

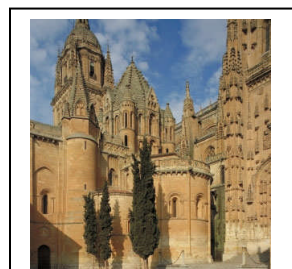
PILGRIMAGE TO CARMELITE SPAIN

9 Days

DEPART NEW YORK AREA AIRPORT



Avila



Salamanca

ITINERARY

DAY 1 USA / MADRID

Depart New York area airport for your overnight flight to Spain.

DAY 2 AVILA

Arrive early morning in Madrid where you will be met by your tour guide and transferred to Avila, the City of Kings and of Saints, completely encircled by 11th century walls. This is the birthplace of St. Theresa one of the greatest mystics of the Church. Celebrate Mass at the Convent of St. Theresa. (D)

DAY 3: AVILA

The walled city of Avila is most famous for being the home of St. Teresa, one of the only female doctors of the Church. Avila's atmosphere has changed very little since the days of St. Theresa, to whom the city is dedicated. St. Theresa, the great mystic, was the first woman to be named a Doctor of the Church. In the morning we will visit the city of Avila: the Cathedral, which contains many of St. Theresa relics; The crypt of the Convento of La Santa, built on the site of the house where she was born, is home to the most comprehensive museum dedicated to her life, and La Encarnacion Convent, the first convent she found. Dinner and overnight in Avila. (B,D)

DAY 4: AVILA / ALBA DE TORMES / SALAMANCA

After breakfast in the hotel, we will depart towards the city of Alba de Tormes. The town boasts of possessing the mortal remains of St Theresa of Avila in the church of the Carmelite Convent where her miraculously pierced heart rests in a glass reliquary. Continue to Salamanca. The group will enjoy an orientation tour of Salamanca, a famous university city, including a visit to the University, which was founded in 1223 by Alfonso XI of Leon. Also visit the Plaza Mayor and the famous Cathedral. Dinner and overnight in Salamanca. (B,D)

DAY 5 SALAMANCA / MEDINA DEL CAMPO / FONTIVEROS / SALAMANCA

Depart Salamanca for Medina del Campo. Visit the Carmelite Monastery. Continue our journey to Fontiveros, birthplace of Saint John of the Cross, where we will visit the Carmelite Convent and the Church of San Cipriano where St. John of the Cross was baptized. Return to Salamanca for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 6 SALAMANCA / SEGOVIA / MADRID

Early morning departure from Salamanca for Madrid. En route, stop in Segovia. Arrival to the city and sightseeing tour with a local guide: Alcazar, Roman Aqueduct, Gothic Cathedral, San Miguel Church where the Catholic Queen Isabel was crown, the Carmel Monastery where St. John of the Cross is buried and the Corpus Christi Church, one of the most important synagogues in Spain converted into a Church in the XIV Century. Dinner and overnight in Madrid. (B,D)

DAY 7 MADRID / TOLEDO / MADRID

Depart Madrid in the morning for Toledo, one of Spain's most ancient and charming cities. Here you will visit the El Greco Museum, tour Old Town have lunch (on your own) together at a Parador perched above the city. Enjoy the afternoon wandering the quaint streets. There will be ample time to shop for Toledo's famous gold jewelry and cutlery. Return to Madrid for dinner at the hotel and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 8: MADRID

Today we have a half-day orientation tour of the beautiful capital of Spain. From your motorcoach you will see the Prado, the Royal Palace, and other important sites. Transfer to your hotel for the balance of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight in Madrid. (B,D)

DAY 9 MADRID / USA

Depart for Madrid Airport with same day arrival at New York area airport. (B)

Included Highlights:

- * **Airfare:** Roundtrip from New York area airport.
- * **Accommodations:** 7 nights Superior Tourist Class Hotels.
- * **Meals:** 7 Breakfasts & 7 Dinners
- * **Sightseeing:** As listed in the itinerary.
- * **Also Included:** Daily Mass, Airport-hotel transfers, hotel tips & taxes, baggage handling, Touring by Private Air Conditioned Motorcoach, Services of Professional Pilgrimage Escort.

* Price is per person double occupancy. Add \$129 departure tax, \$160 fuel surcharge and \$139 for optional travel insurance. There are a *limited* number of single rooms available.

2008 Departure Dates:	Price*	Land Only	Single Supplement
June 18 to 26	\$2,599	\$1,779	\$400
October 13 to 21	\$2,099	\$1,659	\$350

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