

LOURDES

A Retreat for



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The town of Lourdes is situated in the Midi-Pyrénées region of southwest France. This amazing story began on the 11th of February 1858. A fourteen year old French girl called Bernadette was collecting wood with her sister and a friend in the foothills of the Pyrénées when she heard a sound like a gust of wind and saw a lady dressed in white and glowing with light standing at the entrance to a cave in the rock. The lady smiled at Bernadette. She was the most beautiful Bernadette had ever seen. And so the story continued...'



Today Lourdes is one of the most famous pilgrimage destinations in the world along with Jerusalem and Rome. Well over five million pilgrims come to Lourdes annually to stand by the rock of the apparition which has become synonymous with miracles. Pilgrims light candles and walk in procession. They drink of the water that flows from the spring and the grotto. Most of all they worship, following the example set by the simple peasant girl who was transfixed by the event on that February day.

Spiritual Leader - xxxxxxxxxxxx

Tour Leader - xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

INCLUSIVE TOUR COST - £XXX

- ✓ **Scheduled flights on British Airways from London Heathrow**
London Heathrow / Toulouse BA xxx xx:xx / xx:xx
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Please note the above flights and time are approximate and subject to change
- ✓ **All airport departure & passenger taxes (UK & France)**
- ✓ **Accommodation at the following selected 4 star hotel:**
The Hotel Padoue, Lourdes (*situated with walking distance of the Sanctuary*)
- ✓ **Half board basis throughout (breakfast & dinner)**
- ✓ **Qualified English speaking guide on excursion.**
- ✓ **All transfers & touring in modern air-conditioned tourist coaches**

The only items not included in the price are:

Single room (*limited availability*) £XXX, Travel insurance, and any items of a personal nature (*laundry & drinks etc*).

Our Itinerary

DAY 1, MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER **LONDON - LOURDES**

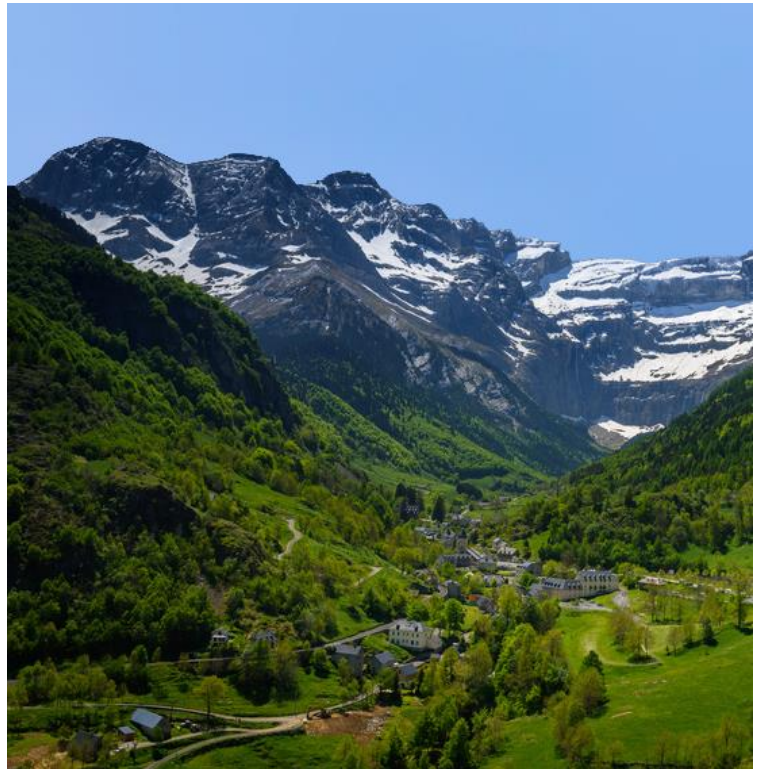
Meet your Lightline representative at London Heathrow's Terminal 5 who will assist with check-in formalities. In the morning depart on British Airways flight to Toulouse. On arrival at Toulouse Blagnac Airport you will be welcomed by your driver & transferred to Lourdes. Free time for lunch and then time to settle into the hotel. The afternoon will be free to acquaint yourselves with your new surroundings.

DAY 2, TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER **LOURDES**

This day and Day 4 will be spent in and around Lourdes, with the opportunity, as each one wishes, to visit the Grotto, the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and the many other Churches, to bathe in the Baths, to walk the Stations of the Cross and to join the torchlight procession. Mass will be celebrated each day and there will be plenty of opportunities for prayer both together and alone.

DAY 3, WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER **CIRQUE DE GAVARNIE- CAUTERETS**

This morning those who wish will be met by a local guide and depart after breakfast for a full day excursion - We will discover some of the great sites in the Pyrénées of outstanding natural beauty. Drive to the Cirque de Gavarnie, this crowning glory of the entire Pyrénées ranks as one of Europe's most magnificent natural spectacles. It is an inspiring glacial amphitheatre rising 1400m from its base and stretching in a near perfect semi-circle for 890m in diameter. A UNESCO world heritage site, the cirque is a natural amphitheatre of towering cliffs and spectacular waterfalls. A lovely drive up the steep-sided valley of the Gave de



Gavarnie takes us to the small village of Gavarnie. We then continue to Pont d'Espagne, an impressive drive through deep, narrow gorges which takes us to the neighbouring valley of Cauterets. In the afternoon we begin our journey back towards the town of Cauterets, a lively spa town, where we take an hour to explore the town. We suggest you sample the cakes at one of the best tea-shop in the South of France, before we finally return to Lourdes and our hotel arriving in good time for dinner.

DAY 4, THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER **LOURDES**

Another wonderful day in this holy town.

DAY 5, FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER **LOURDES - JOURNEY HOME**

The morning will be at leisure to explore the city and in the afternoon we leave Lourdes for Toulouse Blagnac airport and our return flight to London Heathrow.

Please note this programme may be subject to minor local amendments

TRAVELLING ON YOUR OWN

A large proportion of our passengers travel alone and object to expensive "single room" supplements. Please indicate this on your booking form (share twin-bedded room) and we will accommodate you with a person of the same sex also travelling alone and would also like to share a room. If we are unable to accommodate you in a shared twin, we will place you in single room at only half the cost (50%) of the usual single supplement. If you require Single accommodation (if available) you should request this when booking and the appropriate supplement will apply.

PASSPORTS & HEALTH

A full valid 10 year passport is necessary for all our tours. Check **NOW** that it is valid for the duration of your tour and validity runs for a further 6 months after your return to the UK. Visas are not required for passports holders of UK, Irish, US and Canadian. Other nationals must contact Lightline Pilgrimages on 01992 576065 for advice. No inoculations are required.

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON THIS TOUR

Please read the booking conditions and complete the enclosed booking form and send it, with a deposit of £100 and insurance premium (if required) per person to:

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