

DIOCESE OF FERNS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023



Led by the Bishop of Ferns, Most Rev. Ger Nash

Pilgrimage Director: Fr Matt Boggan | Spiritual Director: Fr. Brian Broaders

16 - 21 MAY 2023 | 5 NIGHTS

€879 | HOTEL AGENA

€899 | HOTEL PADOUE

€899 | HOTEL LA SOLITUDE

€899 | HOTEL ELISEO

- Return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- Transfer and assistance between Lourdes airport and your hotel on arrival and departure
- 5 nights accommodation in Lourdes
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day
- Pilgrimage Badge
- Representatives of Joe Walsh Tours ensure all pilgrims receive a very high standard of service throughout the pilgrimage
- Airport tax
- 20kg check-in bag and 1 small cabin bag

NOT INCLUDED: Single room supplement is €175 - €195 for duration of 5 nights.
Pilgrimage travel insurance €39 per person up to 79 years; €78 per person 80-94 years.

BOOKING PROCEDURE

All Bookings on the Pilgrimage should be made through Joe Walsh Tours office, 89 Harcourt St, Dublin D02 WY88 Tel: 01 241 0800. No booking is definite until we have received a completed booking form and €300 non-refundable deposit and until this deposit is receipted by our office.

PLEASE NOTE: There will **not** be a hospital pilgrim or assisted pilgrim section with medical and care staff as was the case in previous years. All pilgrims will be accommodated in hotels. All pilgrims should be able to undertake the pilgrimage independently or with the assistance of someone accompanying them and taking responsibility for their care.

PLEASE NOTE:

Cheques should be made payable to Petriva Ltd.

INSURANCE:

It is a condition of our acceptance of your booking that you must have appropriate travel insurance. You may contract your own travel insurance privately or purchase travel insurance through Joe Walsh Tours. This is charged at €39 per person up to 79 years; €78 per person 80 to 94 years; persons 95 years and over must secure private cover.

A copy of the travel insurance policy is available on www.joewalsh tours.ie. It is your sole responsibility to ensure compliance with the terms of your travel insurance and to ensure it is suitable to your needs, particularly in respect of pre-existing medical conditions. Should you wish to contract our travel insurance, please pay the insurance premium with your deposit, or please give details of your own travel insurance policy on the booking form. We reserve the right to cancel your booking if travel insurance details are not provided.

MEDICAL DECLARATION FORM:

If you purchase travel insurance through Joe Walsh Tours, it is a requirement of the Blue Insurance Pilgrimage Policy to complete a Medical Declaration Form if you have a pre-existing medical condition of any kind or you are taking prescribed medication. The Medical Declaration Form must be completed and signed by your GP in advance of travel. You need to keep the completed form until you return from Lourdes as it may be requested by the insurer in the instance you have to make a claim.

EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD:

All travellers must have the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This card can be applied for or renewed online at <https://www2.hse.ie/services/ehic/ehic.html>.

CANCELLATIONS:

The required minimum deposit of €300 per person is NON-REFUNDABLE on cancellation of booking.

HOTELS:

We have made arrangements to reserve the best accommodation available in a good range of hotels, well known for their kind attention and good service, and, indeed, well known to Irish Pilgrims. Please note the cost is based on sharing a twin or treble room with private facilities.

SINGLE ROOMS:

These are very limited and subject to availability at a supplementary charge of €35-€39 per night depending on hotel. Your kind cooperation in agreeing to share a twin or treble room, if at all possible, will be much appreciated.

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

It must be clearly understood that bookings are accepted on the basis of pilgrims accepting the flight and hotel allocated to them. Bookings are not transferable from one person to another except with the approval of our office and the Pilgrimage Committee.

LOURDES CITY TAX:

The French Government have introduced a city tax which applies to all tourists/pilgrims over 18 years. The current rates are €1.50 per person per night in 3-star hotels and €2.10 per person per night in 4-star hotels. This tax applies to all hotels throughout Lourdes and it will be charged directly by your hotel and is payable at the hotel reception.

FLIGHTS:

We cannot accept special requests for specific flights. It must be clearly understood that bookings are taken on the basis of pilgrims accepting the flight allocated to them. A limited snack service will be available payable on board the aircraft. Flying time to Lourdes is approximately 2hrs 10 minutes. Joe Walsh Tours and the pilgrimage Committee cannot accept any responsibility for cost incurred by pilgrims for meals, transfers, overnight accommodation or any other costs resulting from delayed, cancelled or diverted flights.

PASSPORT:

The quickest way to renew your passport is online at <https://passportonline.dfa.ie/Apply/Passport>.

BALANCE OF FARE:

This is due TWELVE WEEKS before departure date, Joe Walsh Tours and the Pilgrimage Committee shall be entitled at their discretion to treat as cancelled any booking in respect of which the balance of fare shall not have been remitted twelve weeks before the date of departure.

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Full information, air tickets and luggage labels will be sent to you within 10 days prior to the departure date of the Pilgrimage.

SPENDING MONEY:

The Euro is the official currency of all EU member countries.

WHEELCHAIRS:

PLEASE NOTE wheelchairs are not covered by this travel insurance policy. If bringing your own wheelchair we recommend separate insurance cover.

