Join Most Reverend Donald Hying (Bishop of Madison) on an 11-day pilgrimage to France Oct. 18-28, 2024

Supporting:

OUR LADY OF HOPE CLINIC

$3,999 + $559* from Chicago
Early registration price per person
if deposit is paid by 7-10-24
Base price $4,099 + $559* after 7-10-24

“Estimated Airline Taxes & Fuel Surcharges are subject to change/decline at ticketing.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect on 12/11/2023 and subject to change without notice should there be a revision in rates prior to departure of tour. The tour price is based on a minimum of 36 passengers. Should there be fewer, there could be a surcharge.

ACCOMMODATIONS: In first class hotels or better, based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities. Single-room supplement is $109 per night and based on availability. Requests for a roommate and first-class based on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed. The single-room supplement will be assessed if a roommate is not available when the group is finalized.

MEALS: Nine full hot breakfasts and nine dinners throughout the basic tour (continental breakfasts in hotels only where full breakfasts are not available). Extra charge for beverage not included in the menu of the day.

TIPS AND TAXES: Those normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as “service” are included. Airport fees, departure taxes, and fuel surcharges are based on the original invoice and adjusted at the time of ticketing.

SIGHTSEEING: By modern motorcoach, including services of English-speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary. Masses at churches indicated are subject to availability.

NOT INCLUDED: 1. Airport fees, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (est. $159); 2. Trips to guides, drivers and meal allowance (est. $145); and 3. Optional travel protection. A travel protection flyer will be provided with more information. Also not included: airline baggage fees, luggage handlers, passport and visa fees, laundry, wines, liquors, meals not included in the itinerary, sight-seeing or services other than those specifically mentioned and items of a personal nature.

NOTE: Due to limited storage space on motor coaches, Pentecost Tours entitles each passenger to one checked bag and one carry-on bag that meets airline “size/weight” allowances. Baggage fees, overweight baggage charges, and fees for additional bags fall under the responsibility of the passenger. Be aware, while you may agree to pay fees for additional luggage, there may not be room on the motor coach.

ASSISTANCE: Pilgrims who require personal assistance must be accompanied by a paying passenger who will provide that assistance.

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION: A deposit of $500 per person is required to secure reservations, which sum will be applied to the price of the tour, with the balance to be paid in full no later than 7/10/2024. Payment of remaining balance received after 7/10/2024 will incur a $50 penalty and/or a delay in your final travel documents. Reservations made within 100 days of departure may be subject to a late charge.

➤[Penalty Phase One]: In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 6/20/2024 with a $100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties.
➤[Penalty Phase Two]: From 6/20/2024 to 7/10/2024, the cancellation penalty is $500 plus any airline cancellation penalties.
➤[Penalty Phase Three]: If cancellation is received after 7/10/2024 refund will be subject to a minimum 40% cancellation fee plus any airline cancellation penalties, or any amount equal to expenses to the tour operator, whichever is greater.
➤There will be no refund for cancellations within 65 days of departure.

Credit card processing fees are non-refundable and always the responsibility of the passenger. Cancellation must be in writing and the effective date will be the date that Pentecost Tours, Inc. receives it. In the event 15 passengers do not book the tour within 120 days of departure, the agent reserves the right to cancel the tour. If the entire tour is cancelled by Pentecost Tours, Inc., you are entitled to a full refund.

NOTE: Any change request/alterations to the group flight itinerary, requests for airline deviations and/or added domestic flights, automatically advances into the next penalty level or the current level whichever is greater. If a change is made, those arrangements are final and cannot be changed back to the group arrangement.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round trip Chicago/Paris and Paris/Chicago on economy class jet via American or any other IATA member. Based on 6-day minimum/21-day maximum advanced purchase fare, subject to participation of ten persons on entire flight itinerary. If air/tour cancellation is effected by passenger after 7/10/2024, or after air tickets are written, whichever comes first, 100% of airfare will be forfeited by passenger in addition to the penalties mentioned above. All airfares are subject to government approval and change without notice.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel Protection is NOT included in the tour price. We suggest that all participants purchase a plan to help protect you and your trip investment. Plans can provide benefits such as Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and more. You will be mailed a travel protection flyer along with an enrollment and waiver form. Full terms and details of a travel insurance plan, including limitations and exclusions can be found in the travel insurance plan policy or description for coverage. Please note that Medicare does not provide coverage outside of the United States. Check with your own insurance provider to determine whether or not you are covered outside of the U.S.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY: Land arrangements including transportation: Pentecost Tours, Inc., and the participating operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors and others that provide the actual land arrangements and are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these land arrangements. American and other IATA carriers, steamship lines and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or error during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage.

