

JOIN US AS WE DISCOVER THE

STEPS OF

ST. IGNATIUS

OF LOYOLA

A JOURNEY THROUGH NORTHERN SPAIN WITH THE JESUITS OF CANADA

SEPTEMBER 3 - 14, 2020







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Spiritual Leader:

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PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 03

Meet at Toronto Airport for departure to Madrid. Enjoy complimentary meals and beverage service during our overnight flight.

DAY 2 – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 04

We arrive in Madrid and are met by our local guide. We have a panoramic tour of Madrid before proceeding to Alcala de Henares, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here Ignatius lived on alms and did charity work in the hospital. In 1526, he studied philosophy at the University of Alcala, one of the most prestigious universities in Spain and World Heritage Site.

DAY 3 – SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 05

Depart Alcala de Henares to visit Avila where Ignatius travelled as a youth and courtier. It is the town of St. Teresa who spirituality has influenced many Jesuits. Continue to Salamanca where, in 1527, Ignatius studied at the University of Salamanca. This is a town of golden stone, narrow streets, and splendid buildings. It proudly maintains its Old Quarter and noble houses.

DAY 4 – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 06

From Salamanca, we pass by Burgos and Valladolid. In 1506, as a page to Juan Velazques de Cuellar, head treasurer to King Ferdinand, young Ignatius took this route often to attend to his duties and visit his family. Onward to Azpeitia (Loyola) the birthplace of Ignatius and also where he later experienced his deep conversion. Stay at the Arrupe Hotel, on the grounds of the Loyola homestead. Evening Mass in the private chapel of Arrupe House.

DAY 5 – MONDAY SEPTEMBER 07

Today we will visit many significant sites associated with Ignatius, the 17th century Sanctuary of Loyola, one of the world's most unusual Baroque constructions. The sanctuary was built in honour of St. Ignatius. The sanctuary complex also includes the ancestral home of the Loyola family, where the saint was born; the medieval parish church of San Sebastián de Soreasu where he was baptized, the hermitage of Our Lady of Olatz, where he used to pray. Today, enjoy the countryside, walk, and meditate.

DAY 6 – TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 08

Our journey continues in a realm of beautiful natural spaces, traditional farmhouses (caseríos) and the culture and rich artistic heritage of the Basque Country. We travel to the Franciscan Sanctuary of Our Lady of Arantzazu, located in Oñati, built over 500 years ago in honour of the Virgin Mary who appeared here to a local shepherd in the 14th century. She is a patron of the province of Guipúzcoa, as is also St. Ignatius. Here Ignatius made a vow of chastity to Our Lady entrusting himself under her protection and patronage. Return to Loyola.

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DAY 7 – WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 09

This morning, we travel to Pamplona, the city where Ignatius was seriously wounded in 1521 at the siege of Pamplona, and where, during his long convalescence, he underwent a profound and gradual spiritual conversion. This is a city full of history and deep-rooted traditions. The streets and squares of its historic quarter still preserve a significant collection of monumental buildings dominated by its churches and medieval walls. We'll visit Pamplona before continuing on to Zaragoza with a brief stop in Xavier, birthplace of St. Francis Xavier, patron saint of missionaries, who with encouragement from his friend Ignatius of Loyola, devoted himself to religious service. We finish the day in Zaragoza.

DAY 8 – THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10

After breakfast, discover Zaragoza's monuments and impressive Basilica del Pilar. The 2,000 year history is evident in its city walls, churches, palaces, stately houses and squares of the old quarter. Then, continue to Montserrat, a spectacular mountainous area where we'll find the Benedictine monastery, and the Black Madonna. Here, Ignatius remained in an all-night vigil before the altar of the Virgin where he hung up his armament, sword, and all signs of his military past. We'll celebrate Eucharist in the chapel behind the Black Madonna. We'll finish our day in Manresa where we'll stay for the next 2 nights.

DAY 9 – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11

For 10 months, Ignatius stayed in a cave near Manresa, where he led a life of prayer and penance. Here, he experienced and sketched the fundamentals of the Spiritual Exercises. We take time to visit the historic sites, and to pause and reflect. Celebrate Eucharist in this cave.

DAY 10 – SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12

Today, we head for Barcelona. We'll visit Gaudi's Temple, where the statue of Ignatius was installed in one of the niches in the Nativity façade. Our sightseeing will include La Sagrada Familia and a walking tour of the Gothic Quarter with Las Ramblas where we will follow St. Ignatius' steps during his stay in Barcelona; Cathedral, Plaza del Angel, Jesuit Church of Casp.

DAY 11 – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

Today is a free day for personal time to explore Barcelona.

DAY 12 – MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14

This morning transfer to the Barcelona Airport for our return flight home.

END OF THE TOUR



COST OF PILGRIMAGE

12 Days including travel days

\$4,400

Based on double occupancy; Includes taxes, fuel surcharge and tax-deductible \$275 donation to the Jesuits of Canada.

Single Supplement

\$745

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Round-Trip Economy air fare and air taxes
- 10 nights' accommodation in 3-star and 4-star superior hotels
- 10 buffet breakfasts
- 10 buffet dinners at hotels
- Transportation by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Local English-speaking guide
- Admission fees to sites visited
- Daily Mass at unforgettable locations
- \$275 tax-deductible donation to the Jesuits of Canada

NOT INCLUDED: Gratuities, insurance, meals not specified, drinks other than coffee/tea at breakfast



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