

The **Southern Cross**

*Pilgrimage to*  
**Catholic  
France**  
with  
**LOURDES**

6 - 16 October 2019

Led by  
**Bishop Joe Sandri**

Also includes Paris, Avignon,  
Paray-le-Monial, Marseilles,  
Nevers, Bourges,  
Orleans and more



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Lourdes grotto of the apparition



The medieval town of Carcassonne



Marseilles' Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde



Cloister of the Cathedral of St Saviour in Aix



Main entrance to the Papal Palace in Avignon

*Join this special pilgrimage through France, dedicated to Our Lady with a memorable visit to Lourdes and to Nevers for the incorrupted remains of St Bernadette. We also visit Paray-Le-Monial, where the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus originated. The pilgrimage is led by BISHOP JOE SANDRI, the bishop of Witbank diocese.*

**Sunday, October 6:**

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

**Monday, October 7:**

On arrival in Paris we are transferred to the railway station to take our train to Lourdes. Travelling through France, we can enjoy the beautiful countryside. On arrival in **Lourdes** we check into our hotel, which is near the sanctuary, and then have Mass. After dinner in our hotel, we have an opportunity take part in the torchlight procession through the sanctuary or do so tomorrow night. Overnight: Lourdes

**Tuesday, October 8:**

Today is our **Lourdes** day: We have a guided tour of the sanctuary as well as sites connected to St Bernadette, such as Boly Mill (where she was born), the Cachot (the converted jail where her family lived) and so on. In the afternoon we have time at leisure to explore the sanctuary, especially the healing waters. Overnight: Lourdes

**Wednesday, October 9:**

After breakfast we do the famous Stations of the Cross at **Lourdes**. We then proceed to **Carcassonne**, a hilltop town which is famous for its medieval citadel, and then to the city of **Montpellier**, where we visit the famous St Pierre Cathedral and have Mass. Overnight: Montpellier

**Thursday, October 10:**

We leave Montpellier for **Marseilles**. In France's second-largest city we encounter St Eugene de Mazenod, founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, who was the city's bishop from 1837-61. We see the beautiful Notre-Dame de la Garde basilica in the port, and the ancient Abbey of St Victor, one of the oldest places of Christian worship in Europe whose roots go back to the 5th century, as well as other religious and secular sites of this vibrant city. Overnight: Marseilles

**Friday, October 11:**

After breakfast we take the short drive to **Aix-en-Provence**, where St Eugene de Mazenod was born in 1782 and where in 1816 he founded the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. We visit the De Mazenod International Centre and see Aux's cathedral. We then proceed to nearby **Avignon**, the historical city where the popes resided from 1309-77 where we see the Palais des Papes, where the Avignon popes lived.. Overnight: Avignon

**Saturday, October 12:**

We drive north to the shrine of **Paray-le-Monial**, "The City of the Sacred Heart". It was here where Jesus appeared to Sr Margaret Mary Alacoque in the Convent of the Visitation between 1673 and 1675, giving rise to the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We visit the Chapel of the Visitation, in which the apparitions of Jesus to St Margaret Mary actually took place. We also see the 12th-century Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Overnight: Paray-le-Monial

### Sunday, October 13:

After breakfast we proceed to the town of **Nevers**, where St Bernadette lived as a nun and where she died. Her incorrupt body is preserved in the chapel of the Convent of St Gildard. In nearby **Bourges** we visit the famous Cathedral of St Etienne, begun at the end of the 12th century, which is a World Heritage Site. Overnight: Bourges

### Monday, October 14:

We leave Bourges early to enjoy a half-day tour of **Orléans**, the city of St Joan of Arc. Among other things, we see the Holy Cross Cathedral and the House of Joan of Arc, where she stayed during the Siege of Orléans. We then proceed to **Paris** where we have a guided tour of the capital's famous landmarks. Overnight: Paris

### Tuesday, October 15:

Today we have a full day to see the famous churches of **Paris**: Notre-Dame Cathedral, Sacred Heart Basilica, the Miraculous Medal Chapel on Rue de Bac, and also St Saint-Sulpice Church, where St Eugene de Mazenod studied for the priesthood. Of course, in our time in Paris we also get to see such famous landmarks as the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysée and so on. And there will be time for some shopping! In the evening we transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport to begin our journey home.

### Wednesday, October 16:

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.