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS: In response to world health initiatives, many countries and airlines are implementing travel requirements that can include, but are not limited to: masks, testing, vaccines, specific documentations, etc. These requirements are the responsibility of each passenger. Passengers must have a valid, working email.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES: All changes must be in writing and may incur a per-person charge for each revision. Deposits received within 100 days of departure may incur a late registration fee.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary because of emergencies or extenuating circumstances beyond our control.

ERRORS: The Pentecost Tours staff does its best to provide you with accurate billing, brochures, etc. However, in the event of a computer error, verbal or written human errors, we reserve the right to invoice, re-invoice, or forward corrected materials.

Travel Arrangements:

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PENTECOST TOURS, INC.
PO Box 280, Batesville, IN 47006
Day 1: Friday, October 18, 2024 - USA / PARIS
We meet this evening at Chicago O’Hare airport for our overnight flight to Paris. Meals are served on board.

Day 2: Saturday 10/19, PARIS / ROUEN / LISIEUX
Upon arrival in Paris, we travel through the charming French countryside to Rouen. We will proceed to Place du Vieux Marche where St Joan of Arc was burned alive at the stake by the English in 1431. We visit St Joan of Arc Church, a new edifice completed in 1979 with its unusual roof evocative of the flames. Time permitting, we will visit the medieval Cathedral with its famous Buttresses, towers and beautiful stained glass windows. The Cathedral contains many tombs of the Norman Dukes and Renaissance tombs of the Cardinals of Amboise. From there, we proceed to Lisieux, the home of St Therese of the Child Jesus. She is the one whom Pope Pius X called “the greatest saint of modern times”. This evening we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 3: Sunday 10/20, LISIEUX
After breakfast we visit Les Buisonnets, the family home where Therese spent the early years of her life. Next, we visit the Carmelite Convent where Therese entered at the age of fifteen. The convent houses the sacred relic of her body. From there, we visit the beautiful Basilica of St Therese, built and dedicated to beloved saint. The remainder of the day is free for personal sightseeing, shopping, rest and reflection. We return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight. [B,D]

Day 4: Monday 10/21, LISIEUX / BAYEAUX / NORMANDY BEACH / LISIEUX
Today we travel west to visit Bayeux and Normandy for the day. The impeccably-preserved medieval town of Bayeux is home to a magnificent cathedral and world-famous tapestry. The cathedral, was consecrated in 1077 and soars noticeably above the town. We visit it there and see how the structure gables both in the Norman and Romanesque styles. The crypt has been unaltered since the 11th century. And, of course a trip to Bayeux wouldn’t be complete without seeing the tapestry that chronicles the events leading up to the Norman invasion of England in 1066. Our journey continues as we spend time in Normandy at the Military Cemetery at Omaha Beach and the Museum of the D’Day Invasion. We return to Lisieux for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 5: Tuesday 10/22, LISIEUX / MONT-SAINT-MICHEL / ST MALO
Today we spend time at the Abbey of Mont St Michel, a marvel of French architecture that took nearly 500 years to build. This mass of granite, rising 400 feet from the sea, is crowned by a monastery built in the 13th century with fortifications to withstand attacks by the English. Our day concludes as we check in at our St Malo hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 6: Wednesday 10/23, ST MALO / PONTMAIN / TOURS / POITIERS
We drive to Pontmain, where on January 17th, 1871 the Virgin Mary presented herself as a faithful teacher of prayer. It is from Our Mother that we are all able to learn to pray and receive the rewards of those prayers. To celebrate the apparition, the first bishop of Laval, Monsignor Vicat, asked to name the sanctuary of Notre-Dame de l’Espérance de Pontmain basilica,”Our Lady of Hope”. In 1897, Pope Leon XIII awarded the appropriate title “Our Lady of Hope”. This evening we check into our hotel for dinner and an overnight. [B,D]

