

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023

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Optional afternoon programme (at additional participation fees)

Join with Catholic youth from all over the world to gather in Fatima for the Youth Arise International 'Arise Fest 2023', an international youth gathering in preparation for the World Youth Day in Lisbon. Over these two days, open your heart to God with your fellow Catholic youth in a new, powerful and meaningful way! Join in prayer, song, catechesis, praise and worship, with great international speakers ... all under the watchful care and love of Our Lady of Fatima.

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DAY 4: SUNDAY 30 JULY - FATIMA & SURROUNDS

This morning we will walk and pray the Stations along the beautiful **Way of the Cross (the Sacred Way)** culminating in the **Chapel of Calvary** which overlooks all of Fatima. Continue to **Valinhos**, the site of Our Lady's appearance to three peasant children Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. Proceed on to the little village of **Aljustrel** to visit the homes where the children lived. Finally, we enter the original **Parish church** and see the Baptismal font where the children were baptised.

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DAY 5: MONDAY 31 JULY - FATIMA TO LISBON

Today we join the streams of young pilgrims converging today on **Lisbon**, the World Youth Day host city and our long-awaited meeting with the youth of the world and our Holy Father.

Upon our arrival, we will be welcomed and ushered to our designated place of accommodation. At this point we will receive our WYD pilgrim's bag containing the WYD handbook, tourist guide, pilgrim pass, transport card and all the information you need to get around Lisbon and participate in the WYD events.

Lisbon overnight (BD)

DAY 6: TUESDAY 01 AUGUST - WORLD YOUTH DAY WEEK LISBON (WYD BLD)

Theme: "Mary arose and went with haste." (Lk 1:39)

AM: MORNING AT LEISURE TO EXPLORE LISBON

PM: WYD OPENING CEREMONIES

DAY 7: WEDNESDAY 02 AUGUST - WORLD YOUTH DAY WEEK LISBON (WYD BLD)

AM: MORNING CATECHESIS

There will be opportunities for Catechesis, Daily Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PM: YOUTH FESTIVAL EVENTS

Featuring music, dance and dramatic performances from around the world in small and large stadiums and venues across the city.

DAY 8: THURSDAY 03 AUGUST - WORLD YOUTH DAY WEEK LISBON (WYD BLD)

AM: MORNING CATECHESIS

There will be opportunities for Catechesis, Daily Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PM: YOUTH FESTIVAL EVENTS

Featuring music, dance and dramatic performances from around the world in small and large stadiums and venues across the city.

PM: WELCOMING CEREMONIES FOR THE HOLY FATHER

DAY 9: FRIDAY 04 AUGUST - WORLD YOUTH DAY WEEK LISBON (WYD BLD)

AM: MORNING CATECHESIS

There will be opportunities for Catechesis, Daily Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PM: YOUTH FESTIVAL EVENTS

Featuring music, dance and dramatic performances from around the world in small and large stadiums and venues across the city.

PM: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The focus tonight is on the moving Way of the Cross when we as young pilgrims will contemplate the reality of Christ's passion and the call to true freedom.

DAY 10: SATURDAY 05 AUGUST - PILGRIMAGE WALK TO WYD VIGIL SITE (WYD BLD)

Today will begin the mass mobilisation of pilgrims along set walking paths through the city as we converge on the site chosen for the historic WYD gathering here in Lisbon.

An afternoon of concerts, performances, and song will unfold as we await the arrival of the Holy Father. This begins the main event! Millions of young people together with the Pope – a summer evening of unforgettable atmosphere. The celebrations continue all night as we share in a global sleep-out under the stars.

WYD Vigil Site Sleepout (WYD BLD)

DAY 11: SUNDAY 06 AUGUST - 16TH INTERNATIONAL WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD BLD)

As the sun rises, we'll share in Morning Prayer, breakfast and the climactic WYD Papal Mass with the youth of the world.

AM: MORNING MASS WITH THE HOLY FATHER

The Pope will concelebrate Mass with thousands of bishops and priests, addressing us and sending us out to the world to witness to our faith, as the Lord did with his Apostles. At the end of the Mass, the Holy Father will announce the place where the next international World Youth Day will be held.

PM: PILGRIMAGE WALK BACK TO LODGINGS

Lisbon overnight

DAY 12: MONDAY 07 AUGUST - LISBON TO AVILA

We farewell Lisbon this morning and as we depart out of the city, we see Europe's longest suspension bridge and view the inspiring **Statue of Christ the King** pointing the way north. We then journey inland through Portugal, before crossing the border into Spain.

Our first pilgrimage stop is **Salamanca**, known as the 'Golden City', owing to the colour of its historic sandstone buildings. We explore **Plaza Mayor**, an 18th-century baroque square acclaimed as the most beautiful public plaza in Spain and stop and admire the façade of the landmark **Casa de las Conchas (House of Shells)**. The restored 1483 house is noted for its façade of 400 simulated scallop shells. It was created as a monument to Santiago de Compostela. Lastly, we visit the **Cathedral Vieja (Old Cathedral)** built in 1140.

Next our pilgrimage journey takes us to the historic walled town of **Avila**, where the atmosphere has changed little since the days of **St Teresa**, to whom the city is dedicated. It was here that she entered the Carmelite convent and encountered many mystical experiences during her time.

Avila overnight (BD)

DAY 13: TUESDAY 08 AUGUST - AVILA RETREAT DAY

We begin our day with a visit to the **Convent of Saint Teresa** (La Santa), built over the saint's birthplace and located just inside the South Gate of the old town. Most of the convent remains in cloister but you can see the very spot where she was born, now a chapel in the Baroque church.

Another highlight is a visit to **Avila's Cathedral** which was started in the 12th century. We then visit the **Church of San Juan Bautista**, where St Teresa was baptised in 1515, and the school she attended at the **Nuestra Senora de la Gracia Monastery**.

In the afternoon we enter a time of retreat and prayer, as we unwind and process the amazing past days on pilgrimage and WYD experiences.

We culminate our pilgrimage with a group Mass in thanksgiving for the graces received and celebrate with a final farewell dinner tonight.

Avila overnight (BD)

DAY 14: WEDNESDAY 09 AUGUST - DEPART SPAIN

Today we will be transferred to Madrid airport for our homebound flight connections.

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DAY 15: THURSDAY 10 AUGUST - ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

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Meal Code

B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner