



# WORLDWIDE JOURNEYS

## The Historic and the Holy A Clergy and Youth Leader's Pilgrimage to France

December 2 – 8, 2020

Air from Newark, NJ

*This pilgrimage involves a moderate amount of physical activity including walking for a mile or more, climbing stairs, and hiking over rocky and uneven ground.*

**Day 1, Wednesday, December 2, 2020:** We meet the representative from **Worldwide Journeys** at the **Newark International Airport** and board our **United Airlines** nonstop flight to **Paris, France**.  
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**DAY 2, Thursday, December 3:** We have an early morning arrival at **Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris** where we clear immigration, meet our English speaking guide and board the private motor coach. We begin our exploration of the beautiful countryside outside Paris as we travel to **Cabourg** (134 miles) in the **Normandy Region**. Upon arrival, we will check into our hotel and have some free time to rest or explore this resort location on the shores of the **English Channel** at the mouth of the river **Dives**. We will rejoin as a group for a "welcome to France" dinner. Overnight **Cabourg**.  
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**DAY 3, Friday, December 4:** After breakfast at our hotel, we board our motor coach and drive to **Mont-Saint-Michel** (100 miles). We will stroll through this charming village with stone houses and narrow streets, built on a rock off the coast of Normandy and surrounded by one of the world's largest bays known for its incoming tide that "comes in with the speed of a galloping horse". The village and the bay are listed in Unesco's World Heritage sites. Now we visit the magnificent Mont-Saint-Michel.

*In the year 709, after the first apparitions of the archangel Michael, a first chapel is built on the mount and dedicated to the archangel Michael. Nearly 300 years later, the Benedictine monks established their community. They reorganized the existing buildings so as to make it into a monastery and to welcome pilgrims. The pilgrimage to Mont-Saint-Michel then became one of the most famous in the Christian world. Transformed into a prison at the French Revolution, the abbey was then restored and was listed as a national historical monument before a religious community was again established. Today, it is the monastic fraternity of Jerusalem that lives here, a renewal community that has as its mission to be an oasis of prayer. Their liturgy is sung in two parts (men and women) and goes perfectly with the*

**beauty of the church. Among the pilgrims who come today are those who wish to follow in the footsteps of those of the middle ages by crossing the bay on foot.**

**Please Note:** The visit begins with the bus drop-off in the parking lot that is situated at a distance of 2.5 kilometers. Then you walk to the free shuttle-bus stop that takes you to within 250 meters of the entrance to the medieval citadel. From there it is an easy walk through the village by the paved main street for about 200 meters. Then, from the parish church, begins the "Grand Degré", about a 350-step climb up to the abbey. After exploring the abbey, we will continue by motor coach to Caen (78 miles) where we have dinner and overnight. **BD**

**PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO ELEVATOR. THERE ARE 350 STEPS TO THE ABBEY.**

**DAY 4, Saturday, December 5 :** After breakfast in the hotel, we board our coach and transfer to **Omaha Beach** (32 miles). On June 6, 1944 tens of thousands of American, English, Canadian, Scot and French soldiers landed on the beaches of the Normandy coast to free France from the Nazi stronghold. Thousands of young soldiers died that first day in the name of liberty, the value that marks the greatness of mankind. The coast of Normandy still has the indelible scars of that event. We start this visit with a stop at **Omaha beach**, the most famous of the Normandy landing beaches. Finally, as a duty to remember, we will go to the somber **American cemetery** at **Colleville-sur-Mer** where these young soldiers have been laid to rest. After lunch on our own, we continue to **Lisieux** (70 miles) where we discover the Basilica and see a movie about the life of Saint Therese. We visit the **Buissonnets**, the family home where Saint Therese spent her childhood, then discover the **Carmelite convent** where she remained cloistered until her death. We will also visit the **Cathedral of Saint Peter**.



***Born in Alençon, Thérèse spent more than 10 years in Lisieux in the house called "les Buissonnets". At the age of 15, she told her father of her desire to become a Carmelite nun. She went all the way to Rome with him to make the request directly to Pope Leo XIII and became a Carmelite two years later. It is at the request of the prioress that she began to write "History of a Soul" telling her history before her "entry into life" at the age of 24. Thérèse was quickly beatified and canonized at the request of her worldwide readers.***

We continue to **Paris** for dinner and overnight. **BD**



**Day 5, Sunday, December 6:** Breakfast in our hotel and then we begin our exploration of the "city of lights" by motor coach for a first look at the capital's many monuments. The **Sainte Chapelle** (Holy Chapel) is a real treasure hidden on the island, **Ile de la Cité**, in the center of Paris. It has been built to receive the holy relics of the Crown of Thorns acquired by French king Louis IX. We explore the

lower part with its openwork design and its bright colors and the upper part flooded with light streaming through the huge stained glass windows. This chapel is an architectural feat with nothing to compare it to in the world. The relics have been transferred to the located just a few meters away.

