



## FOOTSTEP OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

### 28 September – 14 October 2020 ITINERARY

#### Monday 28 September 2020

##### Depart Melbourne

Today we leave Australia bound for the city of Paris! Suggested flights would be with Emirates departing Melbourne at 9.15pm arriving Dubai at 5.15am. Depart Dubai at 8.20am and arrive Paris on September 23 at 1.30pm.

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#### Tuesday 29 September 2020

##### Arrive Paris

On arrival into Paris Charles de Gaulle airport at 1.30pm take the train to your hotel. The remainder of your day is free to rest.

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Andre Latin, Paris

MEALS: Dinner

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#### Wednesday 30 September 2020

##### Paris

In 1528, Ignatius of Loyola arrived in Paris, alone and on foot, to begin the midlife university studies that helped him shape the plan for the new Society of Jesus that he submitted to the pope in

1539. Ignatius's experiences in Paris is documented as a "fool for Christ" who at one point had to beg for subsistence, but who "intended to prove that economic realities were not the only indicators of whether to honour or belittle a man." Ignatius studied at the College de Montaigu and then at the age of 43 obtained a master's degree from the University of Paris.

On the morning of the 15th of August, 1534, in the chapel of church of Saint Peter, at Montmartre, Loyola and his six companions, of whom only one was a priest, met and took upon themselves the solemn vows of their lifelong work.

No arrangements in place regarding guides, transport or sights, just a day at leisure on arrival.

Overnight: Hotel Andre Latin, Paris

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

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## Thursday 1 October 2020

### Paris-Loyola

Today we enjoy a picturesque train trip from Paris' Montparnasse station to the city of Irun. On arrival in Irun we will be met by a coach for the short drive to Loyola. Settle in to your accommodation.

Overnight: Hotel Arrupe, Loyola

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

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## Friday 2 October 2020

### Aranzazu - Azkoitia - Bilbao

Full day excursion to Aranzazu, Azkoitia & Bilbao (Bus + Guide)

At 9:00am travel to Azkoitia, Inigo's mother's birthplace and continue to Aranzazu to visit Shrine of Our Lady of Aranzazu with free time for lunch (own expense).

After lunch travel to Bilbao to visit the Old Town and spectacular Guggenheim Museum (3 hours) Return to Azpeitia around 8.30pm for dinner.

Overnight: Hotel Arrupe, Loyola

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

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## Saturday 3 October 2020

### Loyola

Today we spend the day exploring St Ignatius' home town of Loyola. Mass in the Chapel of Conversion (subject to confirmation).

Overnight: Hotel Arrupe, Loyola

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

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## Sunday 4 October 2020

### Loyola - Pamplona - Javier - Monserrat

Today we travel across Spain to Montserrat. Along the way we stop for morning tea in Pamplona to see the Loyola monument, then lunch at Javier and visit the impressive castle for one hour (audio guide provided). Continue to Montserrat.

Overnight: Abad Cisneros Hotel, Montserrat

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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## **Monday 5 October 2020**

### **Montserrat**

Enjoy a morning walk to watch the sunrise followed by Lauds in the Basilica. Explore this sacred site. 11.00am High Mass. See the “Black Madonna” place of pilgrimage for centuries.

Overnight: Abad Cisneros Hotel, Montserrat

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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## **Tuesday 6 October 2020**

### **Montserrat - Manresa**

After the morning program in Montserrat we will take the short drive to Manresa.

Overnight: Cova Ignatia, Manresa

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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## **Wednesday 7 October 2020**

### **Manresa**

A full day program in Manresa. We have the mini retreat room booked from 10am-12 noon followed by a tour of the House of Spiritual Exercises.

Overnight: Cova Ignatia

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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## **Thursday 8 October 2020**

### **Manresa – Barcelona**

Depart from Manresa for the drive through Catalan country to the city of Barcelona.

On arrival we will visit the amazing Sagrada Familia. This church commenced construction by Gaudi in 1882 and is expected to be completed in 2026-2028!

We will explore other Ignatian sites with our bus and guide before checking in to our hotel for dinner at a local restaurant and overnight.

Overnight: Hotel Evenia Rosello, Barcelona

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

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## **Friday 9 October 2020**

### **Barcelona – Venice**

Today we farewell Spain on an afternoon flight to Venice. On arrival in Venice transfer to your accommodation for a 2-night stay.

Overnight: Don Orione Artigianelli, Venice

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

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## **Saturday 10 October 2020**

### **Venice**

Today we will enjoy a guided half day walking tour of Venice including visit the Basilica of San Marco and the Basilica of Santa Maria del Mar.

Overnight: Don Orione Artigianelli, Venice

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

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## **Sunday 11 October 2020**

### **Venice – Padua – Verona**

Check out of our hotel and drive to Padua for a 90-minute lunch stop and explore. Continue to Verona where we visit the famous balcony from Romeo and Juliet as well as the spectacular Arena, a Roman amphitheatre built in the 1<sup>st</sup> century.

Overnight: Hotel Italia, Verona

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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## **Monday 12 October 2020**

### **Verona – Assisi - Rome**

Today we farewell Verona and travel by bus to Assisi. Enjoy 2 hours in Assisi before continuing to Rome. Check in to the hotel for dinner at a local restaurant and overnight.

Overnight: Hotel Nova Domus, Rome

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

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## **Tuesday 13 October 2020**

### **Rome**

Today we will do the Scavi tour under the Basilica of St Peter. We will then visit the various Jesuit sites such as the Church of the Gesu as well as Mass at the Church of Ignatius. The remainder of the day is free. Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Hotel Nova Domus, Rome

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Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

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## **Wednesday 14 October 2020**

### **Rome**

This morning we will walk to the Vatican City for the papal audience. We will need to arrive early to ensure a great seat. Rest of the day and evening is free.

Overnight: Hotel Nova Domus, Rome

Meals: Breakfast

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## **Thursday 15 October 2020**

### **Depart Rome**

This morning we check out of the hotel and store our bags with reception. The day is free for you to explore and do some shopping before you leave and transfer to the Rome airport for your flight home. Your flight departs Rome at 10.05pm.

Meals: Breakfast

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## **Friday 13 October 2020**

### **Travel via Dubai**

Your flight arrives in Dubai at 5.55am and the connecting flight to Melbourne departs at 10am.

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## **Saturday 14 October 2020**

### **Arrive Melbourne**

Your Emirates flight lands at 6.30am.

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ESTIMATED TOUR PRICE	AUD
Twin share per person including airfare	\$8,060.00
Single room including airfare	\$9,399.00
<b>EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT OF \$200 IF YOU BOOK &amp; PAY \$500 DEPOSIT BY 31 OCTOBER 2019</b>	

#### The above package rates include:

- Economy class airfares from Australia to Paris/Rome to Australia return flying Emirates
- Vueling flight from Barcelona to Venice
- Accommodation at hotels listed
- Meals as listed
- All land transportation by private fully air-conditioned luxury insured motorcoach.
- Entry fees to the historical/archaeological sites/museums as specified in the itinerary.
- Sister Colleen and Father Ryan as your hosts

#### Not included:

- No bus services on 3, 5 and 7 October in Spain and 12-15 October in Italy
- All personal expenses
- Lunches, drinks and beverages
- Travel insurance
- Any other items note specifically mentioned as being included