

## PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL

February 26-March 7, 2027

\$4,449 per person from Boston, double occupancy,  
based on 25 paying passengers.

~ If number of passengers falls below 25 (20-24), the cost will increase \$300 per person ~

### COST INCLUDES:

**AIR** Roundtrip via TAP Air Portugal NON STOP BOS/LIS/OPO/BOS using a NON REFUNDABLE airfare (see cancellation policy). All airline fuel surcharges ARE guaranteed, all other taxes, departure, customs & immigration ARE included as levied when brochure was printed, but subject to government change. Passengers ARE responsible for any air tax increase the government may impose, until ALL tickets are issued as a group.

**HOTELS** 8 nights hotel accommodations, or similar, all with private bath  
2 nights 4\* HOTEL MUNDIAL, Lisbon  
2 nights 4\* HOTEL ESTRELA DE FÁTIMA, Fatima  
1 night 4\* INNSIDE BY MELIA BRAGA CENTRO, Braga  
2 nights 4\* HOTEL EXE PEREGRINO, Santiago de Compostela  
1 night 4\* HOTEL BESSA BAIXA, Porto or similar

**MEALS\*** Continental buffet-style breakfast daily at the hotels  
Welcome dinner at the hotel in Lisbon on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>  
Lunch featuring traditional roast suckling pig specialty on March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Dinner at the hotel in Fatima on March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Wine tasting with snacks at a "Quinta" en route to Braga on March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Dinner at the hotel in Braga on March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Dinner at the hotel in Santiago de Compostela on March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Farewell dinner at a restaurant in Porto on March 6<sup>th</sup>  
\*Dinner 3 course meals, limited beverages: 1 glass of wine per person + water

**TOURING** All private guided sightseeing, as per itinerary, on deluxe air conditioned motor coach with the services of a professional tour escort throughout.

**OTHER** All entrance fees, as per itinerary, assistance at airports and transfers from airport/hotel/airport by motor coach, road taxes, parking fees, all hotel services charges & taxes, VAT taxes and government tourist city tax, whisper headsets where necessary, Mass celebrated daily, portage of one piece of luggage, flight bag, luggage strap & tag.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Cost of passport, Travel Protection (purchased individually), any meals not included in itinerary, food not listed on table d'hôte menus, Mass donations at churches and all gratuities to the escort, drivers & local guides to be paid locally in Euros, ETIAS-Travel authorization to enter EU estimated to begin in 2026, if necessary.

### IMPORTANT

RESERVATIONS are now being accepted upon receipt of deposit,  
**precisely on a first-come, first-served basis!**

**DEPOSITS ACCEPTED NOW, or by September 4th  
or until space becomes sold out!**

\$500 per person deposit (double room share)  
\$1,275 per person deposit (single room) VERY LIMITED!!  
FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY DECEMBER 1st!

**RESERVE NOW ~ LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!!**

Please make checks payable to Carmel Tours

**NO CREDIT CARDS CAN BE ACCEPTED DUE TO TAP Air Portugal POLICY ON**

**THIS SPECIAL NEGOTIATED GROUP AIRFARE.** Round trip flights via TAP Airlines using NON-REFUNDABLE airfare, including taxes (subject to change).

**Once tickets are issued, there is NO REFUND!**

~ CANCELLATION POLICY ~

From initial deposit to September 4<sup>th</sup> \$250 cancellation fee

From September 4<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup> \$500 deposit is NON REFUNDABLE

From December 1<sup>st</sup> to departure NO REFUNDS

### TRAVEL PROTECTION

CARMEL TOURS STRONGLY SUGGESTS PURCHASING TRAVEL PROTECTION TO HELP PROTECT YOU AND YOUR TRAVEL INVESTMENT, DUE TO NON-REFUNDABLE AIRFARE AND PENALTY CHARGES ON THE LAND PORTION.

**All passengers must purchase Travel Protection individually.**

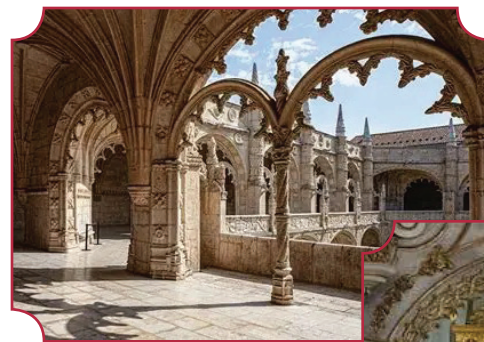
Carmel Tours suggests the following reputable Travel Protection Companies from which you may, or may not wish to purchase Travel Protection.

AAA (if member) or [AgencyLink Home \(travelinsured.com\)](http://AgencyLink Home (travelinsured.com))

IT IS SUGGESTED TRAVELERS PURCHASE TRAVEL PROTECTION WITH COVERAGE INCLUDED FOR COVID-19. SHOULD YOU HAPPEN TO CONTRACT IT WHILE OVERSEAS, ANY TREATMENT, HOSPITALIZATION OR HOTEL STAY IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRAVELER.

