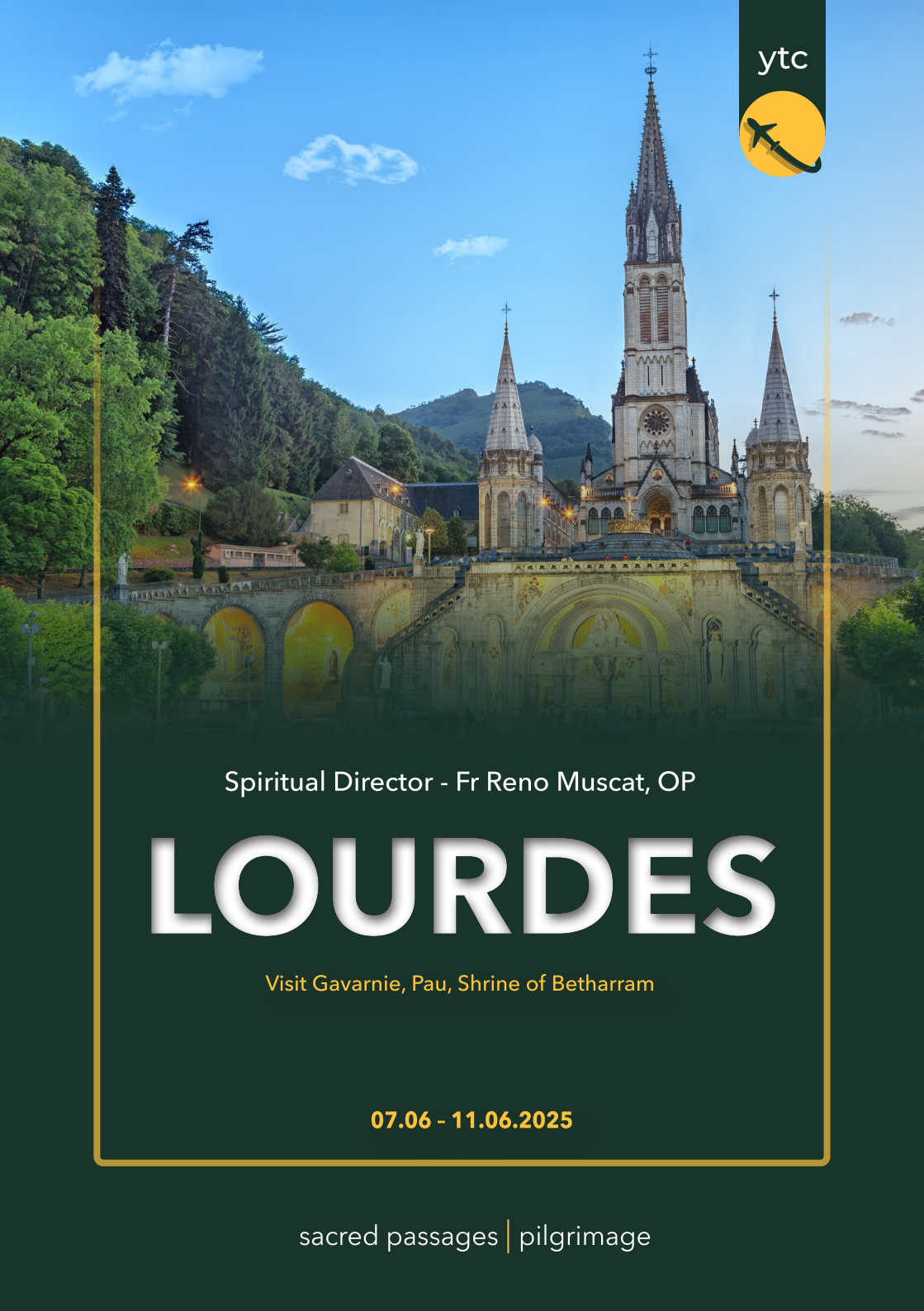




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Spiritual Director - Fr Reno Muscat, OP

