



The **Southern Cross**

100 Years Our Lady of Fátima

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with specials visit to **Lisbon** and **Coimbra**, the tomb and city of **St Teresa of Ávila** and the **Eucharistic Miracle of Santarém**

1 - 10 October 2017

Led by Fr Brian Mhlanga OP



The Radio Veritas/Southern Cross Pilgrimage to Portugal and Spain, led by Fr Brian Mhlanga OP of Radio Veritas, will honour the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's apparition to three shepherd children at and around Fátima. This very special pilgrimage will include other places of Catholic interest in Portugal, and in Spain focus on one of the greatest of our saints: St Teresa of Ávila. We will end our journey in one of the great cities of the world: Madrid.

This itinerary is interactive. When you click on words in bold, a website with more information and photos of that place will open in your browser. Where a name appears twice there will be different links.

Sunday, October 1:

We meet at Johannesburg International Airport to depart on our flight to Lisbon.

Monday, October 2:

After arrival in **Lisbon** we enjoy a panoramic tour of Portugal's historic capital city, stopping off at some places of interest. We visit the **Santo António Church**, which marks the birthplace of the saint known locally as St Anthony of Lisbon and internationally as St Anthony of Padua.

Overnight: Lisbon

Tuesday, October 3:

After breakfast we leave for **Santarém**, where the church the 16th-century Santissimo Milagre Church marks the site of a Eucharistic Miracle, which can be seen above the altar.

We then proceed to **Fátima**, the small town where in 1917 Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children – Lucia Santos and her two cousins, Jacinta and Francisco Marto – on six occasions. The **Fátima's Centenary Celebrations** will begin on 13 May 2017 and continue into October. So we will be part of that momentous occasion. In the evening we take part in the Candlelight Procession which brings together Catholics from all over the world. Overnight: Fátima

Wednesday, October 4:

Today we explore Fátima and surroundings. We visit the well-preserved homes of the three children in the nearby village of **Aljustrel**, and see the wall against which the famous photo of the three was taken. We also see **Valinhos**, where Our Lady appeared in August 1917, and the spot where the angel had appeared to the children in 1916 to prepare them for Our Lady's coming.

In the **Sanctuary of Fátima** we can pray at the Little Chapel of the Apparitions and light candles in the adjacent enclosure. We visit the **Basilica of Fátima**, which contains the tombs of the three children (two of whom died before adulthood), and have time to pray in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. In the evening we can again take part in the candlelight procession during which the Rosary is recited in different languages. Overnight: Fátima

Thursday, October 5:

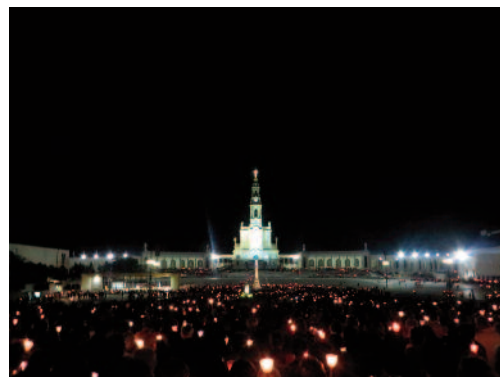
After breakfast in our hotel we leave Fátima and drive to the picturesque city of **Coimbra**, the site of one of Europe's oldest universities, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Here our local expert guide will show us places such as the Old Cathedral, from 1290, and the New Cathedral, built in 1580 as a Jesuit church, and other historical sites. We



Lisbon's St Anthony of Padua church



Altar of Santarém's church of the Eucharistic Miracle



Candlelight procession in Fátima



Francisco & Jacinta's home



Rosary at the Apparition Chapel in Fátima



The Old Cathedral of Coimbra from 1290



The main square of Salamanca



The tomb of St Teresa in Alba de Tormes



The city of Ávila



The Church of St Teresa & St John in Madrid

then leave Portugal and cross the border into Spain, where we spend the night in the lively and historic centre of the city of Salamanca.

Overnight: Salamanca

Friday, October 6:

After breakfast we proceed to the nearby town of **Alba de Tormes**, where **St Teresa of Ávila** died in 1582. In the church of the Annunciation Convent we can see St Teresa's tomb. The saint had fallen ill while visiting the convent and asked for her bed to be placed above the altar so that she would not miss the celebration of the Eucharist. This is now her final resting place. In the convent museum we can see relics of St Teresa, including her heart, as well as relics of her fellow Carmelite St John of the Cross. We then drive to her hometown, Ávila. Overnight: Ávila

Saturday, October 7:

Today we explore **Ávila**, the "City of Stones and Saints", and follow in the steps of the town's two great Doctors of the Church, Saints Teresa and John of the Cross, including St Teresa's Carmelite **St Joseph's Monastery**. We then depart for **Madrid**, the capital of Spain.

Overnight: Madrid

Sunday, October 8:

After breakfast we explore the great city of **Madrid** in the company of an expert guide, seeing important Catholic sites, such as Almudena Cathedral, and of historical and cultural interest such as the Plaza de Toros de las Ventas bullring, the Royal Gardens and the famous Puerta del Sol square. Overnight: Madrid

Monday, October 9:

After a leisurely breakfast we prepare to go to the airport to begin our way home.

Tuesday, October 10:

In the morning we land at OR Tambo Airport in Johannesburg, physically tired but spiritually renewed, with bags full of great memories and souvenirs, and our faith deepened forever.

