

BRING THE FAITH OF YOUR PARISH TO LIFE THROUGH PILGRIMAGE



L.P. Pilgrimages
your pilgrimage is our mission

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

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YOU WANT TO EVANGELIZE YOUR PARISH & BE A TRUE SHEPHERD TO YOUR FLOCK



Church of Holy Sepulchre

In the divine tapestry of life, you've been summoned by a higher calling. God has entrusted you with important work- a life challenge, indeed. Your mission? To nurture every soul within your parish, guiding them towards a profound closeness with Christ. Yet, amidst the complexities of modernity, many of your parishioners find themselves adrift, feeling disconnected both from their spiritual home and from the guiding presence of their pastor. But fear not, for there is hope on the horizon. We stand ready to walk alongside you in this sacred pilgrimage.

With our guidance, hundreds of parishes have experienced a renewal, a rekindling of faith, and a strengthening of community bonds. Through the transformative power of pilgrimage, we can assist you in revitalizing your parish, transforming it into a vibrant, active community of believers - a beacon of light and love in a world yearning for spiritual connection.

WE ARE THE LIVING STONES.

In the heart of the Holy Land, amidst ancient stones weathered by time, there exists a sacred assembly - the living stones, few in number but mighty in purpose. We stand as the cornerstone of the mother church, entrusted with the solemn duty of safeguarding Christian shrines and preserving the essence of Christianity in the Land of Jesus.

As guardians of these hallowed grounds, we bear a profound responsibility—a responsibility not only to our local community but to Christians worldwide. For we carry with us the very message that Jesus imparted during his earthly sojourn—a message of love, hope, and redemption.

In this sacred land, we serve as your direct link to the divine. We are the custodians of the spiritual legacy that transcends time and space. Through us, the echoes of Christ's teachings resound, illuminating the path for believers around the globe.



WHAT IS A

In the Middle Ages, pilgrims traveled in large groups for safety. Now a days, most people prefer group pilgrimages to:

- ❑ Connect with their parish priest and faith community.
- ❑ Benefit from the safety and cost savings of group travel.
- ❑ Participate in the celebration of Mass in sacred spaces.
- ❑ Share in communal prayer and reflection.
- ❑ Experience holy sites with those who share their faith.

Pilgrimage offering

- ❑ A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to a sacred place. Pilgrimage has been part of the Christian tradition for centuries.
- ❑ time away from one's regular routine to concentrate on the spiritual life without distractions.
- ❑ A time for meditation, learning, spiritual growth, connection, and enrichment.
- ❑ A time of prayer for intercession, a special intention, or thanksgiving for blessings received.

PILGRIMAGE IS FUN.

Although your pilgrimage will likely include moments of fun, some shopping, and good food, it is not a vacation. That's because the ultimate goal of pilgrimage is not recreation, but re-creation. It is a journey of devotion, prompted by a call from the Holy Spirit.

The primary purpose for the pilgrim is to worship God, know Him better, offer penance, and be transformed. Pilgrimage to holy places is so spiritually powerful that, under the Old Covenant, pilgrimage was commanded.

THE BENEFITS OF A PILGRIMAGE

INSPIRATION & TRANSFORMATION

A true Catholic pilgrimage offers more than inspiration. It results in transformation. A physical journey to the sacred sites where Jesus and the saints once stood provides spiritual illumination as pilgrims come to know God better through their travels, discussions, Mass, and shared prayer. Our hope – and our experience – is that parishioners bring this greater understanding and renewed spirit back with them into their daily life and faith communities.

VIBRANT PARISHES

The spiritual seeds planted on pilgrimage bear great fruit at home. Returning pilgrims participate more fully in the life of the Church through more frequent reception of the Sacraments, fellowship, and stewardship. In other words, they increase their capacity to live as disciples of Christ! We are witness to many conversion stories to the Catholic Faith as a result of a pilgrimage experience.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Walking in the footsteps of Our Lord and the prophets, pilgrims gain a deeper understanding of and insight into Scripture. The gospels are no longer filled with Bible “stories,” but rather our shared ancestry as children of God. As a result, their faith is renewed and revitalized, and the Mass comes alive!

PEACE & PURPOSE

The distractions and stress of our modern lives often leave us feeling something is “missing.” Pilgrimage helps us refresh, renew, and re-center ourselves in Christ, filling that emptiness with God’s presence as He becomes tangible in the holy places and special people encountered along the way.

ADDED BENEFITS TO THE PRIEST

Many of the pastors we serve tell us their pilgrimages result in a strengthening of their own faith, endless material for their homilies, catalysts for Lent and Advent lecture series, and a much-needed time of fellowship during which they grow closer to their parishioners.



