

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF FRANCE

12 DAYS: NOVEMBER 4 - 15, 2024

Visiting

**Lourdes * Nevers * Tours * Loire Valley
Chartres * Mont St. Michel * Bayeux
Normandy * Caen * Lisieux * Paris**

Hosted by

FR. CARL ARCOSA

\$4099 PER PERSON FROM SAN FRANCISCO

(Air/land tour price is \$3649 plus \$450 government taxes/airline surcharges)



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Dear Friends of Christ,

I have decided to lead another Catholic Pilgrimage. I have found that touring with a group of people having similar beliefs and values provides an excellent opportunity for fellowship and friendship.

This year we will journey to some of the most sacred shrines and places of

prayer and devotion in France!

Our travels will take us first to Lourdes, where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette and where healing occurs even today. Then we'll continue on to the ancient town of Carcassone and to Avignon, home of the former papal residence. We'll also visit the lovely city of Lyons situated on the Rhone River. Our pilgrimage then takes us to Paray Le Monial and Nevers, where St. Bernadette lived until her death. We'll enjoy a day passing through the lush vineyards of the Loire Valley and stopping at famous chateaux in France's spectacular Chateaux Country. A stop at the 13th century Gothic Cathedral in Chartres is also included. We'll then make our way on up to Normandy to Mont St. Michel and Omaha Beach, where Allied troops stormed ashore to launch the D-Day invasion. We'll stop here at the famous American Cemetery. Then we'll continue on to Lisieux, home of St. Therese. Our travels will end in Paris, the "City of Lights", where we'll spend a day touring the city and visiting the beautiful Palace of Versailles.

There is a wealth of history to be seen and felt in the places we will be visiting and I really look forward to the experience. In addition, a pilgrimage can also be a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal and prayer. As such, we will celebrate mass regularly as a group and try to get to know one another and have a great trip. I strongly urge you to reserve your place early as this tour will sell-out quickly.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

*Take care and God bless,
Fr. Carl Arcosa*



Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- ◆ Round trip airfare from San Francisco
- ◆ \$450 government taxes & airline surcharges
- ◆ Accommodations in first class/select hotels based on 2 persons sharing in twin-bedded rooms with private bath
- ◆ Most meals
- ◆ Services of a professional English-speaking guide
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing throughout
- ◆ All admission fees and hotel service charges
- ◆ Transfers to/from airports by private motorcoach including meeting/assistance

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

SAN FRANCISCO/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Depart from San Francisco on your transatlantic flight to France, arriving the following day.

ARRIVE FRANCE/LOURDES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Your exciting tour begins with your arrival in France. Proceed to the shrine city of Lourdes where Mary appeared in 1858 to a young shepherd girl. **(D)**

LOURDES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared in the Grotto of Massabielle to the poor shepherd girl, Bernadette, a total of 18 times. Scratching the ground as instructed by the Virgin, Bernadette saw a miraculous spring well up where none had existed before. Today, Lourdes is the most important shrine to Our Lady. Visit the Grotto of Apparitions, Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Basilica of St. Pius X and Way of the Cross over the Hillside. Free time for reflection and devotion. **(B,D)**

LOURDES/NEVERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

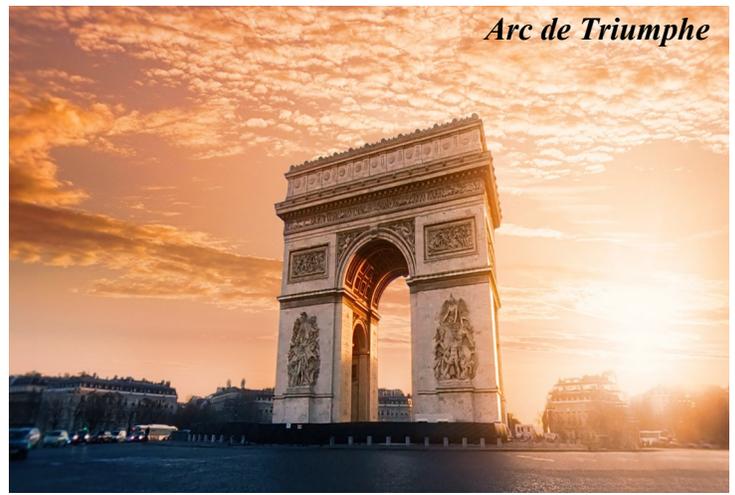
Drive to Nevers where St. Bernadette lived and died after 18 apparitions of the Virgin Mary in Lourdes. Overnight in Nevers. **(B,D)**



Lourdes Basilica



Mont St. Michel



Arc de Triomphe

NEVERS/TOURS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

This morning visit St. Gildard Convent. View St. Bernadette's tomb. Continue to Tours. Built on the rivers Loire and Cher, Tours is noted for its Cathedral and Archbishop's Palace. **(B,D)**

TOURS-CHATEAUX COUNTRY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Drive along the meandering River Cher to the beautiful 16th-century Chateau de Chenonceaux. Enjoy a tour through the handsome rooms known to Catherine de Medici and view the magnificent tapestries and formal gardens. Next visit the imposing fortress-castle Chateau d' Amboise, royal residence of Charles VIII. Overnight in Tours. **(B)**

