

PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE & ITALY

19  
DAYS

# Nambucca Valley Parish Pilgrimage with Fr Peter Rebello

*Be inspired to encounter the pathways of some of the Church's greatest saints, from the apparition village of Fatima, through to the walled city of Avila, onto Santo Domingo de Silos, Loyola and Lourdes, this will truly be a pilgrimage so full of grace. Continue onto Rome and be inspired by Sts Peter and Paul in the Eternal City – a land where a rich tapestry of faith, history, and culture comes alive.*

**DEPARTS MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2026 • 19 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS**

Lisbon (1 night) • Santarem • Fatima (2 nights) • Salamanca • Alba de Tormes  
• Avila (2 nights) • Segovia • Caleruega • Santo Domingo de Silos (1 night) • Loyola  
• Lourdes (2 nights) • Barcelona (2 nights) • Paris (2 nights) • Rome (3 nights)



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Fatima



Avila



## Itinerary

### DAY 1: MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2026 - DEPART FOR LISBON

### DAY 2: TUESDAY 18 AUGUST - ARRIVE LISBON

Welcome to **Lisbon**. Join with fellow pilgrims this evening for a Welcome Dinner.

*Lisbon overnight (D)*

### DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST - LISBON VIA SANTAREM TO FATIMA

This morning we will meet with our local guide and enjoy a **tour of Lisbon city**. Our first stop will be **St Anthony's Basilica** where we will celebrate our group Mass. Despite what his title might otherwise suggest, 'Anthony of Padua' was born and grew up in Lisbon and today remains the patron saint of lost articles.

Visit the **World Heritage listed Jeronimo's Monastery** dating back to the 16th century with its stunning combination of flamboyant Gothic, Moorish and early Renaissance influences; see nearby **Belem Tower** and the **Monument to the Discoveries**. See Europe's suspension bridge and view the inspiring **Statue of Christ the King** pointing the way north to Fatima.

En route to Fatima we will visit the **Holy Miracle Church of St Stephen at Santarem** containing the oldest recorded Eucharistic miracle.

We arrive at **Fatima** where in 1917 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three peasant children as 'a lady in white'.

*Fatima overnight (BD)*

### DAY 4: THURSDAY 20 AUGUST - FATIMA & SURROUNDS

This morning, we will celebrate mass following a tour of the **Square** (the largest square in Christendom) including the **site of the Apparitions**, **Rosary Basilica** with the **Tombs of the visionaries**, **Blessed Sacrament Chapel** and other main sites.

Continuing on, we will walk and pray the Stations along the beautiful **Way of the Cross** (the Sacred Way), culminating at the **Chapel of Calvary**, which overlooks all of Fatima.

This afternoon we will continue to **Valinhos**, the site of Our Lady's appearance after the children's return from prison before proceeding to the little village of **Aljustrel** to visit the homes where the children lived. Enter the original parish church and see the baptismal font where the children were baptised.

Tonight after dinner we have the option to gather in the square for the **international rosary**, followed by a **candlelight procession**.

*Fatima overnight (BD)*

### DAY 5: FRIDAY 21 AUGUST - FATIMA VIA SALAMANCA & ALBA DE TORMES TO AVILA

After breakfast we farewell Fatima and journey inland through Portugal before crossing into Spain and on through **Salamanca**, known as the 'Golden City' owing to the colour of its historic sandstone buildings.

Later we arrive at **Alba de Tormes**, the little village where St Teresa died. **Her incorrupt heart and arm** are enshrined and displayed here at the Carmelite convent. Here too we enter the convent for Mass, where **St John of the Cross** lived and who companioned St Teresa in her spiritual walk.

We continue 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 life.

*Avila overnight (BD)*

### DAY 6: SATURDAY 22 AUGUST - AVILA

We begin our day with a visit to the **Convent of Saint Teresa** 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.

We then visit **Avila's Cathedral** which was started in the 12th century before entering

the **Monastery of the Incarnation** for Mass where **St Teresa's cell** can be seen as well as other relics of her life.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to soak in the prayerful atmosphere and medieval charm of this holy town.

*Avila overnight (BD)*

### DAY 7: SUNDAY 23 AUGUST - SEGOVIA & CALERUEGA TO SANTO DOMINGO DE SILOS

This morning we depart Avila, travelling east by coach to **Segovia**, between the Eresma and Clamores Rivers. We will visit the stunning **Segovia Cathedral**, the last Gothic cathedral to be built in Spain. Marvel too at the best conserved **aqueduct** of the Imperial Roman Empire. Outside the walls, we will visit and celebrate Mass at a convent adjacent to the **Vera Cruz church**, where the mortal remains of St John of the Cross are buried. View here the famous **Alcazar**.