Single rooms ~ **VERY LIMITED!!**

Available at a supplement of \$775 on a **first-come, first-served basis ONLY!**



Jeronimos Monastery



Fátima Shepherd Children



Santarém,  
Eucharistic Miracle



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SPACE IS LIMITED!**

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# PILGRIMAGE to PORTUGAL

## Santiago de Compostela, Spain

*Lisbon, Santarém, Fátima, Aveiro, Braga,  
Santiago de Compostela, Valença do Minho, Porto,  
Jeronimos Monastery, St. Anthony Church,  
Church of St. Stephen Eucharistic Miracle,  
Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima, Candlelight Procession,  
Chapel of the Apparitions, Aljustrel Village, Valinhos,  
Santiago de Compostela Cathedral, Old Town visit and more...*

**February 26-March 7, 2027**

*Sponsored by*

**The Theological Institute of Saint John's Seminary**

Fr. Chris O'Connor, Rector, Holy Cross Cathedral

Dr. Aldona Lingertat, Adjunct Professor, Saint John's Seminary

**\$4,449** per person (double occupancy)



Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima

## LETTER OF INVITATION

*Dear Friends,*

*Pilgrimages are special times to experience new insights and to draw closer to God, as we leave behind what is familiar. Each day offers time for prayer and Mass as well as time for touring beautiful sites. Pilgrims report that the time spent traveling with others is inspiring. Many new friendships are formed. This spring we are traveling to Portugal and Spain. Our high points are the visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima as well as many other special stops along our journey. Last year our pilgrimage sold out and had a waiting list. We encourage you not to wait until the last minute to sign up. Come join us on this exciting pilgrimage.*

**Fr. Chris O'Connor**  
**Aldona Lingertat, Ph.D.**



Lisbon, Portugal

## ITINERARY

**February 26 (Friday)**

### **DEPART BOSTON / LISBON**

Depart Boston Logan Airport via TAP Air Portugal on your international flight to Lisbon, Portugal. Dinner will be served aloft.

**February 27 (Saturday)**

### **LISBON / PANORAMIC DRIVE / JERONIMOS MONASTERY**

Upon arrival at **Lisbon Airport**, meet your English-speaking tour manager outside the luggage claim area. Begin your pilgrimage with a panoramic drive through the historic **Belém** district, a neighborhood deeply connected to Portugal's Age of Discoveries. Visit the magnificent Cloister of the **Jerónimos Monastery (UNESCO)**, a masterpiece of Manueline architecture built in thanksgiving for Vasco da Gama's successful voyage to India. Enjoy a photo stop at the **Monument to the Discoveries**, honoring Portugal's great navigators, and, time permitting, admire the exterior of the iconic **Belém Tower (UNESCO)** guarding the Tagus River. Continue to your hotel for check-in and time to refresh. Mass will be celebrated at a local church. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner at the hotel.

**OVERNIGHT LISBON**

**February 28 (Sunday)**

### **LISBON / CATHOLIC HERITAGE**

After breakfast, begin the day with Mass at **St. Anthony's Church** (subject to confirmation), built on the very site where **St. Anthony of Padua**—one of the most beloved saints in the Catholic Church—was born in 1195. Although known worldwide as “of Padua,” St. Anthony was Port guese by birth, and his childhood home has long been a place of devotion for pilgrims seeking his intercession. Following Mass, enjoy a guided walk through the historic **Alfama** district, the oldest quarter of Lisbon, with its narrow streets, traditional houses, and centuries-old charm. Continue to the exterior of the **Sé Cathedral**, the city's oldest church and a symbol of Lisbon's Christian heritage since the 12th century. The afternoon is at leisure for personal exploration, rest, or shopping. Lunch and dinner are on your own today.

**OVERNIGHT LISBON**

**March 1 (Monday)**

### **LISBON / SANTAREM / FÁTIMA**

Following breakfast, depart Lisbon and travel north to **Santarém**, home to one of the most revered Eucharistic Miracle sites in the world. Visit the **Church of St. Stephen**, where the 13th-century **Miracle of the Bleeding Host** is preserved above the main altar, and celebrate Mass here (subject to confirmation). Continue to a local restaurant for an included **lunch featuring the region's traditional roast suckling pig specialty**. After lunch, travel onward to **Fátima**, one of the most important Marian shrines in the world. Enjoy a brief orientation of the **Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima** before checking in at your hotel and taking time to rest before dinner. Weather permitting, you may join the evening Candlelight Procession, a moving expression of devotion that draws pilgrims from around the world.

