



## World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain

World Youth Day is the greatest concentration of young people in the world. Thousands of young people respond every two to three years to the Pope's call to go on pilgrimage to a city of the world and manifest their faith in Christ.

Madrid 2011 will be the latest World Youth Day since December 20, 1985, when John Paul II instituted WYD. Since that memorable date, there have been many youth encounters throughout the years. Specifically, there have been ten international WYDs in different locations throughout the world. Madrid 2011, therefore, will be the eleventh international WYD to be held since John Paul II instituted the days.

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## Your WYD Pilgrimage Includes

- **Roundtrip air transportation** from Omaha, NE
- **Airport Transfers at destination**
- **Land transportation:** Provided during tours; local transportation provided by WYD registration fee during WYD week
- **Accommodations** in 3-star hotel during tours; simple accommodation provided by WYD registration fee during WYD week
- **Meals:** Breakfast and dinner daily during tours; provided by WYD registration fee during WYD week
- **WYD Registration Fee** (\$300)
- **Taxes & fuel surcharge** (\$300)
- **Exchange rate** guaranteed up to \$1.29 USD=€1.00 Euro and subject to change

*(Rates based on double-occupancy or multi-share, the airline fuel surcharges and currency exchange rate(s) at the date of quotation to your host, which are subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure.)*

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*with Lisbon, Fatima, Caceres &  
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# World Youth Day 2011

**Day 1 Thu, Aug 11: OMAHA - PORTUGAL.** Depart for Portugal. Our flight includes meals, drinks and in-flight entertainment.

**Day 2 Fri, Aug 12: LISBON.** We arrive at the Lisbon Airport where we will be met and given an orientation tour of Lisbon on the way to our hotel. Some time at leisure before dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Day 3 Sat, Aug 13: LISBON - FATIMA.** This morning, we visit the sites of Pombal square, the Liberty Avenue, Rossio Square, as well as a stop at Lisbon's Romanesque Cathedral, the Sé. We depart for Fatima. On the way, we visit Santarem to visit the Church of Marvila and the site of the Eucharistic Miracle. Time for mass is available. We continue to our hotel in Fatima for dinner and overnight.

**Day 4 Sun, Aug 14: FATIMA.** Today, our morning is devoted to visiting the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima and the birthplaces of Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia to whom the Virgin appeared for the first time on May 13th, 1917. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. In the evening we join the Rosary and Candlelight procession.

**Day 5 Mon, Aug 15: FATIMA - CACERES - MADRID.** Following Mass at the Shrine this morning, we depart Fatima and drive to Spain. Along the way, we stop at Caceres to visit the historical center and Santa Maria Church. Upon arrival in Madrid, we enjoy a panoramic view of the city on our way to our WYD accommodations.

**Day 6 Tue, Aug 16: WYD.** Today, we have time at leisure. About 5:30 pm, we celebrate Mass in Madrid's Cibeles Square, presided over by the archbishop of Madrid and concelebrated by the bishops and priests participating in WYD. About 9:00 pm, we have the first activities of the Youth Festival—WYD Cultural Program begins, which include concerts, exhibitions, displays, guided visits to Museums, plays, etc. (details to be determined.)

**Day 7 Wed, Aug 17: WYD.** Today, we have catechesis session, organized by linguistic groups, with bishops from all over the world. These sessions take place in churches, schools, auditoriums and sports centers of Madrid. This evening, we participate in the Youth Festival—WYD Cultural Program.

**Day 8 Thu, Aug 18: WYD.** Catechesis session during the day. About 5:00 pm, we receive and welcome the Holy Father in Cibeles Square. WYD Cultural Program in the evening around 9:00 pm.

**Day 9 Fri, Aug 19: WYD.** Catechesis session during the day. Youth Festival—WYD Cultural Program at 5:00 pm. At about 9:00 pm, we participate in WYD Via Crucis. Fourteen "pasos" of the Spanish Holy Week, from different points of the peninsula, go out in procession through the streets of Madrid around Cibeles Square.

**Day 10 Sat, Aug 20: WYD.** Preparatory ceremony at *Cuatro Vientos* (Four Winds) aerodrome 4:00 pm: Pilgrims arrive, little by little, and take their places. Meanwhile, different activities take place on the stage (testimonies of young people, musical interpretations, prayers to the Virgin, etc.) to prepare for the Vigil. At about 8:00 pm, the Pope arrives and Eucharistic adoration begins. Planned is an address by the Holy Father. We then spend the night at *Cuatro Vientos* aerodrome. For those who so wish, there will be several tents where we can adore the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Day 11 Sun, Aug 21: WYD.** This morning, the Pope celebrates Mass with thousands of bishops and priests and he will address young people, and those who are not so young, to send them out to the world to witness to their faith as the Lord did with his Apostles. At the end of the concluding Mass, the Holy Father will announce where World Youth Day 2014 will be held. The remainder of the day is at leisure for pursuits on our own.

**Day 12 Mon, Aug 22: MADRID - ZARAGOZA - LOURDES.** After breakfast we depart for Lourdes via Zaragoza which was founded by the Romans and is

the #1 Marian shrine of Spain - the Pilar Basilica - which commemorates apparitions of Our Lady the Pilar to St. James in 40 AD. Upon arrival in Lourdes we check in to our hotel and have dinner. Following dinner, we have the option of participating in the Torch Light Procession.

**Day 13 Tue, Aug 23: LOURDES.** This morning, we begin with a private Mass at the Grotto. Then our walking tour takes us to Boly Mill (the birthplace of St. Bernadette), the Cachot (the former jail where she lived during the apparitions) and the local parish church. This afternoon is free for personal devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes including and for those who wish, the legendary healing waters of the miraculous Lourdes spring. Tonight, following dinner, we have the option of participating in the Torch Light Procession.

**Day 14 Wed, Aug 24: LOURDES.** This morning, we visit the underground basilica of Pius X followed by a visit to the barbers, the farm where St. Bernadette was nursed. Return to Lourdes for the afternoon at leisure. Following dinner tonight, we have the option of participating in the Torch Light Procession.

**Day 15 Thu, Aug 25: LOURDES - TOULOUSE - USA.** Transfer to the airport for your flight home—the end of our Pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2011

*World Youth Day schedule & activities are subject to change per WYD Council. See*

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*for the latest information.*