*In the beginning of the 13th century during the Crusades, the emperor Beaudouin II de Courtenay had such a huge need for money that he was willing to sell the most important relic that he had, the Crown of Thorns. He met with king Louis IX and after two years of discussions to confirm the authenticity of the relics, the Holy Crown arrived in France in 1239. Two years after that, the king of France acquired other relics of the Passion of which there is a part of the holy Cross. Louis IX decided to build a monument worthy to house the relics, the Sainte Chapelle, built in the center of the royal palace on the Ile de la Cité. This master-piece was built in 5 years.*

We will be able to view the beauty of **Notre Dame Cathedral** from the exterior only due to the fire in April of 2019 which nearly destroyed the magnificent structure.

*The cathedral was conceived in 1160 when the Bishop of Paris wanted for his diocese a new cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary. The first stone was laid in 1163 in the presence of Pope Alexander III. The edifice met perfectly the expectations of the bishop as it is an architectural jewel and its rose windows are spectacular and huge. It became the symbol of Paris and of Christian France. In the 17th century, after 23 years of marriage and no children, King Louis XIII consecrated France to the Virgin Mary in thanks for the birth of his son, the famous Louis XIV.*



After lunch on our own, we will have time to stroll through the wonderful **Latin Quarter** before we board the famous Parisian “**Bateaux-mouches**” for a unique exploration of Paris from the **River Seine**. We will see the **Eiffel Tower**, the **Concorde**, the **Garden of the Tuileries**, the **Orangerie**, **Saint Louis Island**, **Notre Dame Cathedral** and the **Louvre**. We return to our Paris hotel for dinner and overnight. **BD**



**Day 6, Monday, December 7:** On this, our last full day in France, we have breakfast in the hotel before we visit the **Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Montmartre** and the amazing view over Paris from its peak. In 1870, war broke out between France and Germany, and France was invaded. The idea took hold that the ordeals incurred by France were due to its spiritual faults rather than only political ones. This gave birth to the construction of a basilica dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This project was seen as atonement and also as the force of hope and spiritual renewal. Parisian and French Christians pledged to maintain there a permanent 24/7 prayer in exchange for the protection of Paris. In 1872, the archbishop of Paris approved the project and chose the hill of **Montmartre** for the site. The financing of the edifice was through individual gifts (often modest ones) from people all over France. Their names are

engraved in the stone of the basilica. For over a century, Parisians and pilgrims from all over the world relay to maintain the permanent prayer. We visit the **chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**, a high spiritual Parisian place where several apparitions of the Virgin Mary took place in 1830. It is a place of peace and silence in the heart of Paris. Just a few blocks away from the chapel of **Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**, discover the **Chapel of Saint Vincent de Paul** and the relics of this saint. We will see the exterior of **La Sorbonne University**. The Sorbonne owes its name to its founder, Robert de Sorbon, chaplain and confessor of the King of France Saint-Louis (Louis IX). Its history over the centuries has been so closely linked to that of the University of Paris that it has become its symbol. We see the **Church of Saint-Etienne (Saint Stephan) du Mont** (of the mount) located in one of the most beautiful areas of Paris, right near the Pantheon. This flamboyant gothic church contains the shrine of Saint Geneviève, patron saint of Paris. Inside, its lace in stone is not to be missed as it is the last one in Paris. The parish of Saint-Etienne-du-Mont is especially active with groups of young Parisians gathering here every week to pray. We will have time for a stroll on our own in the **Luxembourg Garden** before returning to our hotel for a “farewell to France” dinner and overnight. **BD**

**Day 7, Tuesday, December 8, 2020** – Breakfast in our hotel and then transfer by motor coach to **Charles de Gaulle International Airport** for our return nonstop flight on **United Airlines** to **Newark, NJ** arriving later this afternoon. **BM**

**\*Itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions or at the discretion of the leaders.**

### **DT20025 Historic and Holy France**

**Limited to 15 participants.**

<b>\$999.00*</b>	<b>per person double occupancy</b>
<b>\$399.00*</b>	<b>per person single supplement (limited space)</b>

**\*Pricing includes airline taxes & fuel surcharges and are subject to change until the tickets are issued. Optional activities and sites visited during your free time are not included in the cost of the pilgrimage and are to be paid for at the time of your visit. Tips for the driver and guide are payable upon completion of services.**

**Non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 per person due by April 15, 2020  
with reservation form and a copy of passport.**

**Final payment due by September 1, 2020**

#### **Cancel Schedule:**

Until August 31, 2020	\$100.00 plus any unrecoverable fees
September 1, 2020 or later	No Refund

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***Worldwide Journeys brings travelers to the historical, educational and spiritual centers of the world. In so doing, we bring global unity to the people who travel and the people we visit.***

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Round trip economy airline reservations on regularly scheduled airlines.