From here we journey north to **Caleruega**, the home of Bl Jane of Aza and Felix Guzman and birthplace of their son **St Dominic**. Our guided exploration will feature the **Dominican Nuns Convent**, formerly the home of the Guzman family. A highlight here is the **Crypt** where a well marks the spot where Dominic was born around 1170. It is now the centrepiece of a chapel which is adorned with exquisite mosaics depicting scenes from Dominic's life. Also visit the **Church of San Sebastian** where Dominic was baptised.

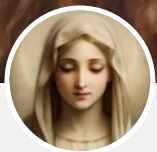
Finally today, we come to the quaint village of **Santo Domingo de Silos**, home to the great **Benedictine Abbey** famous for its beautiful Romanesque cloister and for spreading the finest tradition of Gregorian chant throughout the world.

After dinner we will proceed up to the Abbey for evening prayer.

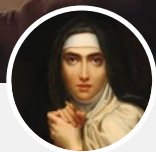
*Santo Domingo de Silos overnight (BD)*

### DAY 8: MONDAY 24 AUGUST - SANTO DOMINGO DE SILOS VIA LOYOLA TO LOURDES

*Seven times a day for over 1,500 years a sweet and sublime sound rises like a fragrance from the*

Our Lady  
of Lourdes

St Anthony

St Jacinta &  
FranciscoSt Teresa  
of AvilaSt John of  
the CrossSt Dominic  
CaleruegaSt Ignatius of  
LoyolaSt Bernadette  
Soubirous

*hills of Castille. Is it the sound of angels singing? One might be mistaken to think so. Enter the Romanesque cloisters of the sacred monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos and you will discover that this heavenly sound emanates from the Benedictine monks who became world famous after their recordings of Gregorian chant hit number one on the European pop charts.*

This morning we will attend the chanted High Mass at the Abbey before visiting the adjacent **Monastery and Museum**.

We then rejoin our coach and set off on our travel day, journeying north to **Loyola** where **St Ignatius** was born and where he later found his conversion.

In Loyola pilgrims will have the opportunity to visit the impressive **Sanctuary of St Ignatius**, including the **Casa Santa** (Holy House) - 13th century tower house - where he was born and spent many of his early years. Visit also the ornate monastery complete with shrine and relics of the saint and a 65m dome, which can be seen from a great distance. See the sparse room where he lived and recovered from his injuries and developed his spiritual life.

Later we travel through the scenic foothills of the Pyrenees, crossing into Southern France before continuing on to **Lourdes**. It was in this small town that Our Lady first appeared to **St Bernadette** in 1858.

*Lourdes overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 9: TUESDAY 25 AUGUST - LOURDES

This morning we will celebrate a group Mass at the **Grotto**, before meeting our guide for a **walking tour of Lourdes** including the Sanctuary area: **Upper & Lower Basilicas**, the Grotto, and the **Baths** where hundreds of miraculous cures have taken place. We continue our visit of the main sites associated with St Bernadette including the **Boly Mill** where she was born in 1844, the **original**

**parish church** and the **Cachot** (prison) where the family was forced to live due to misfortune during the time of the apparitions.

We then visit the little village of **Bartres** and the farm where St Bernadette was nursed and later returned in adolescence to help her foster mother. We will visit the **Sheepfold** and the **Parish Church**, where she spent so many hours in prayer.

This afternoon, there will be time for a visit and prayers for the sick at the miraculous **Baths**, where the water has continued to flow since 1858. During her 9th apparition to Bernadette, Our Lady said, *"Go drink and wash yourself at the spring"*.

After dinner you may wish to participate in the **Blessed Sacrament Procession** and **Blessing of the Sick** which will take place before the evening **candlelight procession**.

*Lourdes overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 10: WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST - LOURDES TO BARCELONA

After breakfast, we begin our journey south to **Barcelona**.

Upon arrival, we will have a guided tour of the iconic **Basilica Sagrada Familia**, where we will explore Gaudí's architectural masterpiece and marvel at its intricate facades and stunning interiors.

*Barcelona overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 11: THURSDAY 27 AUGUST - BARCELONA - MONTSERRAT

After breakfast, we make our way to **Montserrat**. The renowned eleventh-century sanctuary of Our Lady of Montserrat lies at the top of a 4000-foot-high mountain and is one of Spain's most popular pilgrimage destinations. The shrine is home to a twelfth-century miraculous statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, lovingly known as the **"Black Madonna"**,

discovered in the Santa Cova or Holy Cave. Here at Montserrat St Ignatius kept vigil with a coarse sackcloth and a pilgrim staff.

Upon arrival, we will visit and have Mass in the Basilica.

Before lunch, we will take our place among the privileged to hear the heavenly sounds of the Montserrat Boys Choir (The Escolania), one of the oldest and most renowned in Europe.

Afterwards, we journey back to Barcelona for a panoramic tour of the city including a stop at the **Barcelona Cathedral**. Afterwards, we can take a stroll along **La Rambla**, enjoying the lively atmosphere and the chance to explore the **Mercat de Sant Josep de la Boqueria** for a taste of local culture.

