are not included in tours to the Middle East or on some other tours. Please refer to the individual itinerary.**

SIGHTSEEING & ITINERARIES: Sightseeing is included as per the itinerary and is under the direction of licensed local guides where required. During holidays

some sights such as museums may be closed or unavailable for visits. The Catholic Tour Company reserves the right to vary the sequence of sightseeing and / or to re-route the order of cities should circumstances demand it. In either case, the itinerary content will be maintained, however, the order may change. **Considerable amount of walking may be necessary while sightseeing.** Please understand that not all museums and attractions are open every day of the year. The Papal Audience takes place on Wednesdays, and the Papal Blessing is on Sundays. Both are only available in accordance with His Holiness' schedule, and may not take place when He is out of the country. There are no refunds for any unused portion of these excursions. Optional side trips and optional extensions need a minimum number of pilgrims to operate.

MEDICAL CONDITION: We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Handicapped participants who require special assistance **must** be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the handicapped participants' well being. The Catholic Tour Company is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior, during or after the tour.

BAGGAGE: The passenger is allowed to bring one (1) checked bag, which may have a maximum weight of 50 lbs., and maximum combined dimensions of 62 inches. Also, one (1) "carry-on" with maximum dimensions of 8"x12"x20" is permitted. Luggage is the passenger's responsibility and that of the airlines. For lost luggage, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly. Check with your carrier regarding carry-on luggage rules and regulations.

AIRLINE TICKETS AND ITINERARY LENGTH:

Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard carriers utilizing non-refundable, non-amenable tickets for groups flying together for the entire itinerary. Preliminary international flight schedules are available 60 days prior to departure and may change before they are finalized. Therefore, if you book the domestic flight on your own, you will be responsible for changing your domestic flights and incurring any change fees that would be generated by this adjustment. We are not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and do not reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from same. **Travelers making their own flight arrangements should not purchase non-refundable, non-changeable tickets.** We cannot guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. If flight schedules change, we reserve the right to lengthen or shorten the itinerary accordingly, and if changes or flight schedules necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged at normal hotel rates. **Land Only packages do not include airport-hotel transfers.**

SEAT ASSIGNMENT: There is **no advance seat selection for tour departures.** Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companion. Three hours advance arrival to departing airport is required.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS: ALL PASSENGERS MUST HAVE A VALID PASSPORT with an expiration date more than six months after the date of your return to the U.S. (Including travel to Mexico and Canada.) Passports should be in your possession before a reservation is made. Some countries require Visas. The Catholic Tour Company assumes no responsibility or liability for Visa procurement. Foreign Nationals must have a valid Passport and their green Alien Registration Card. Foreign nationals must also check with their Embassies and of the destination countries as to all visa requirements to foreign countries, and U.S.A. requirements for returning, and with The Internal Revenue Service for any tax liabilities.

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A contract is made when your reservation and payments are accepted by Operator at its office, and any dispute shall be filed in any court of jurisdiction in Cuyahoga County, Ohio and shall be governed by Ohio law. In calculating the cost of your trip, Operator has relied on your consent to these terms and in the absence of this release, the trip cost would have been higher. Operator reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar quality at any time or to make changes in itinerary or change of tour arrangements. Operator will not be responsible to any person for expense, loss of time, money or other circumstance resulting from a change in itinerary or change of tour arrangements. Operator also reserves the right to cancel a tour prior to departure, and in such cases all payments made to date will be refunded and shall constitute full settlement. If you purchase an airline ticket separately, ensure that your travel agent explains the conditions under which the ticket is issued, as Operator assumes no responsibility for such airline ticket cancellation fees.

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