LOURDES

Visit Gavarnie, Pau, Shrine of Betharram

07.06 - 11.06.2025

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DAY 1

Travelling to Lourdes

The journey begins meeting at 16:30 at Malta International Airport, followed by a RyanAir flight at 18:35 to Toulouse Airport. Upon arrival at 21:00, travellers will be transferred by van or coach to the Astoria Vatican Hotel in Lourdes, a city renowned as a major pilgrimage site since the Marian apparitions of 1858. After check-in, enjoy dinner and rest in preparation for the spiritual journey ahead.

DAY 2

The Lourdes Sanctuary

After breakfast, enjoy free time visiting the Massabielle Grotto, the sacred site where the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared to St. Bernadette. The grotto remains a central location for prayer and healing for pilgrims worldwide. Attend the International Mass at the Underground Basilica of St. Pius X, one of the largest Christian sanctuaries in the world, designed to accommodate vast numbers of pilgrims. After lunch at the hotel, participate in the Rosary at the Grotto and then watch a film about the life of St. Bernadette, offering insights into her spiritual journey. Join the Eucharistic Procession, a deeply moving experience where pilgrims process with the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Lourdes. After dinner, join the Torchlight Procession, a spectacular experience with fellow international pilgrims, sharing in light and prayer.

DAY 3

International Mass and Walking in the Footsteps of St. Bernadette

The next morning starts with breakfast and a Mass at the Basilica Crypt, a serene space known for its historical significance as part of the Lourdes Sanctuary. This is followed by a visit to the three-tier Lourdes Sanctuary Basilica: The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, the Rosary Basilica, and the Underground Crypt. After a group photo, return to the hotel for lunch. In the afternoon, explore the Bernadette Museum, which offers a fascinating glimpse into the life and times of St. Bernadette. Then, walk in her footsteps by visiting key sites like Boly Hill (her birthplace), La Cachot (the humble dwelling where her family lived during the apparitions), and the Church of the Sacred Heart, and see the baptismal font where Bernadette as a child was baptised. After some free time, dinner and rest await.

DAY 4

Mass in the Grotto, the Way of the Cross, and Afternoon Excursion to Gavarnie

The next day begins with a Mass at the Grotto in Maltese, a unique opportunity for personal reflection in the very place where St. Bernadette experienced her visions. After breakfast, take part in the Way of the Cross on Espeluges Hill, a scenic and contemplative route marked by 14 stations depicting the Passion of Christ. This moving journey allows for deep meditation on Christ's suffering. After lunch, enjoy an afternoon excursion to Gavarnie, a picturesque village in the Pyrenees, famous for its stunning freefall waterfall of a height of 413m. Return to the hotel for dinner and rest.

DAY 5

Day Excursion to Pau and the Shrine of Betharram and Return to Malta

On the final day, after breakfast and check-out, embark on a day excursion to Pau, a charming town known for its medieval castle and breath taking views of the Pyrenees, and the Shrine of Betharram, a significant site of pilgrimage to Our Lady since at least the 15th century. After this enriching visit, the group will transfer to Lourdes Airport for a 16:00 flight departure, returning to Malta with Ryan Air at 17:55. The journey concludes with an arrival in Malta at 20:20, marking the end of a memorable and spiritually fulfilling pilgrimage.





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PRICE INCLUDES

Return Flights with Ryan Air
10Kg cabin luggage and a small hand bag.
Return Airport Transfers
Excursion transportation as per itinerary
Hotel Accommodation for 4 nights Full Board in a 3* Hotel
Maltese/English speaking Group Leader
Service of a Spiritual Director, Fr Reno Muscat, OP
1 Group Photo (per single/couple/family)
Insolvency Fund
City Tax
Lourdes Sanctuary donation

PRICE EXCLUDES

Personal Travel Insurance

The above itinerary and entrances are subject to change to unforeseen circumstances and weather conditions.

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