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RyanAir Return Flights 10 Kg Cabin Baggage

Transportation as per itinerary

4 nights in 4* Hotel accommodation, B/B in Double/Twin Rooms

Maltese/English speaking group leader

Maltese/English speaking spiritual director

Sightseeing and admission fees as per itinerary

Headsets

Tips to your guide and driver

Insolvency fund

City Tax

EXCLUDED IN THE PRICE

Meals (lunch and dinner)

Personal Travel Insurance

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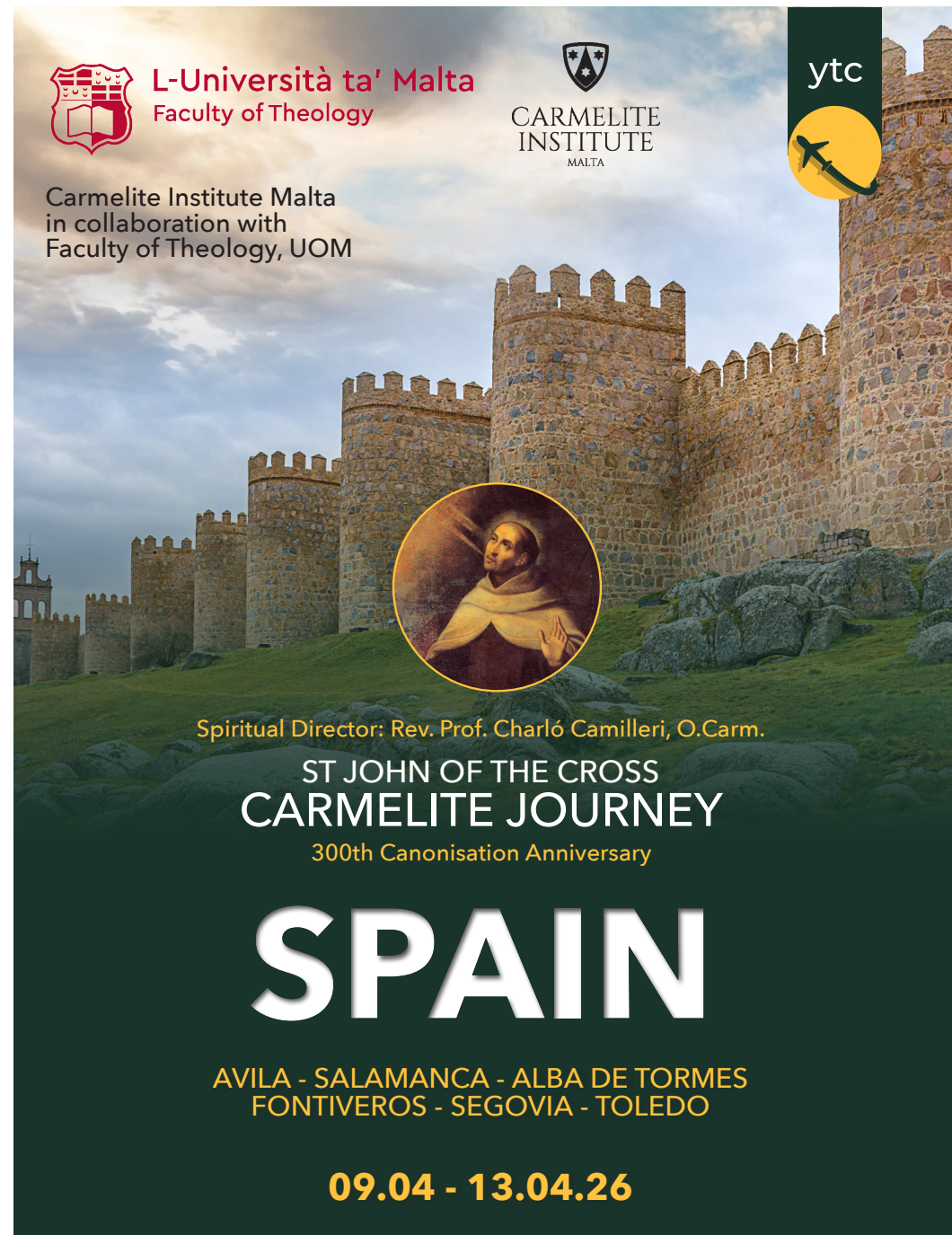
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Spiritual Director: Rev. Prof. Charló Camilleri, O.Carm.