**HOTELS:** Rooms with private bath/shower based on double occupancy (two persons sharing). Hotel rating - Deluxe, First Class, Superior Tourist or Tourist are used unless otherwise specified by leader (hotel category is chosen by the group leader). Guest Houses, Retreat Centers & Bed and Breakfasts may have communal rooming arrangements and facilities. Single room accommodation is subject to a surcharge. Hotels are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

**SIGHTSEEING:** As indicated in the itinerary, with licensed English speaking guides unless otherwise determined by the leader. Entrance fees as indicated are included.

**DEPOSITS AND PAYMENT:** Deposits are required at time of registration and balance is due 90 days prior to departure unless otherwise noted.

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**UNUSED TOUR ARRANGEMENTS:** Refunded **only** when agreed to by hotel, coach company, or other providers.

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**NOT INCLUDED:** Passport, visa fees, excess baggage charges, baggage or personal insurance, inoculations, laundry, telephone charges, tips for the driver and guide, food and beverage other than those provided on regular menus as provided by Worldwide Journeys.

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# RESERVATION FORM

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Reference Number #DT20025 – France Fam  
Air from Newark, NJ

Please send a copy of your passport with your reservation form and deposit.

Name:  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Dr.

(As appears on your passport)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or legal guardian if under 18)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or legal guardian if under 18)

Global Entry/TSA#: \_\_\_\_\_ United FF# \_\_\_\_\_

Airline Seating Request: Window \_\_\_\_\_ Aisle \_\_\_\_\_ With Whom? \_\_\_\_\_  
*We at Worldwide will do our best to get your requested seat assignment; however, they are under the airline's control and are assigned by the airline.*

Pricing per pilgrim based on double occupancy. Price reflects a 3% cash discount. All major credit cards accepted for final payment only.

- Double Occupancy: 15-20 pilgrims: \$999.00\*
- Single Supplement: \$399.00 (limited space)
- Roommate Needed: If a roommate cannot be found, I understand that I will be charged for the single supplement.

Roommate Request: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Price includes airline taxes and fuel surcharges and is subject to change until the airline tickets are issued. Any changes will be reflected on your final invoice. Tips for the driver and guide are not included and are payable upon completion of services. Optional activities and sites visited during your free time are not included in the cost of the pilgrimage and are to be paid for at the time of your visit.

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Please complete the other side of this form.

## **CANCELATION PENALTY**

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\$100.00 plus any unrecoverable fees  
No Refund

### **Terms and Conditions:**

- 1. PRICES REFLECT A 3% CASH DISCOUNT. CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED FOR FINAL PAYMENT ONLY. DEPOSIT MUST BE MADE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.**
- 2. NAME MUST MATCH NAME ON PASSPORT. If name is incorrect and tickets are reissued, \$50 fee plus change fees from airline.**
- 3. \$100.00 deviation fee plus any additional airfare, hotel, tour, or admission charges.**

### **Smart Traveler Program:**

Worldwide Journeys strongly suggests that each traveler sign up for the free Smart Traveler Program from the US State Department. It allows US citizens and nationals traveling out of the country to enroll their trip with the nearest US Embassy or Consulate. You will receive important information from the Embassy about safety conditions in your destination country, and it helps the U.S. Embassy to contact you in case of an emergency such as natural disaster, civil unrest, or a family emergency. Please sign up at <https://step.state.gov/step/>.

### **Travel Insurance:**

**Travel Insurance is additional and strongly recommended.**

Worldwide Journeys highly recommends you purchase travel insurance protection. Travel insurance covers lost luggage, missed connections, and other expenses related to travel delays. Travel insurance is not included in the cost of your tour. If you decide you would like to add it, please contact Debbie at 904-350-0067 or at [debbie@worldwidejourneys.com](mailto:debbie@worldwidejourneys.com) for more details.

**I understand the terms and conditions, insurance coverage offer, the cancellation penalty, and final payment due date.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Parent or legal guardian if under 18)**

If pilgrim is under 18 traveling with only one parent or someone who is not a parent or legal guardian you will need a notarized letter for medical care and permission to take the child out of the country. Please see [https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/3643/kw/children%20traveling%20without%20parent](https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/3643/kw/children%20traveling%20without%20parent) for more information.

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