Day 7: Thursday 10/24, POITIERS / (TRAIN) / LOURDES
This morning, we proceed to the train station to catch our first-class morning train to Lourdes, a small town situated in the Pyrenees Mountains where the Virgin Mary appeared to young Bernadette Soubirous. Upon our arrival, we visit the Basilica of St Martin of Tours. He is buried in Tours St Martin (316 AD-397 AD) was a convert, founded France’s first monastery (near Poitiers), and later become the bishop of Tours. He is buried in Tours Basilica of St Martin of Tours, a Catholic church built over his tomb. We visit there before we head south to Poitiers. Upon our arrival there, we proceed to our hotel for check-in, dinner and an overnight. [B,D]

Day 8: Friday 10/25, LOURDES
Between February 11, 1858 and July 16, 1858, Our Lady appeared 18 times to a 14-year-old girl named Bernadette Soubirous. The young saint describes Our Lady as a “girl in white, the same height as myself, who greeted me with a nod of her head. This girl was beautiful beyond description. She had a blue sash around her white dress and yellow roses on her shoes. A long rosary hung from her arm, and she seemed to invite me to pray with her.” Our Lady gave to Bernadette secret messages for herself and other messages for the world to hear. She described herself as the “Immaculate Conception,” she revealed a miraculous spring and she asked that a chapel be built for pilgrimage. Today, we celebrate Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle. We visit the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, the Boly Mill where St Bernadette was born and the “Cachot,” an abandoned prison where Bernadette’s family lived in poverty. The remainder of the day is free to explore independently. Suggestions include:

- Participate in the “water gesture” at the Grotto
- Attend the Blessing of the Sick, and spend time in personal prayer.
- Head to the lift (elevator) on the other side of the River Gave and visit the cemetery where the Soubirous family is buried.
- Visit the Chateau “Fort” for a spectacular view of the city and self-guided tour inside the fort walls.
- Stroll through town basking in the beauty of God's landscape and shopping in the many souvenir shops.

Then, we participate in the Candlelight Procession with pilgrims from all over the world. Dinner and overnight in Lourdes. [B,D]

Day 9: Saturday 10/26, LOURDES / (TRAIN) / PARIS
Early this morning, we proceed to the train depot for our high-speed 1st class train to Paris. Our first stop will be at Montmartre hill where we ascend by funiculair to the world famous Basilica of Sacre-Coeur. In the Basilica, above the high altar, there is a monstrance on the Immaculate Conception, the Boly Mill of Massabielle. We visit the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, the Boly Mill where St Bernadette was born and the “Cachot,” an abandoned prison where Bernadette’s family lived in poverty. The remainder of the day is free to explore independently. Suggestions include:

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Complete the Registration Form and mail your deposit to Pentecost Tours

Or, call (800) 713-9800 or (812) 933-0730 to pay your deposit over the phone with a credit card.

Day 10: Sunday 10/27, PARIS
On our last full day of sightseeing, we begin at the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal on Rue de Bac, where Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830. There we see the incorrupt body of St. Catherine and the waxed body of St. Louise de Marillac who, with the help of St. Vincent de Paul, established the Daughters of Charity. From there, (conditional upon its reopening from the 2019 fire) we visit the famous Cathedral of Our Lady which is the most famous Gothic Cathedral in the world devoted to the Blessed Mother. The cathedral is more than 700 years old and took 87 years to complete from the laying of the cornerstone in 1163 to the completion of the Western façade and northern rose window in 1250. It is best characterized by ogee archways, ribbed vaults, flying buttresses, rose stained glass windows, ornately crafted spires, and gargoyles, which were the guardians of grand cathedrals. Next, we visit the Île de la Cité’s gothic chapel of Sainte Chapelle which was built during the Middle Ages by King Louis IX to enshrine the Crown of Thorns. The Sainte Chapelle was later transformed into what is now a museum and is considered one of the jewels of the city because of its spectacular stained glass windows. This evening, we enjoy a farewell dinner with wine and panoramic views at Ciel De Paris, located at the 56th floor of the Montparnasse Tower.

Day 11: Monday 10/28, PARIS / USA
Today we bid farewell to France as we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the United States. Our pilgrimage offers the mind and soul a treasure trove of memories inspired by God’s majestic landscape and a world we explore one pilgrimage at a time.