Est. Price: R29,998 (sharing, ex-Jhb; subject to currency, airport tax fluctuations. Based on 25 travelling at R14,89 to the Euro)

Includes: All flights ex-Johannesburg (incl. airport taxes), accommodation in 4/5-star hotels (sharing) with breakfast and dinner, hotel taxes, transfers, travel insurance, travelling on air-conditioned luxury buses, English-speaking guides, entrance fees as per itinerary.

Excludes: Tips (mandatory), visas, personal expenses, travel to and from O.R. Tambo Airport/Jhb.

A deposit of R3,800 secures your place on this unforgettable pilgrimage.

Name of Account:	Fowler Tours
Bank:	Standard Bank
Acc no:	07 307 535 3 (current account)
Branch code:	026509

Beneficiary Reference: FATIMA plus your name

Please no cash deposits

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RESERVATION FORM

(one form per person, photocopies of form are permitted):

Enclosed is my NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of R3,800 per person to secure my booking on the pilgrimage specified below. Payment is to be made to:

Account Name: Fowler Tours
Bank: Standard Bank
Account no: 07 307 5353
Branch code: 026509
Name of trip: Fátima at 100 Pilgrimage: Portugal & Spain
Led by Fr Brian Mhlanga OP
Duration: 1-10 October 2017 ex-Jhb
Cost: Estimated: 29,998 (subject to fluctuations, calculated on R14,89 to the Euro)

How did you hear about this pilgrimage? Fowler Tours SA Radio Veritas Southern Cross Other

1.) RESERVATION FORM

Title: ____ Name (as it appears on your passport)_____

Address: _____

_____ Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ ID Number: _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

Cell: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Medical Conditions: _____

Preferred Name for Name Badge: _____

Sharing with (if applicable): _____

Emergency Contact Person

Name: _____

Cell number: _____ Email: _____

Relationship: _____

2.) **PASSPORT** (required to travel)

- Photocopy of passport inside page showing name and photo is enclosed / clear scan attached
- I am applying for a passport and understand that I must supply a copy to Fowler Tours at least three months before the departure date..

N.B.: Passports must be valid SIX months following the return date of the trip.3.) **PAYMENT TERMS & SCHEDULE:**

Deposit R 3,800 to book. The deposit is non-refundable. A final invoice, reflecting the final price, will be issued 60 days prior to departure. Final Payment must be made within five days of invoicing. BANK DETAILS AS ABOVE. N.B.: Bank charges for cash deposits will be charged to you.

4.) **TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

I have received, read and agree to the TERMS & CONDITIONS and the Liability clause below, pricing terms, and payment terms outlined on this side of the form. I understand that the cancellation terms and penalties cannot be waived for any reason. If I decline to purchase travel insurance, I understand that there is no monetary recourse for any flight cancellations or delays by the airlines and I agree to the cancellation terms and penalties.

Signature (required to confirm reservation): _____

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

THE PILGRIMAGE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from Johannesburg return; final amount subject to change
- Airport taxes
- Full accommodation as stated in the itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner
- Travel insurance (surcharge applies for travellers aged 70+)
- Roundtrip airport transfers in destinations and luxury coach for all touring
- Guided by certified local guides
- Private Masses in holy sites or parish churches
- All entrance fees as per itinerary

THE PILGRIMAGE PRICE EXCLUDES:

Mandatory tips, hotel taxes (if applicable), visa costs, private expenses excluded

PRICING TERMS: As per booking form

PAYMENT TERMS: In order to meet deposit schedules with suppliers for this tour, Fowler Tours charges a non-refundable deposit. Full invoice is issued 60 days before departure; payment of which is due within FIVE DAYS.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received in writing. No refunds of deposits, except at the discretion of Fowler Tours.

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PASSPORT: A valid passport is required of all passengers. Please apply for your passport immediately as passports are taking a long time to process. **Make sure to have it in your possession at all times while on tour. It must be valid for 6 months following the return date of the trip or boarding may be denied or entry into the destination may be forbidden. Please provide Fowler Tours with a copy or clear scan of the inside page of your passport (showing your name and photo) at the time of reservation. Fax copies not acceptable.**

GROUP AIR: Due to the airlines' reduced capacity and restrictive group reservation terms, group air reservations are often difficult to coordinate. The number of connections, length of layovers, and all conditions surrounding air travel cannot be guaranteed and may change before departure. **Seat Requests:** Please note that group seats are assigned "at the discretion of the airline", although every effort will be made to fulfill requests. **SPECIFIC SEAT ASSIGNMENTS CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED.** Seat numbers will not be advised until check-in at the airport.

DOMESTIC TRAVEL TO JOHANNESBURG: You are responsible for your own arrangements to and from Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport.

ITINERARY: The Itinerary is tentative and represents what we are planning for you, however it is subject to confirmations from many organisations. Because of changes in local schedules, we may need to alter specified events, dates and/or venues to better fit the overall plan.

TIPS: Gratuities for your guides, driver and hotel staff, and hotel taxes (if applicable) are excluded. These are mandatory. You will be advised of the total cost of these before departure, and all monies will be collected by the tour leader who will then distribute them to the various recipients.

ROOMS: Tour prices are per person sharing. Single rooms at an extra rate are limited and are available first come-first served until the supply is exhausted.

LUGGAGE: Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Travellers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires some walking, as motor coaches may not be permitted to pick up and drop off in front of major attractions. The tour is not wheelchair accessible. Any special limiting medical conditions or equipment must be advised in writing, for evaluation of feasibility, at the time of making your reservation.

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