ST JOHN OF THE CROSS
CARMELITE JOURNEY

300th Canonisation Anniversary

SPAIN

AVILA - SALAMANCA - ALBA DE TORMES
FONTIVEROS - SEGOVIA - TOLEDO

09.04 - 13.04.26

sacred passages | pilgrimage

2026 marks the 300th anniversary of the canonisation of St. John of the Cross, a towering figure of Christian mysticism and reform in the Carmelite tradition. His profound writings on the soul's journey through darkness into divine union continue to inspire seekers of spiritual depth across the world.

DAY 1

Malta to Ávila

The pilgrimage begins with an early morning departure from Malta at 05:55 and arrival at Madrid Airport at 08:45. A private coach then takes the group directly to Ávila, the walled city that will serve as the residential base for the journey. After hotel check-in and a lunch break, there will be Mass and orientation for the time set ahead. The afternoon is dedicated to exploring Ávila's magnificent Murallas – the medieval city walls that have long guarded this sacred landscape of the Carmelites. Dinner and rest.

DAY 2

In the Footsteps of St. Teresa of Ávila

This day honours St. Teresa and her deep spiritual bond with St. John of the Cross. The route begins at the Convento de Santa Teresa, built on her birthplace, before continuing to the Convento de San José, her first Discalced Carmelite foundation. Pilgrims then visit the Ávila Cathedral, a cornerstone of the city's history, followed by the Monastery of Santo Tomás, a serene Dominican complex on the outskirts. The afternoon concludes at La Encarnación Convent, where St. Teresa lived for over 20 years and where St. John often sought her counsel. Dinner and rest.

DAY 3

Ávila - Salamanca - Alba de Tormes - Fontiveros - Ávila (St. John's Early Life)

The day begins with a drive to Salamanca, the university city where St. John of the Cross studied. Visits include the Monumento a San Juan de la Cruz, the University of Salamanca courtyard. After lunch in Plaza Mayor, the group continues to Alba de Tormes, home to the Convento de la Anunciación, where St. Teresa's tomb and relics are venerated. The final stop is Fontiveros, St. John's birthplace, where pilgrims visit the Iglesia de San Cipriano (his baptismal church) and celebrate Mass at the Monastery of St. John's Birthplace before returning directly to Ávila for dinner and rest.

DAY 4

Ávila - Segovia - Ávila (Mystical Journey)

After breakfast, the group travels to Segovia, a city where St. John of the Cross spent his final years. The visit begins with the iconic Roman Aqueduct at Plaza del Azoguejo, then continues along Calle Real and Calle Cervantes to the Segovia Cathedral, one of Spain's Gothic treasures. An optional stop at the Alcázar of Segovia includes a climb to the Tower of John II for sweeping city views. After lunch and time for reflection, pilgrims walk along the Camino del Poeta (Poet's Road) and celebrate Mass at the Convent and Church of San Juan de la Cruz, where the saint is buried. The route ends with short visits to the Church of Vera Cruz and the Jewish Quarter before returning to Ávila.

DAY 5

Ávila - Toledo - Madrid - Malta (Imprisonment and Spiritual Canticle)

Following b'fast and check-out, the group drives directly to Toledo, beginning at the Cathedral of Toledo, home to El Greco's The Disrobing of Christ. The next stops are the Monastery of San Juan de los Reyes, the El Greco Museum, and the Window of St. John's Prison, where he wrote his Spiritual Canticle. Pilgrims also explore the Jewish Quarter and have time for lunch and reflection. In the afternoon, there is an optional Toledo Tourist Train ride or a visit to the Mirador del Valle for panoramic city views. The day concludes with dinner in Toledo before traveling directly to Madrid Airport for the 22:15 flight to Malta, arriving at 00:55.