WHERE CAN I GO?



The Holy Land



Pilgrims embark on a pilgrimage retracing the steps of Jesus, offering prayers where scripture's events unfolded. Sacred sites encompass Bethlehem, His birthplace, Nazareth, His childhood home, the Jordan River where He was baptized, the locales of His early ministry by the Sea of Galilee, and places associated with His final days in Jerusalem.

Most importantly, pilgrims support local Christians and the mother church, fostering unity and faith

in the Holy Land. We also have developed a special "Walking pilgrimage" in the Holy Land. "The Disciple Trail" traces the footsteps of Jesus Christ as his ministry encompassed towns all





The Holy Land with Jordan and Egypt



Catholic pilgrimage to the Holy Land, encompassing Jordan and Egypt, is a sacred pilgrimage of profound spiritual significance. From the banks of the Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized, to the ancient wonders of Egypt, each site holds deep biblical resonance. Pilgrims walk in the footsteps of Jesus, praying at holy sites like Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Jerusalem, while also exploring the ancient wonders of Petra and the revered monasteries of Mount Sinai. This pilgrimage offers a transformative experience, deepening faith and fostering



Italy and The Eternal City



Visiting Italy, the land of timeless beauty, evokes a profound sense of awe and wonder. The Eternal City, Rome, captivates with its rich tapestry of history, art, and culture. Wander through ancient ruins, marvel at the grandeur of the Colosseum, and stand in awe before the majesty of the Vatican City, home to St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel. Indulge in delectable cuisine, savoring the flavors of authentic Italian pasta and gelato. Lose yourself in the labyrinthine streets of Rome, where every corner reveals a



Marian Shrines



Foremost among Marian shrines are those gracing Lourdes, France; Fatima, Portugal; Guadalupe, Mexico; Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina; Czestochowa, Poland; and Knock, Ireland. These sacred sites serve as focal points for devout pilgrimages, drawing faithful from across the globe. Each location carries its own unique history and significance, steeped in miraculous apparitions and profound spiritual encounters. Whether seeking healing, guidance, or simply solace in Mary's maternal presence, pilgrims find a deep sense of peace and connection at these revered shrines, strengthening their faith and fostering a



Shrines of Spain



Shrines of Spain is a pilgrimage of spiritual enrichment and cultural immersion. From the majestic Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela to the revered Shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat, each site holds centuries of religious significance and devotion. Pilgrims traverse scenic landscapes, finding solace and inspiration in the sacred spaces that have drawn believers for generations. This pilgrimage offers a profound opportunity for reflection, renewal, and connection with the divine.



Greece & Turkey in the Footsteps of St. Paul



Follow the path of Paul the Apostle as you discover bucolic beauty and ancient history on this Grecian sojourn. Visit the ancient Roman City of Ephesus, Turkey. Explore the Acropolis in Athens and seek ancient wisdom at the ruins of Delphi. Discover the biblical town of Corinth and see the Agora and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal. Stop in

Philippi, where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe and baptized Lydia, the first Christian in Greece. On your pilgrimage, feel the spirit of the New Testament as you visit the places where the great apostle lived and preached.



Poland & Divine Mercy



During your visit to Poland you will be traveling through the cities of Poland visiting the most important cities: Warsaw, Gdansk, Krakow and Lagiewniki. You will visit the Shrines of The Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Czestochowa, and the hometown of St. John Paul II, Wadowice. Throughout Poland you will see many sculptures and paintings of St. John Paul II,

evidence of the Polish people's great respect for their much-loved Pope.



Shrines of France



A home to Catholicism since the very beginning, France has been the site of countless miracles, including the appearance of Our Lady of Lourdes. This pilgrimage will intermingle spiritual reflection time at these sites with visits to stunning cathedrals & the key French sites from Paris & the Normandy, to Lourdes and Nevers, Dijon, Paray le Monial, Ars and Annecy.



Camino de Santiago



The Camino de Santiago is a sacred journey of faith, penance, and renewal, leading pilgrims to the tomb of St. James the Apostle. For priests, it offers a unique opportunity to guide their flock through Mass, Confession, and prayer, transforming the Camino into a walking retreat. Through sacrifice, fraternity, and contemplation, pilgrims encounter Christ, deepen their faith,

and return spiritually renewed.



