

## St Peters Bearsted: Pilgrimage to Lisbon / Fatima / Santiago de Compostela 2018



St Peters are running a Parish Pilgrimage to **Lisbon, Fatima and Santiago de Compostela:**

**6 nights (7 days) from 9 to 15 September 2018.**

(Booking now to get best (Easyjet) air fares.) Come and join us!

**Details: Tangney Tours: 6 Nights / 7 Days: Pilgrimage**

Day 1 Fly from chosen **airport to Lisbon** On arrival you will be transferred by coach to your hotel for 2 night's half board accommodation. Evening meal at Hotel

Day 2 **Full day in Lisbon** with coaching and half day guided tour. Evening meal at Hotel

Day 3 **Transfer to Fatima** – en-route, group can visit Santarem – Eucharistic Miracle Church and celebrate mass here. On arrival in Fatima – group to have an orientation tour of the sanctuary. Evening meal at Hotel

Day 4 **Full day in Fatima** – including the monthly Feast Day Major Celebration (13<sup>th</sup>). You will also have the opportunity to participate in the International Procession of Our Lady of Fatima Mass and Adieu to Our Lady In the afternoon Walk the Stations of the Cross, which leads to the small village of Aljustrel to visit the homes of the three children, Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia

Day 5 Celebrate mass before **Transferring to Santiago** [*Our Lady Procession before leaving*] – this is a long coach journey - approx 8 - 9 hours including stops and time zone difference from Portugal to Spain. Evening meal at Hotel

Day 6 **Full day in Santiago** including half day guided tour with local guide. Evening meal at Hotel

Day 7 Celebrate mass before departing for airport for **Return flight to the UK**



### COST from Tangney Tours: Tour Price + Air Fare

**Tour: 20 Pilgrims:** £600.00 per person based on sharing a twin **OR**

**25+ Pilgrims:** £535.00 per person based on sharing a twin (We only need **4 more** to get this price!)

**Add Air Fares:** Allow £220.00 pp, but early booking could drop price to around possibly £150pp  
(Easyjet: Fares rise as bookings increase – your fare is set on day your ticket is booked)

**Single Room Supp:** £125.00 **Travel Insurance:** £32.00 pp (if required)

### **Includes:**

Meals: **Half Board** (B'fast & Dinner) - No drinks included

Coach Transfers From Airport to Hotels & return, Tour Rep throughout

Coach tour in Lisbon, Coach to Aljustrel whilst in Fatima, coach transfer to and with us in Santiago.

Hotels example: Lisbon: VIP BERNA Fatima: STEYLER Santiago: HESPERIA GELMIREZ - (or Similar)

**Free:** St Peters Parish is subsidising the whole cost of our coach from Bearsted (church) to Airport & Return

Members of your parish are very welcome to join us, but we want to get in quickly to obtain the best air prices. We expect to book as soon as Easyjet release the fare prices – could be any time from October to Christmas. If you are interested please call Terry Kinsman (St Peters) for more details and application form.

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## **Fatima**

On the 13th of May 1917 Our Lady first appeared to Lucia de Jesus and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto as they were tending to their flock of sheep, to bring the message of love and peace to a world divided by war.

In all there were six monthly apparitions from May to October and on 13th October approximately 70,000 people travelled to the Cova da Iria to witness the final appearance of Our Lady when she also told them that she was the 'Lady of the Rosary' and that a chapel was to be built there in her memory. The crowd also witnessed the promised 'Miracle of the Sun' where it could be gazed at without difficulty, was seen spinning like a wheel on fire and appearing to be falling to the earth.

We will visit Adjustrel, the homes of the children and the well, where the 2<sup>nd</sup> apparition of the Angel appeared.

The vision of Mary also bestowed three secrets to a nun, which remained closely guarded for many years. Then in 1944, close to death, Sister Lucia wrote down the secrets and they were sent to Rome where they were locked in the Vatican archives.

Since then, pilgrims travel to this national shrine of Portugal all year around to worship 'Our Lady Queen of Peace' and 'Our Lady of the Rosary'.

On the 13th May 2017 Pope Francis visited Fatima and during the Mass he confirmed the canonisation of Francisco and Jacinta Marto as Portugal's newest Saints. In the history of the Catholic church, Francisco and Jacinta are the first child saints who are not martyrs.

En Route from Lisbon: Santarem – Visit and Mass at the Church of the Eucharistic Miracle

## **Santiago de Compostela**

Santiago de Compostela is the capital of northwest Spain's Galicia region. It's known as the culmination of the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route and the burial site of the apostle St. James. His remains lie within the Catedral de Santiago de Compostela, consecrated in 1211, whose elaborately carved stone facades open onto grand plazas within the medieval walls of the old town.

The tomb of Santiago (Saint James) is located under the Cathedral, and there's the possibility to visit its tomb and even hug the sculpture that represents the saint. On regular occasions the church shows its "Botafumeiro", a huge solid silver incense burner which is swung from the ceiling of the church by 8 energetic men ("tiraboleiros") hauling on ropes.

At its peak during the Middle Ages (9 -16th century), up to two million people a year came to Santiago to worship at the St James' Tomb. Santiago was almost the equal of Rome and Jerusalem!

Pilgrims came not only from Spain but from France, Britain, Germany, Italy, and Scandinavia.. The pilgrims wore a heavy cape, longstave, sandals and a felt hat turned up in front bearing the scallop-shell emblem of St James.

In 1985 the city's Old Town was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

## **Lisbon**

'Princess of the world, before whom even the ocean bows..' Lisbon, the Portugese capital and a major sea port, was built on 7 hills at the Tagus estuary. It is one of the oldest cities in the world, predating London, Paris and Rome by centuries. Founded by the Phoenicians, Julius Caesar made it a municipium. It was ruled by a series of Germanic tribes from the 5th century, and captured by the Moors in the 8th century. In 1147, the Crusaders reconquered the city. Vasco Da Gama and Alvares sailed from here.

Wellington built the Lines of Torres Vedras to defend the town from Napoleon, and marked the start of his long withdrawal to defeat at Waterloo. The Suspension Bridge over the Tagus has one of the longest spans in Europe, and at 92ft high, Christ in Majesty is a (smaller) replica of the famous statue in Rio.

Centre of life and main shopping centre is the old lower town, Baixa, where all routes seem to converge. Lisbon still employs small (four wheel) yellow electric trams of a design dating from the early twentieth century. The trams are well suited to the steep hills and narrow streets of the central city.