**OVERNIGHT FÁTIMA**



Our Lady of Fátima Shrine

**March 2 (Tuesday)**

### **FÁTIMA / SANCTUARY / ALJUSTREL / VALINHOS**

Breakfast at the hotel. Begin the day with Mass at the **Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima** where Our Lady of Fatima appeared in 1917 (subject to confirmation). Enjoy a guided tour as you visit the Sanctuary, including the **Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary** where the tombs of Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta, the three children who were visited by Our Lady of Fatima are located, the **Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity**, as well as the **Chapel of the Apparitions**. Millions of pilgrims travel there to pray or just to feel its mystical strength. The Sanctuary Square is so large it can only be described by numbers: it can simultaneously receive 300,000 visitors and it's twice the size of St. Peter's Square in Rome. In the afternoon, visit **Aljustrel**, the village of the birthplace of three shepherd children, and **Valinhos**, site of the fourth apparition Our Lady, on August 19, 1917, occurred. Return to your hotel for dinner and another opportunity, weather permitting, to participate in the **Candlelight Procession**.

**OVERNIGHT FÁTIMA**

**March 3 (Wednesday)**

### **FÁTIMA / AVEIRO / PENAFIEL / BRAGA**

After breakfast, begin the morning with Mass at the Sanctuary (subject to confirmation). Then travel north toward **Aveiro**, often called the “Venice of Portugal” for its picturesque canals and colorful **moliceiro** boats. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own in the charming historic center. Continue to **Penafiel** for a tasting of **Vinho Verde**, the region's refreshing young wine, accompanied by light snacks. Afterwards, travel by private coach to **Braga**, one of the oldest Christian cities in Portugal and a major center of Catholic life since the early centuries of the Church. Known as the “Rome of Portugal,” Braga is rich in sanctuaries, ancient traditions, and spiritual heritage. Upon arrival in the early evening, check in at your hotel and enjoy dinner together.

**OVERNIGHT BRAGA**

**March 4 (Thursday)**

### **BRAGA / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

Breakfast at the hotel. Begin the day with Mass at **Braga Cathedral** (subject to confirmation), the oldest cathedral in Portugal and a cornerstone of the nation's Christian heritage. Founded in the 11th century, the Cathedral reflects centuries of devotion and artistry, with Romanesque foundations, Gothic chapels, and Baroque embellishments that testify to Braga's long role as the spiritual heart of the region. After Mass, depart by private motor coach for the beautiful city of Santiago de Compostela, one of the world's

most significant pilgrimage destinations and the final resting place of **St. James the Apostle**. As you cross into Spain, you follow a route traveled by countless pilgrims throughout the centuries. Upon arrival, check in at your hotel and gather for dinner.

**OVERNIGHT SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

**March 5 (Friday)**

### **SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA / CATHEDRAL & OLD TOWN**

After breakfast, begin the morning with a guided visit of the **Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela**, the culmination point of the Camino and a place of profound spiritual significance. Explore the Cathedral's rich history, architecture, and sacred spaces. Mass at the Cathedral is requested (subject to confirmation and may be concelebrated). The **Botafumeiro**, the Cathedral's famous giant censer, will also be requested. Used on special occasions, it is swung across the transept by a team of attendants, filling the church with incense and recalling the ancient tradition of welcoming weary pilgrims. The afternoon is at leisure to explore the **UNESCO-listed Old Town**, with its medieval streets, lively squares, artisan shops, and cafés. Lunch and dinner are on your own today.

**OVERNIGHT SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

**March 6 (Saturday)**

### **SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA / VALENÇA DO MINHO / PORTO**

After breakfast, depart Santiago and travel south toward the Portuguese border, stopping in **Valença do Minho**, a historic fortified town long associated with pilgrims crossing between Spain and Portugal. Its impressive double walls, narrow cobblestone streets, and views overlooking the **Minho River** create a setting rich in history and tradition. Within the ramparts, you'll find small shops, local artisans, and quiet corners that reflect the town's centuries-old role as a gateway for travelers. Mass is requested here (subject to confirmation). Continue to **Porto**, a vibrant riverside city known for its historic center, elegant bridges, and centuries-old port wine tradition. Upon arrival, check in at your hotel and take time to relax before gathering for a festive **farewell dinner** at a local restaurant, celebrating the journey and the many blessings shared throughout your pilgrimage.

**OVERNIGHT PORTO**

**March 7 (Sunday)**

### **PORTO AIRPORT / BOSTON**

Breakfast at the hotel. Sunday Mass in **Porto** (subject to confirmation). Enjoy the morning at leisure for a short walk or last-minute shopping in Porto, followed by lunch on your own. In the afternoon, transfer to **Porto Airport** for your nonstop return flight to Boston on TAP Airlines.

*~Daily Mass will be celebrated~*

THE ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF  
DR. LINGERTAT, FR. O'CONNOR AND YOUR GUIDE



Santiago de Compostela Cathedral