

ITINERARY:

06APR (Mon). MANILA – DUBAI.

Fly to **Dubai** in the evening.

07APR (Tue). DUBAI – BRUSSELS.

Half day city tour of **Brussels**. Visit the beautiful St. Michael's Cathedral, the Congress Column and the Heysel district with the world-famous Atomium. Marvel at the sight of the Chinese Pavilion and the Japanese Tower. Drive in front of the magnificent Palace of Justice and see the fashionable Louise Square. Passing the stately Royal Palace and the Houses of Parliament arrive in the Cinquantenaire district, the Triumphal Arch, exceptional museums and splendid Art Nouveau houses are the highlights of this part of Brussels. Here, you will also be at the very heart of the European Union: drive in front of the imposing EU buildings housing the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers. End your tour with a visit to the famous Grand Place, world famous Market Square and the heart of Medieval Brussels. Here, you will hear about the history of the remarkable City Hall and quaint Guild Houses. (D)

08APR (Wed). BRUSSELS – BANNEAUX – BRUSSELS.

After breakfast leave for **Banneux**. Visit the Shrine of the "Virgin of the Poor" and celebrate mass at the Chapel. Return to Brussels in time for dinner. Transfer back to your hotel. (B,D)

09APR (Thu). BRUSSELS – BRUGES – BRUSSELS.

Full day excursion to **Bruges**. Visit the Lake of Love (Minnewater) and the Beguinage Convent). Take a walking tour to discover: Our Lady Church with the Statue by Michaelangelo, the Market Square with the Belfry and the Town Hall Square (Burg) with the Chapel of the Holy Blood. Take a boat cruise along the canals before heading back to Brussels. (B,D)

10APR (Fri). BRUSSELS – BEAURAING – PARIS.

Drive to **Beauraing**. Visit and celebrate mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Beauraing known as the "Virgin with the Golden Heart". In 1932-33, the Blessed Virgin appeared 33 times to five children of Beauraing where she gave what was later to be known as the greatest promise of Belgium... "I will convert sinners". Head on to **Paris** for accommodation followed by dinner. (B,D)

11APR (Sat). PARIS.

Full day guided tour: visit and morning Mass at the Church of the Miraculous Medal; Sacre Coure and the Artist quarters; Concorde Square; view of the Eiffel Tower; visit of Notre Dame Cathedral; Trocadero Square; drive through Champs Elysees; and Arch de Triomphe. (B,D)

12APR (Sun). PARIS – LOURDES.

Take the TGV train to the town of **Lourdes**. Since 1858, this city has been the inspiration and magnet for millions of pilgrims, attracted by religious fervor to the site where the Virgin Mary appeared to the young 14-year old Bernadette Soubirous in the Grotto of Massabielle. The message with which Our Lady entrusted

to Bernadette can be summarized in four words that evoke and amplify the Good News of the Gospels: *POVERTY, PRAYER, PENANCE, CHURCH*. After dinner, catch the evening Rosary and Candlelight procession. (B,D)

13APR (Mon). LOURDES.

Celebrate mass at one of the chapels in the Basilica. The rest of the day is free for private individual activities. Take time to explore the three superimposed churches built over the Grotto of Apparition: the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (Upper Basilica); the Crypt where you can adore the Blessed Sacrament; and the Rosary Basilica. Spend time meditating and praying the Holy Rosary at the Grotto of Massabielle, the spot where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette and identified herself as "I am the Immaculate Conception". Immerse yourself in the water of the Baths. This process is a response to the invitation of the Blessed Virgin to Bernadette on 25th February 1858 "Go drink of the spring and wash your self there." The Sanctuaries and pools are always open and religious ceremonies are held everyday: Masses, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Stations of the Cross; Blessed Sacrament Procession and Blessing of the Sick; Confessions; and the Rosary Procession every evening. (B,D)

14APR (Tue). LOURDES – TORRECIUDAD – BARCELONA.

Travel to **Torreciudad** where Mass will be arranged at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Torreciudad. Torreciudad is the name of a Marian shrine in Aragon, Spain, built by Josemaria Escriva, the founder of Opus Dei, and consecrated on July 7, 1975, under the title of Our Lady of Torreciudad. An old hermitage on the grounds originally housed the original statue of Our Lady of Torreciudad before it was transferred to the new church. Spiritual activities at the Shrine are entrusted to the Opus Dei Prelature. Travel on to **Barcelona**. (B,D)

15APR (Wed). BARCELONA – MONTSERRAT – BARCELONA.

Take a morning excursion to **Montserrat**. The splendid natural setting of the basilica seems to give physical presence to the spiritual and brings confirmation of faith. The Basilica, next to the monastery of Montserrat, is home to the revered La Moreneta, or Black Virgin. The basilica also holds one of the monastery's most noted attractions, the 50-member Escolanía, one of the oldest and most renowned boys' choirs in Europe, dating from the 13th century. In the afternoon, visit the famous Sagrada de Familia (Holy Family), a giant Temple designed by the master architect Antonio Gaudi. Pass by Paseo de Gracia to see Gaudi's famous apartment buildings including Casa Batllo and La Pedrera and Plaza de Catalunya, commercial centre of the city. Continue to the Montjuich Mountain, offering a panoramic view of the city and harbor, you will also see great views of Villa Olimpica (home to athletes during the Olympics). (B,D)

16APR (Thu). BARCELONA – ROME.