*Barcelona overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 12: FRIDAY 28 AUGUST - BARCELONA TO PARIS

Today we will be transferred to Barcelona Airport to board our flight to Paris.

Upon arrival in Paris, we make our way to visit the **Cathedral of Notre Dame**, one of the most renowned Gothic cathedrals in the world. Afterwards, we visit **Sainte-Chapelle**, a stunning Gothic chapel, built in the 13th century under the patronage of King Louis IX (Saint Louis).

*Paris overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 13: SATURDAY 29 AUGUST - PARIS

After breakfast, we will start with Mass in the awe-inspiring **Sacré-Cœur**, a magnificent basilica located in the Montmartre district. Built between 1875 and 1914, its commanding presence atop the hill offers breathtaking views of the city.

Afterwards, we will visit the **Daughters of**





**Charity** in the Rue du Bac. This is the site where Our Lady appeared to Catherine Laboure in 1830, with the first **Miraculous Medal** being struck in 1832. Her incorrupt body lies under the altar of Our Lady in the chapel here and adjacent to the altar of **St Vincent de Paul** displaying his incorrupt heart. Finally, we stroll to the nearby **Vincentian Fathers** to pray in the chapel housing the **bones of St Vincent de Paul**.

As we explore further, we will be captivated by the grandeur of the **Arc de Triomphe** and drive along the prestigious **Champs-Élysées**, immersing ourselves in the charm and elegance of Parisian life.

Later this afternoon we visit the **Eiffel Tower**, an iconic symbol of both the city and modern engineering. The tower offers panoramic views of Paris's enchanting skyline.

*Paris overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 14: SUNDAY 30 AUGUST – PARIS TO ROME

After breakfast, we will be transferred to the airport to board our flight to Rome.

Upon arrival in Rome, we the **Basilica of St John in Lateran** (First Papal residence) before making our way to our Rome accommodation for check in.

*Rome overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 15: MONDAY 31 AUGUST – ROME

This morning we tour the majestic **Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls**. Originally consecrated in 324, the saint's tomb is visible now under the Papal Altar. This afternoon we visit the ancient **Catacombs** for a memorable guided tour to marvel at these underground burial tunnels for Christians and Hebrews. This afternoon, we enter the most visited attraction in Rome - the **Colosseum**. In 1749, Pope

Benedict XIV declared the Colosseum a sacred site, as it was a place where early Christians had been martyred. View also the **Circus Maximus** and the **Roman Forum** en route.

*Rome overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 16: TUESDAY 01 SEPTEMBER – ROME

We start our pilgrimage this morning with a spectacular Mass at **St Peter's Basilica** before coming to the nearby **Vatican Museums**. Wander the magnificent chambers leading to the **Sistine Chapel** to view Michelangelo's masterpieces, including the magnificent fresco of the Last Judgment. Continue through to the awe-inspiring **St Peter's Basilica**, the largest church in the world for an informative exploration.

Our guided tour will feature among other highlights Michelangelo's stunning **Pieta**, the **tomb of Pope St John Paul II**, the great **Confessional** and the **Crypt** containing the tombs of several Popes.

Enjoy a special dinner tonight in a local Italian Trattoria.

*Rome overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 17: WEDNESDAY 02 SEPTEMBER – ROME

Today we will be transferred to Rome airport for our home-bound flights or ongoing travel arrangements. (B)

#### DAY 18: THURSDAY 03 SEPTEMBER – TRANSIT

#### DAY 19: FRIDAY 04 SEPTEMBER – ARRIVE AUSTRALIA



### PILGRIMAGE DETAILS (INDICATIVE)

TOUR CODE	PV2649
STARTS	Monday, 17 August 2026
FINISHES	Friday, 04 September 2026
AIR & LAND COST	AUD \$14,450 (Twin Share) *
SINGLE ROOM	AUD \$3,200 Supplement
PREPAID TIPS	AUD \$310 Per Person

\* Costs have been based on prices as at August 2025 and must remain subject to possible change in the event of significant exchange rate variations or airline tax & levy increases beyond Harvest's control. Price based on minimum groups size of 25 paying pilgrims. Refer to Harvest Booking Terms & Conditions for more details.

### INCLUDED

**ACCOMMODATION & MEALS:** Based on reputable local 3-4 star superior hotels or quality religious houses as applicable • Meals as specified in Itinerary

**TOURING & TRANSPORTATION:** International airfare from Sydney plus European airfares • Flight Coffs Harbour to Sydney return • Deluxe Air Conditioned Coach touring • Professional Local Guides • Sightseeing and Entrance Fees.

**OTHER:** Fully Escorted by Priest Chaplain • Portage at hotels (where available) • Harvest Backpack, Pilgrim Journal and Travel Wallet.

### NOT INCLUDED

Other meals not listed • Passport and Visa Costs (if applicable) • Items of a personal nature including phone calls, laundry, beverages, etc. • Travel insurance • Prepaid Tipping



### BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

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