



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 INFORMATION

The next World Youth Day will take place in Lisbon, Portugal on August 1-6, 2023. The Diocese of Savannah is planning a 10-day pilgrimage spanning from July 28-August 7 to Fatima and Lisbon for this celebration of and for youth, as well as a pre-trip 4-day add-on to Lourdes, Burgos and Santiago de Compostela, and a post-trip 2-day add-on to Avila, Madrid, and Toledo.

World Youth Day is an unbelievable week-long spiritual journey where pilgrims from all over the world unite to share their faith. The week includes prayer, song, concerts, drama, sharing, liturgy, catechesis, and an unforgettable vigil and closing Mass with the Holy Father Francis. In 1984, Pope John Paul II invited young people from all over the world to participate in a pilgrimage at the very first World Youth Day. Since then they have been held in Argentina ('87), Spain ('89), Poland ('91), US ('93), Philippines ('95), France ('97), Italy ('00), Canada ('02), Germany ('05), and Australia ('08), Madrid ('11), Brazil ('13), Poland ('16), Panama ('19).

The theme for WYD 2023 is "Mary arose and went with haste" (Luke 1:39). What a beautiful verse to guide us in planning for such an event! Mary had the most intimate encounter with the Lord and ran with excitement and wonder to Elizabeth's house to see the ways that the Lord provided for her cousin, too. World Youth Day offers a similar opportunity for young people around the world to run with haste and excitement to a meeting place to share and celebrate their personal encounters with the Lord.

See information about the Diocese of Savannah's proposed pilgrimage below and at our reservation page: [GroupXpress: Reservation trips](#)

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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 PROPOSED PLAN

Travel Company

We will be using Dube Travel based out of Maine. Dube Travel collaborates closely with Aliantour Travel, the official operator for World Youth Day Lisbon. Dube Travel's founder and liaisons for our group are practicing Catholics with experience in planning World Youth Day trips since 1997. They place a high importance on WYD being a pilgrimage rather than solely a European excursion.

Proposed Agenda

The trip will go from July 24-August 7th with an option to stay through August 9th.

Monday, July 24 – (Pre-Trip) Depart USA
Tuesday, July 25 – (Pre-Trip) Toulouse|Lourdes
Wednesday, July 26 – (Pre-Trip) Lourdes
Thursday, July 27 – (Pre-Trip) Lourdes|Burgos
Friday, July 28 – (Pre-Trip) Burgos|Santiago de Compostela
Saturday, July 29 – (Main Trip Begins) Santiago|Fatima
Sunday, July 30 – (Main Trip) Fatima
Monday, July 31 – (Main Trip) Fatima|Santarem|Lisbon
Tuesday, August 1 – (Main Trip) Lisbon, Opening Mass
Wednesday, August 2-6 – (Main Trip) Lisbon, WYD Events
Monday, August 7 – (Post-Trip Begins) Return to USA OR Avila|Madrid
Tuesday, August 8 – (Post-Trip) Toledo
Wednesday, August 9 – (Post-Trip) Depart for USA

Price

The price estimate for the Main Trip is approximately \$4,100 per person with double occupancy rooms. This includes:

Roundtrip airfare
Roundtrip airport transportation in Lisbon
2 nights in Fatima
Visit to Santarem
7 nights in Lisbon
Breakfast daily at hotel
Hotel taxes
Panoramic City Tour of Lisbon
Farewell dinner
WYD Registration
Services of Dube & Aliantour staff and guides

The proposed price estimate for the Pre-Trip add-on is approximately \$1,200 per person with double occupancy rooms. This includes:

Welcome dinner
2 nights in Lourdes
1 night in Burgos
1 night in Santiago de Compostela

The proposed price estimate for the Post-Trip add-on is approximately \$650 per person with double occupancy rooms. This includes:

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Travel around Avila, Madrid and Toledo
2 nights in Madrid

Estimated Trip Costs

Main trip only - \$4,100
Main trip and pre-trip - \$5,300
Main trip and post-trip - \$4,750
Main trip, pre-trip and post-trip - \$5,950

Estimated Payment Schedule

\$300 deposit due to register

June 15, 2022 - First Payment Due
July 15, 2022 – Second Payment Due
August 15, 2022 – Third Payment Due
September 15, 2022 – Fourth Payment Due
October 15, 2022 – Fifth Payment Due
November 15, 2022 – Sixth Payment Due
December 15, 2022 – Seventh Payment Due
January 15, 2023 – Eighth Payment Due
February 15, 2023 – Ninth Payment Due
March 15, 2023 – Tenth Payment Due

April 15, 2023 – Final Balance Due

Attendees

World Youth Day is a pilgrimage experience targeted to those ages 16 to 35. The below parameters will allow for all age groups to attend safely.