After breakfast, transfer to **Barcelona Airport** for your flight to **Rome Fiumicino Airport**. After customs formalities, board your coach and head to the city for your afternoon sightseeing tour: see

the Piazza Venezia; outside visit of the Roman Colosseum with the Arch of Constantine; and drive around Circus Maximus. On to the 4th century Basilica of Sta. Pudenziana to attend the talk of Bro. Bo to the Filipino community culminating in the celebration of the Holy Mass. Dinner at a local restaurant before checking-in at your hotel. (B,D)

17APR (Fri). ROME.

Start the morning with the celebration of the Holy Mass. Then, meet your local guide for a full day tour of the Eternal City of Rome. Your tour includes the following sites: San Paolo alle Tre Fontane Abbey; Basilica of St. Paul outside the Walls; Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel; and visit of the Basilica of St. Peter. (B,D)

18APR (Sat). ROME – DUBAI.

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast followed by check out. Sightseeing tour of Rome's basilicas and other historical monuments: Scala Santa; Basilica of St. John in Lateran; Basilica of Sta. Maria Maggiore; Trevi Fountain; Pantheon; Piazza Navona; and Church of Il Gesu. Time permitting, spend some free time at the Vatican area for last minute shopping of religious articles. In the early evening, transfer to **Rome Fiumicino Airport** for your departure flight to **Dubai**. (B)

19APR (Sun). DUBAI – MANILA.

Upon arrival in **Dubai**, take the connecting flight back to **Manila** to arrive in the evening or you may opt for *3D Dubai Stop-over Package (available upon request)*.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- ➔ Roundtrip economy airfare Manila/Dubai/Brussels x Rome/ Dubai/Manila on Emirates Airlines
- ➔ One-way economy airfare Barcelona/Rome
- ➔ Roundtrip airport and departure transfers with Airport Assistance
- ➔ 3-4* Hotel accommodation on twin sharing basis
- ➔ Land transportation by deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- ➔ Meals as specified in the itinerary (B – Hot/Cold buffet breakfast; D - Dinner)
- ➔ Tours as specified in the itinerary with an English-speaking local guide
- ➔ Services of a Pilgrimage Chaplain and Filipino Tour Leader all throughout the tour
- ➔ Porterage of one (1) piece of luggage at hotels only (Subject to availability)

TOUR COST: (Minimum of 40 passengers)

Per Person on Twin Sharing basis	US\$ 3,950.00
Child Rate (Extra bed with 2 Adults)	US\$ 2,875.00

Not Included:

Tip Fund	US\$ 135.00*
Airline Taxes	US\$ 546.00*
Philippine Travel Tax (if applicable)	US\$ 37.00

Optional Cost:

Single Room Supplement	US\$ 900.00
Business Class Upgrade (on EK flights only)	US\$ 2,195.00*
Additional Airline Taxes for Business Class (EK only)	US\$ 376.00*

* Subject to change without prior notice.

VISA REQUIREMENTS:

(applicable only to Philippine passport holders)

- Passport with six (6) months validity from date of departure
- Visa Application Forms
- Two (2) pcs. passport-size pictures
- Original and Photocopy of Latest Income Tax Return
- Original Bank Certificate (both Pesos and/or U.S.Dollars) for each embassy
- Original and Photocopy of Business Registration (if in business)
- Original Employment Certificate (if employed)
- Photocopy of International Credit Cards (if available)
- Travel Insurance with minimum coverage of Php2.5 Million (valid for 30 days)
- Affidavit of Support and Consent (signed and notarized by sponsor if financially incapable)
- If married, copy of Authenticated Marriage Contract
- Copy of hotel voucher (to be supplied by ERI)
- Personal appearance by the applicant
- Processing Time: 15 – 30 days**
- VISA FEE: Php 7,000.00** (Subject to change without prior notice).

BOOKING TERMS:

- 1) A US\$ 500.00 deposit is required upon reservation together with a photocopy of a passport (valid for 6 months from date of departure) and Pilgrim's Profile with a passport-size photo plus the visa fee and travel insurance payment.
- 2) Full payment in U.S. dollars is required before ticketing but in no case shall it be later than 30 days before departure date.
- 3) The following cancellation charges will apply:
 - > 45 days before departure date - US\$ 500.00 (non-refundable deposit)
 - > 30 days before departure date - 50% of the Tour Cost
 - > 20 days prior to departure date - Full tour cost will be forfeited.
 - > US\$ 300.00 Admin Fee for any visa denial.

CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE: airport taxes, visa fees and documentation expenses, insurance, hospitalization and other medical expenses, tours and transportation during free periods, portage of extra pieces of luggage in excess of maximum allocation (20 kgs.), drinks and beverages taken during meals, items of personal nature such as laundry, telephone, fax, room service, and other expenses not mentioned in the itinerary terms and conditions.

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