Shrines of Ireland



Discover the most revered sites of the Emerald Isle. Enjoy a guided tour of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, behold the spectacular beauty of Glendalough, site of the Monastery of St. Kevin, visit Saint Mary's Cathedral Limerick, Kinsale and Galway as you experience Ireland's natural beauty, rich history and religious heritage. Spend nights in the charming waterside

Village of Kinsale, renowned as Ireland's "gourmet capital". This inspirational journey also includes visits to experience some of Ireland's most dramatic scenery, perfect settings for



Shrines of England & Scotland



Christianity came here in the First Century and spread throughout the country over the ensuing centuries. The Church and the Crown became closely inter-related. Henry VIII was once a defender of the Faith, but after the Pope refused his request for a divorce, he became one of the Church's greatest enemies. The legacy of England's Catholic heritage lives on in

its historic churches, shrines, and the witness of its martyrs, calling the faithful to remember and renew their commitment to Christ and His Church.



Our Lady of Guadalupe



Each year, as many as 10 million pilgrims journey to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, making it the largest Catholic pilgrimage site in the Americas. This sacred shrine, built where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531, holds the miraculous Tilma bearing her image, a powerful symbol of faith and divine love.

Beyond Guadalupe, Mexico is home to other significant Catholic pilgrimage sites. The Cathedral of Mexico City, the oldest and largest in Latin America, stands as a testament to centuries of unwavering faith. The Sanctuary of Cristo Rey atop Cerro del Cubilete in Guanajuato honors Christ the King and commemorates the Cristero War martyrs. Cholula, home to the world's largest pyramid, houses the Church of Our Lady of Remedies, blending indigenous and Catholic traditions. The Shrine of Our Lady of San Juan de los Lagos, in Jalisco, attracts millions seeking healing and grace. Additionally, the Basilica of Our Lady of Ocotlán in Tlaxcala, and the Monastery of Tepoztlán, a UNESCO World Heritage site, offer

Themed & Custom Itineraries

We customize pilgrimage itineraries to match your desires, crafting unique pilgrimages tailored to your spiritual and cultural preferences.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

At L. P. PILGRIMAGE, we do everything possible to make every pilgrimage safe, easy, and fulfilling. We take care of all details to the smallest ones, so that you can concentrate on an unforgettable and memorable pilgrimage.

We plan your desired itinerary, book all services, flights, hotels, transportations, local guides and tour escort, meals, visits and Masses.

We design, print and deliver brochures to your parish. We setup a special web page for the pilgrimage with all information and online enrollment and payment system, with a special leader portal so you can follow up all your pilgrims bookings.

1. Pick the dates and destination

Pick Dates: We at L. P. Pilgrimage have blocked dates in advanced for most wanted destinations, such as, the Holy Land, Italy, Marian Shrines and so on. We work with you to pick the best dates as per your scheduled availability, weather and costs.

Plan: Once you decide on the destination, we customize and design the itinerary with you, to meet your main goals and desires.

Pick Departure airport: Choose the most convenient airport for your pilgrims.

2. Promote: (Spread the word!)

L. P. Pilgrimages provides you with a pilgrimage media kit to promote your upcoming pilgrimage from the pulpit, on your website, on social media, and in your weekly bulletin. We also provide you with an ample quantity of well-designed and printed brochures and a dedicated webpage for the pilgrimage for easy, online registration, insurance coverage and payments. Each pilgrim will have his own online account access to make payments, communicate with us and keep updated with the pilgrimage news. No extra effort is needed by your office staff.

3. Prepare for your pilgrimage

A month from the departure date, L. P. Pilgrimage hosts a special meeting in your parish or via ZOOM with all participants to share the final information related to the pilgrimage. We E-mail all pilgrims their airline tickets. We will ship you pilgrim name badges, hats, and backpacks to distribute at the airport for the pilgrimage.

When you arrive at your destination, your L. P. Pilgrimage representative and full-time escort/guide will take care of all the details and day to day arrangements, so you can focus on your spiritual needs and those of your flock.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PILGRIMAGE PRICE?



We include everything in the price.



Travel document kit

- We send pilgrims a welcome travel kit that includes:
- A Welcome Letter.
- A " Year Round Packing List " to your destination.
- Insurance brochures.
- Luggage Tags.
- Pilgrimage receipts and statement.



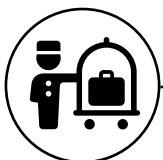
Airfare

Roundtrip economy airfare.
(unless it is a land-only package or upgrades are requested)



Accommodations

Name of hotels or guest houses approved by sponsor.
Rates based on per person in double or twin room.
Limited Single room occupancy is listed with supplement charge.



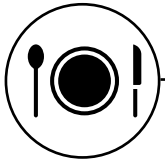
Porterage

Fees and charges for the portage of one piece of baggage at airports and hotels (except some guest houses where they do not offer it).



Transfers and ground transportations

Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach transportation for all days of the pilgrimage while transporting the group.