- Masses will be reserved at holy shrines throughout the pilgrimage.

## How to book on this beautiful pilgrimage

You can secure your place by making a deposit and filling in the booking form

**Est. Price:** R37,820 (sharing, ex-Jhb; subject to currency, airport tax fluctuations. Based on 28 travelling at R14,64 to the Euro)

Includes: All flights ex-Johannesburg (incl. airport taxes), accommodation in 3/4-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, portage, personal expenses, travel to and from O.R. Tambo Airport/Jhb.

**A deposit of R4,300 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:	SANDRI plus your name

**Please no cash deposits**

For more information, please contact Gail at 076 352-3809 or 021 551-3923 or [info@fowlertours.co.za](mailto:info@fowlertours.co.za) or fax 086 672-9225



The Chapel of the Visitation in Paray-le-Monial



The incorrupt body of St Bernadette in Nevers



Bourges St Etienne Cathedral



Holy Cross Cathedral on Joan of Arc Street in Orleans



Sacré-Coeur Basilica in Paris

# RESERVATION FORM

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

Enclosed is my NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of R4,300 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:** Catholic France Pilgrimage  
Led by Bishop Joe Sandri  
**Duration:** 8-18 October 2017 ex-Jhb  
**Cost:** Estimated: 37,820 (subject to fluctuations, calculated on R14,64 to the Euro)

How did you hear about this pilgrimage?  Fowler Tours SA  Southern Cross  Internet  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 4,200 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): \_\_\_\_\_

**Liability:** Fowler Tours or its owners do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip, including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, local ground operators, including, without limitation, various entities which may utilize the Fowler Tours name, guides, sightseeing companies, entertainment, food or drink service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. As a result, Fowler Tours is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity. In addition, Fowler Tours is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity they do not own or control, nor for any act or inaction of any other third party not under their control. Without limitations Fowler Tours is not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, death, loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity of any kind which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond their control, including, without limitation any willful or negligent act, failure to act, breach of contract or violation of local law or regulation of any third party such as an airline, train, hotel, bus, taxi, van, local ground handler or guide, whether or not it uses the Fowler Tours name, financial default or insolvency of any supplier which is to, or does supply any goods or services for this trip. Similarly, Fowler Tours is not responsible for any loss, injury, death or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking of accommodation, default of any third party, attacks by animals, injury or death while on activities sponsored by lodging facilities or by other third parties, sickness, the lack of appropriate medical care, evacuation to same, if necessary, weather, strikes, acts of God or government, acts of terrorism, or the threat thereof, force majeure, war, quarantine, epidemics, or the threat thereof, criminal activity, or any other cause beyond its control. Should the advertised spiritual director be unable to participate in this event, every effort will be made to secure a substitute. Regardless of the participation of the advertised spiritual director the pilgrimage tour will proceed as scheduled on the dates listed. By signing this form to participate in this pilgrimage tour, you agree that the terms of the cancellation penalty will be binding upon you regardless of whether the advertised spiritual director is able to participate. Fowler Tours will not be responsible for any loss incurred by traveller, including lost days of the scheduled tour, due to a cancelled flight or other means and modes of transportation.

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## **THE PILGRIMAGE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Roundtrip airfare from Johannesburg
- Airport & border taxes
- Full accommodation as stated in the itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner in hotels as per bookings
- Roundtrip airport transfers in destinations and luxury coach for all touring
- Travel insurance (up to age 69).
- Services of local tour operator
- Private Masses in holy sites
- All entrance fees as per itinerary

## **THE PILGRIMAGE PRICE EXCLUDES:**

Mandatory tips, portorage, 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.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Fowler Tours offers to arrange travel insurance at the surcharge as per insurer rates..

**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.**

**VISAS:** While Fowler Tours will advise you on visa requirements, obtaining visas is the sole responsibility of the traveller (unless specifically offered otherwise by Fowler Tours). **Fowler Tours is not liable for visa applications that are rejected or otherwise not obtained before departure, and in such cases cannot offer refunds.**

**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 significant walking, as motor coaches are not 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.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Fowler Tours and/or The Southern Cross may take photographs or film of its trips and trip participants, and participant grants Fowler Tours and The Southern Cross express permission to do so and for Fowler Tours and/or The Southern Cross to use such for promotional or commercial use.

**UNUSED SERVICES:** There is no right to a refund for any unused services.

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