MOTORISED WHEELCHAIRS / SCOOTERS:

Joe Walsh Tours must be advised at time of booking if you intend taking a motorised wheelchair / scooter to Lourdes. Acceptance will be subject to any weight or dimension restrictions imposed by the Airline. Carriage of all wheelchairs is strictly at owner's risk.

USE OF YOUR INFORMATION:

Information provided on this form will be held and exchanged between Joe Walsh Tours, your pilgrimage organisation to Lourdes and it's associated organisations. It may be shared with third parties associated with Lourdes. Information provided may also be used to contact you, for example by email, text or phone call to update you with details concerning the pilgrimage.

GDPR:

As per European GDPR regulation, by signing this form you are providing Joe Walsh Tours consent to process your personal information. A full copy of our Privacy Policy is available on request.

REGULATION (EC) 261/2004:

At the time of going to print, the following EU legislation applies in relation to EC261. Regulation (EC) 261/2004 of the European Parliament and of the European Council establishes common rules on compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of denied boarding, cancellation or long delay of flights. The obligations that the regulation creates rests with the operating carrier who performs or intends to perform a flight. Any compensation that may be due to passengers in case of a delay must be claimed exclusively by the passenger and directly to the airline and not Joe Walsh Tours or the Ferns Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

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Ref Office Use Only

FIRST NAME AND SURNAME AS IT APPEARS ON PASSPORT

Surname (BLOCK CAPITALS)	Christian Name (IN FULL)	Title	Address of first named person only (BLOCK CAPITALS)	Insurance	Date of Birth
				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Contact Telephone Number:

Email: _____ Parish: _____

Person to contact in case of Emergency (name): _____ Contact Number: _____

ACCOMMODATION

Hotels Available: Please indicate the hotel of your choice – Hotels subject to availability at time of booking

4* Hotel La Solitude <input type="checkbox"/>	3* Hotel Agena <input type="checkbox"/>	4* Hotel Padoue <input type="checkbox"/>	4* Hotel Eliseo <input type="checkbox"/>
Single Room (subject to availability) <input type="checkbox"/>	Twin Room <input type="checkbox"/>	Treble Room (3 single beds) <input type="checkbox"/>	

Willing to share (ie. share with another person)

Name (if known): _____

Address (if known): _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Hotels: Request wheelchair accessible room? Yes

Any special dietary requirements: Yes No Name(s): _____

Coeliac Diabetic Vegetarian Other (please specify): _____

Do any of the above named intend to take a wheelchair to Lourdes? Yes No Name(s): _____

Are any of the above named confined to a wheelchair: Yes No Name(s): _____

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COACH TRANSFER TO/FROM DUBLIN AIRPORT - €35 RETURN

Do you require a coach transfer to/from Dublin airport?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Ross <input type="checkbox"/>	Enniscorthy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wexford	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ferns <input type="checkbox"/> Camolin <input type="checkbox"/>	Clonroche	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gorey	<input type="checkbox"/>

TRAVEL INSURANCE

- Optional extra available at €39 per person up to 79 years; €78 per person 80-94 years. Includes cover for pre-existing medical conditions (see note below regarding Medical Declaration Form) and medical expenses relating to Covid-19. The insurance premium must be paid at the time of booking in addition to the applicable deposit. A copy of the travel insurance policy is available to view online at www.joewalstours.ie. All claims will incur an excess charge of €250 per person. All travellers must have the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This card can be applied for or renewed online at www2.hse.ie/services/ehic/ehic.
- Joe Walsh Tours must be advised at the time of booking if you intend taking a motorised wheelchair/scooter to Lourdes. Acceptance will be subject to any weight or dimension restrictions imposed by the airline. Manual/motorised wheelchairs are NOT covered by the Joe Walsh Tours travel insurance, we recommend separate cover. Carriage of all wheelchairs is strictly at owner's risk.
- All passengers with a pre-existing medical condition of any kind should fill out a Medical Declaration Form and get it signed by their GP in advance of travel to ensure cover under the Pilgrimage Insurance. The form should be kept by the passenger during the trip and only be produced in the event of a claim.

TRAVEL INSURANCE DETAILS (IF NOT PURCHASED THROUGH JWT)

Name:	Insurer:
Policy No:	Emergency Tel:

PAYMENT DETAILS

Is this your first pilgrimage with the Dioceses of Ferns Pilgrimage to Lourdes?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
PAYMENT DEPOSIT: I enclose €300 (plus insurance premium if applicable) booking deposit for <input type="text"/> (insert number) person(s). PLEASE NOTE: The required minimum deposit of €300 per person is NON-REFUNDABLE on cancellation of booking. CHEQUE: All cheques should be made payable to Petriva Ltd. Should you prefer to make a credit/debit card payment over the phone, please contact our office on 01 241 0802		

INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS FORM WILL BE HELD AND EXCHANGED BETWEEN JOE WALSH TOURS, THE FERNS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AND ITS ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS, AND MAY BE SHARED WITH THIRD PARTIES ASSOCIATED WITH LOURDES. INFORMATION PROVIDED MAY ALSO BE USED TO CONTACT YOU, E.G. , BY TEXT / EMAIL, DETAILS / UPDATES CONCERNING THE PILGRIMAGE.
I accept the booking conditions of Joe Walsh Tours which can be found on joewalstours.ie
Signature: _____
Date: _____