Meals

All accommodations based on breakfast and dinner daily. Beverages or wine and lunches are not included with meals unless requested at the time of quoting the pilgrimage.



Masses

We schedule all daily Masses and book them at Holy shrines or specified sacred sites.



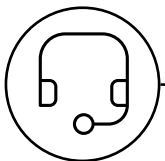
Entrances and Admission to the Holy Sites

We take care of admission to all the holy sites.



Professional and Licensed Catholic Guides/Tour Escorts

Our English/Spanish-speaking local Catholic/Christian guides are true believers with a passion. They coordinate all logistics as they educate and guide pilgrims.



Whispers Headsets

Whisper headsets allow our guides to speak softly and reverently in sacred spaces while ensuring that all pilgrims can hear their guide clearly whether they are at the front or back of the group.



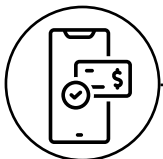
Tips

All tips for hotels, guides, bus driver and staff are calculated and included in the price. We will mail you a check and a list of amounts to be prepared in separate envelopes for gratuities to guides, bus drivers, and hotel staff.



Credit Card Fees

We include credit card fees in the package price (unless stated otherwise).



Stipend and benefits

A calculated amount of stipend is dedicated to the priest or the church.

Sponsor Costs and Expenses

All priests leading a pilgrimage may have their basic expenses covered, including airfare, fuel surcharges, hotels, ground transportation, breakfasts, dinners, tips, tickets, and taxes. Each priest is responsible for their standard incidentals that could include additional beverages, bottled water, personal charges added to their room (e.g., internet and phone charges, laundry, additional meals, etc.), personal purchases (e.g., souvenirs, religious items, books, food, medicine, etc.), public restroom costs, and other personal expenses.



Santorini - Greece

Roles and Responsibilities of Priest leaders

A Catholic priest is an integral part of this sacred pilgrimage and is treated with reverence and respect on every pilgrimage. You can choose to be highly involved or hands-off in the planning process, but your participation and encouragement is critical in the recruiting process.

Costs and Expenses

Together with you, we agree on a number of free of charge passengers including the airfare. Usually, we offer 2 full free in single room for the priest and his assistant. Stipend for the Church/Priest.

Mass Credentials and Vestments

Pilgrims look forward to celebrating Mass with you each day during their pilgrimage. As such, all priests and deacons who plan to celebrate, concelebrate, or serve at Mass are required to send a copy of their Celebret or Letter of Suitability to L. P. Pilgrimages to keep on file. They must also keep a copy with them while on pilgrimage. It is rarely required at Mass sites but, when it is, the priests and deacons must be ready to present it. Most holy sites and churches have an onsite sacristan and provide all that is necessary for the celebration of the Mass. However, we ask that you bring your own stole. (You must bring your own alb to Medjugorje.) You may want to bring a small Mass Kit if you wish to celebrate Mass at the airport.

Pilgrimage promotion

L.P. Pilgrimage provides a media tool to help you promote your upcoming pilgrimage from the pulpit, on your website, on social media, and in your weekly bulletin. We also provide you with an ample quantity of printed brochures and easy, online registration that requires no extra effort from your office staff.



WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE L. P. PILGRIMAGE?

L.P. Pilgrimages Services is a leading Catholic pilgrimage and group tour operator and DMC. We are based in Nazareth-Israel, Atlanta-USA, Sassuolo-Italy and Santiago de Compostela-Spain.

All of us here at L. P. Pilgrimages, work tirelessly to ensure that your pilgrimage is a carefree, successful and enjoyable experience from start to finish. We pride ourselves on attention to detail with your travel plans, air transportation, accommodations, specialized inclusions and ground assistance. Along with our travel insurance partner, we aim to secure your health, safety, and financial protection. With guidance in pre-tour preparation, risk assessment and planning, you will be benefitting from a wealth of collective knowledge and experience. Our tour escort will meet you at your arrival city and stay with you throughout your pilgrimage until you return to the airport for your flight home.



Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem with H.B. Patriarch Emeritus Michael Sabbah

L. P. Pilgrimage Foundation



L. P. Pilgrimage Foundation sole purpose is charity for the Christians in the Holy Land. We strive to embrace the principles of the Gospel and Christianity working with indigenous Christians in the Holy Land to achieve justice, equality, and the advancement of human dignity.

L. P. Pilgrimage Foundation will promote and assist families in need, students in academic studies, and humanitarian projects as well as non- profit organizations in the Holy Land through a network of friends inspired by the Gospel. Together we will grow in holiness to build personal relationships and service people in need to maintain the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

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