TOURS/CHARTRES/MONT ST. MICHEL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

This morning leave the lovely Loire Valley for Chartres. Visit the magnificent 13th-century Gothic Cathedral, renowned for its soaring towers and stunning stained-glass windows -- over 100 windows in all. Drive on to Mont St. Michel, perched on a rocky island in the Gulf of Saint Malo, on the western edge of Normandy. The remarkable town's 15th century gabled houses and stalls lead skyward to the massive Abbey, the building of which is an impressive architectural accomplishment. **(B,D)**

MONT ST. MICHEL/BAYEUX/NORMANDY/CAEN

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Morning walking tour of the town and Abbey at Mont St. Michel. Then proceed to Bayeux, a lovely city filled with gracious mansions. Here you will view the 11th century *Tapestry of Queen Matilda* depicting the entire story of William The Conqueror's invasion of England in 1066. Continue to Normandy to see Omaha Beach, where Allied troops stormed ashore to launch the D-Day invasion. See the American Military Cemetery and Monument. **(B,D)**

CAEN/LISIEUX/PARIS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Drive to Lisieux to visit Les Buissonnets, home of St. Therese, the Little Flower. Also tour the Carmelite convent and chapel, the Basilica of St. Therese and St. Pierre's Cathedral. In the afternoon continue to Paris, the "City of Light." **(B)**

PARIS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Your morning tour of Paris will include many of the famous landmarks recognized throughout the world such as the Opera House, the Madeleine Church, the Place de la Concorde, the Champs Elysees, Napoleon's great Arc de Triomphe, Les Invalides, the Military Academy and the Eiffel Tower. Visit the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral. Afterwards, your tour of Paris continues with the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal, Motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to the then-young novice, St. Catherine Labouré. See the actual chair where Mary was seated and spoke to Catherine. Visit the side altars where the body of St. Catherine is kept, and view the remains of St. Louise de Marillac, co-founder of the Daughters of Charity. The remainder of the day is at leisure. **(B)**

PARIS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Enjoy a full day at leisure to further explore this famously beautiful city on your own. Stroll along the Champs-Elysees and get in some last-minute shopping, visit the world-renowned Louvre, or relax at a Parisian Café. The day is yours to experience one of Europe's greatest treasures. **(B)**

PARIS/SAN FRANCISCO

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Your pilgrimage to the shrines of France concludes as you board your return flight bound for San Francisco. **(B)**

B) ~ Breakfast (D) ~ Dinner



Chateau de Chenonceaux

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit.

- A \$500 deposit is due with your reservation
- Final payment is due at NAWAS 100 days prior to departure date

TOUR-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

For terms and conditions please visit:
www.nawas.com/terms-and-conditions

Taxes/Airline Surcharges: In effect on November 1, 2023.

Hotel Service Charges/Taxes: In effect on November 1, 2023.
(excluding hotel tourist taxes).

Airfare: In effect on November 1, 2023.

Land Costs: Based on estimated 2024 tariffs, overseas government taxes and rates of exchange in effect on November 1, 2023 and a minimum of 32 or more participants per coach.

Customer Reviews:

"It's been my extreme pleasure to benefit from your invaluable assistance with my tours — 97 so far — for the past 28 years. I wouldn't dream of letting anyone else handle the many details involved in making these difficult, exotic itineraries a success, as evidenced by my many repeat clients and their referrals. Your superb attention to detail, your honesty, and your friendship are greatly appreciated. You can count on Nawas being my 'one and only' for many years to come." --Ms. M.B., California

"As always, the arrangements for our pilgrimage by Nawas were excellent. To a person, those on the tour were filled with praise for the trip. Everything was A+." --Monsignor R.S., Utah

"You people make this easy. Everything was out-standing. Those who have been on other trips have come to expect quality and they get it!" --Father P.T., Ohio

Family Owned for 74 Years: Nawas International Travel was founded in 1949 by Mr. Yousef Nawas. He created our faith-based tour company with a vision of offering specially designed programs of spiritual enrichment and superior quality. Mr. Nawas made travel affordable so that the faithful of all walks of life could partake. Though Mr. Nawas has since passed on, Nawas International Travel remains under the guidance of his family and continues to serve thousands of travelers every year. With our global network, affordable prices and expert tour directors combined with years of group travel expertise, we guarantee the highest quality tour and services.



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ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED:

- double room sharing with _____
- single room (\$1250 extra per person)
(Single Rooms are limited and available on a first come, first served basis)

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ as
Deposit (\$500 per person) for _____ person(s)

**Please include a clear photocopy of your Passport with this Reservation Form
Clearly print your full name (last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport:**

Passenger #1

Name:Title _____
Last _____
First _____
Middle _____
Gender: Please check Male Female

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Passport #: _____

Date Issued: _____ **Date Expires:** _____
(day/month/year) (day/month/year)

Date of Birth:
MONTH DAY YEAR

Place of Birth: _____ **Country of Citizenship:** _____

Passenger #2

Name:Title _____
Last _____
First _____
Middle _____
Gender: Please check Male Female

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Passport #: _____

Date Issued: _____ **Date Expires:** _____
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Date of Birth:
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Signature Passenger # 1

Date

Signature Passenger # 2

Date