Freshmen and sophomores in High School – Can attend *with parents*

Juniors and seniors in High School – Can attend in a parish or school group *with trained chaperones*

College-aged young adults – Can attend in a group *with an adult leader(s)*

Young Adults aged 25+ – Can attend on their own

Pilgrimage

Holy Father's Message, September 14, 2021:

"Once again, I invite all of you, young people throughout the world, to take part in this spiritual pilgrimage leading to the celebration of the 2023 World Youth Day in Lisbon...I hope that all of us can experience these steps along the way as true pilgrims, and not merely as 'religious tourists'! May we be increasingly open to God's surprises, for he wants to light up our path. May we be more and more open to hearing his voice, also through the voices of our brothers and sisters. In this way, we will help one another to arise together and, at this troubled time in our history, we will become the prophets of a new and hope-filled future! May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for all of us."

Dube Travel places an importance on preparing for World Youth Day specifically *as a pilgrimage*. They walk through the process with us in educating, praying and preparing us both physically and spiritually for the trip. We will have pre-trip meetings and webinars to enhance our experiencing on the trip.

Pilgrimage Stops

Lourdes – Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858

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Visit shrine, birth home of St. Bernadette and family home during the time of the apparitions, grotto where Mary appeared with a candlelight procession

Burgos - "Way of Saint James"

Travel on the ancient "Way of St. James" and visit the Old Castile and Burgos Cathedral

Santiago de Compostela – Relics of Saint James

Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, visit relics of Saint James

Fatima – Blessed Mother appeared to the 3 Children

Visit the chapel of the apparitions, have a candlelight procession, do the way of the cross path to Valinhos (between the 8th and 9th station of the Way of the Cross in the Path of the little Shepherds; the place of the 4th apparition) and Aljustrel (House Museum of Aljustrel is next to Lucia's birth house)

Santarem – Eucharistic Miracle

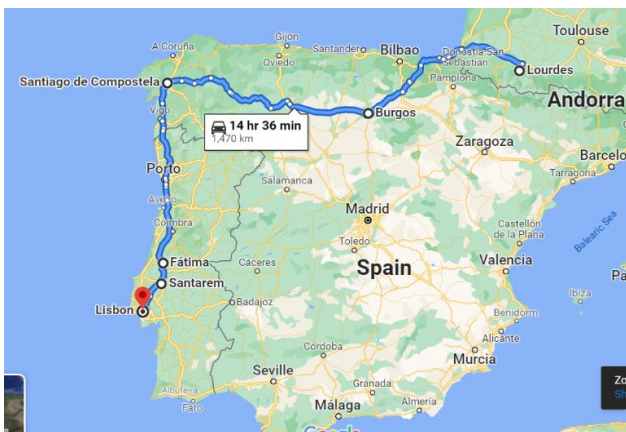
Visit Church of St. Stephen where both the Eucharistic miracles of Santarem and Lanciano are kept

Lisbon – World Youth Day Site

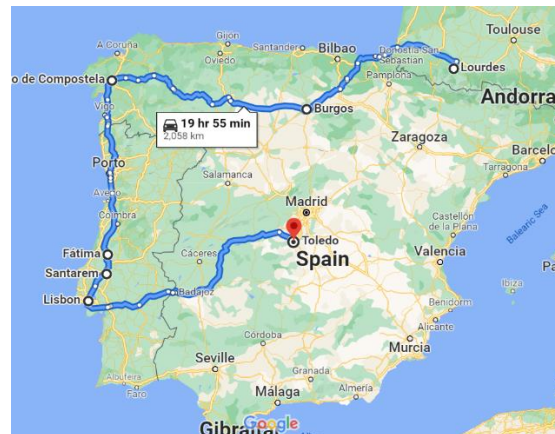
WYD Events Wednesday through Sunday

Map of Travels

Main Trip



With Trip Extension



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WYD Lisbon prayer:

Our Lady of the Visitation,
you who arose and went with haste towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth,
lead us also to meet all those who await us
to deliver them the living Gospel:
Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord!
We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay,
but with readiness and joy.
We will go peacefully, because those who take Christ take peace,
and well-being is the best well-being.
Our Lady of the Visitation,
with your inspiration, this World Youth Day
will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did.
Make it a time of testimony and sharing,
fraternization, and giving thanks,
each of us looking for the others who always wait.
With you, we will continue on this path of gathering,
so that our world will gather as well,
in fraternity, justice and peace.
Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation,
to bring Christ to everyone, obeying the Father, in the love of the Spirit!