

invites you to join

Fr. Robert Hadden October 10-21, 2015

on a 12-day pilgrimage to

# France of RANCE

AND WORLD WAR II SITES



Early registration price \$3,299 + \$679\* per person from Cincinnati if deposit is paid by 7-2-15

Base price \$3,399 + \$679\* per person after 7-2-15

\*Estimated Airline Taxes & Fuel Surcharges subject to increase/decrease at 30 days prior

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

**TOUR PRICE:** Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 1/26/2015 and subject to change without notice should there be a revision in rates prior to departure of tour. The tour price is based on a minimum of 36 passengers. Should there be fewer, there could be a surcharge.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** In first class hotels (except Neverstourist) or better, based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities. Single-room supplement is \$69 per night and based on availability. Requests for a roommate are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed. The single-room supplement will be assessed if a roommate is not available when the group is finalized.

**MEALS:** Ten full hot breakfasts and nine dinners throughout the basic tour (continental breakfasts in hotels only where full breakfasts are not available). Extra charge for beverage not included in the menu of the day.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Those normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as "service" are included. Airport fees, departure taxes, and fuel surcharges are estimated on the original invoice and adjusted at the time of ticketing.

**SIGHTSEEING:** By modern motorcoach, including services of English-speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary. Masses at churches indicated are subject to availability.

NOT INCLUDED: 1: Airport fees, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (est. - \$679); 2: tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (est. - \$13 per day); and 3: optional travel insurance. An amount to cover these items will be added to your original invoice. Also not included: domestic baggage fees, passport and visa fees, laundry, wines, liquors, meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned and items of a personal nature. Note: Due to limited storage space on motor coaches, Pentecost Tours entitles each passenger to one checked bag and one carry-on bag that meets airline "size/weight" allowances. Domestic baggage fees, overweight baggage charges, and fees for additional bags fall under the responsibility of the passenger. Be aware, while you may agree to pay fees for additional luggage, there may not be room on the motor coach.

**ASSISTANCE:** Pilgrims who require personal assistance must be accompanied by a paying passenger who will provide that assistance.

**DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION:** A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure reservations, which sum will be applied to the price of the tour, with the balance to be paid in full no later than 7/12/2015. Payment of remaining balance received after 7/12/2015 will incur a \$50 penalty. Reservations made within 90 days of departure may be subject to a late charge. In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 6/12/2015 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties. From 6/12/2015 to 7/12/2015 the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties. From 6/12/2015 to 7/12/2015, refund will be subject to a minimum 40% cancellation fee plus any airline cancellation penalties, or an amount equal to expenses to the tour operator, whichever is greater. There will be no refund for cancellations within 33 days of departure. Cancellation must be in writing and the effective date will be the date that Pentecost Tours, Inc. receives it. In the event 15 passengers do not book the tour within 120 days of departure, the agent reserves the right to cancel the tour. If the entire tour is cancelled by Pentecost Tours, Inc., you are entitled to a full refund.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Round trip Cincinnati/Paris and Pau/Cincinnati on economy class jet via Delta or any other IATA member. Based on 6-day minimum/21-day maximum advanced purchase fare, subject to participation of ten persons on entire flight itinerary. If cancellation is effected by passenger after 7/12/2015, or after air tickets are written,

whichever comes first, 100% of airfare will be forfeited by passenger in addition to the penalties mentioned above. All airfares are subject to government approval and change without notice.

**INSURANCE:** Insurance is NOT included in the tour price. Because of the cost of medical care outside the United States, the fact that Medicare does not provide coverage outside the United States, the possibility that your own insurance provider may not cover you outside the United States, and due to the potentially high cost of escorted air evacuation, travel insurance is strongly recommended. Consequently, for the protection of our clients, you will be mailed a travel insurance brochure/policy along with an insurance waiver form in the event you choose to decline coverage. The effective date of coverage will be the date that the insurance premium is paid and not the date of the initial deposit.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY: Land arrangements including surface transportation: Pentecost Tours, Inc., and the participating Tour Operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors and others that provide the actual land arrangements and are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these land arrangements. Delta and other IATA carriers, steamship lines and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage.

**MISCELLANEOUS FEES:** All changes must be in writing and may incur a per-person charge for each revision. Deposits received within 90 days of departure may incur a late registration fee.

**LAND ARRANGEMENTS:** The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary because of emergencies or extenuating circumstances beyond our control.



#### MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED DAILY

#### Day 1: Saturday, October 10, 2015 - USA / PARIS

We meet this evening at an International airport for our overnight flight to Paris.

Day 2: Sunday 10/11 PARIS / CAEN

Bonjour Paris! Once we meet our full-time tour escort and board our private coach, we make the journey northwest to Caen, a city forced to rebuild after the 1944 invasion of Normandy that destroyed 75% of the city. Two twin abbeys and eight old churches that survived are still standing today. We spend several hours at France's **Memorial de Caen** where trials and triumphs of peace are exhibited in what is esteemed as the best World War II museum in the country. Immediately following, we check in at our hotel for a welcome dinner and overnight. [D]



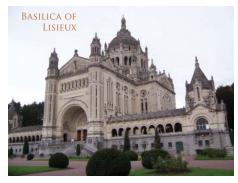


## Day 3: Monday 10/12 CAEN / ARROMANCHES (OPERATION OVERLORD) / LONGUES-SUR-MER (GERMAN GUN BATTERY) / COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER (AMERICAN CEME-TERY) / CAEN

Exploration of the sites associated with the WWII invasion at Normandy is planned for today. At the onset of the war, Germany invaded Poland which resulted in the declaration of war on Germany by France, Great Britain and Canada. The German army set its sights on France. Both the French and British army's defended France but the Germans defeated them and gained control of the country. Within a few years, the Germans knew that the Allies (now including the U.S.) were ramping up toward an invasion of France to liberate Europe from Germany. In a mission called "Operation Overlord", the Allied Troops based in Britain but commanded by American General Dwight D. Eisenhower, decided that a large army would land on the northwest coast of France at five beaches (codewould land on the northwest coast of France at five beaches (codenamed Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword) in the Normandy area. Prior to the amphibious assault, planes and paratroopers hammered Nazi troops. French fighters, aware of the upcoming Allied invasion on the Germans, sabotaged German troops behind-the-lines in a heated combat mission. The defeat of the Germans at Normandy dissolved Hitler's vision of a Nazi-controlled Europe. We learn more as we tour some of the sites where those missions occurred, including the **Americans cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer**, where nearly 9400 Americans are laid to rest. We return to Gen for dinner and 9,400 Americans are laid to rest. We return to Caen for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

# Day 4: Tuesday 10/13 CAEN / ST LAURENT-SUR-MER / OMAHA BEACH / POINTE-DU-HOC / SAINTE-MERE-EGLISE / CAEN

This morning, we set out to explore more sites associated with the invasion at Normandy. At St Laurent-Sur-Mer we get a better look at the sophisticated defense system used in the German campaign, which is likely to show the poignant and sobering odds our U.S. troops were up against. Then, we visit Omaha Beach, historically one of the most deadly face-offs during the battle at Normandy. Americans courageously persevered despite the bloodshed, military misconnects, and seemingly impossible odds, the traumatic showdown nearly gave the American soldiers the opportunity to re-group and defeat the German offense. From there, we proceed to Pointe-Du-Hoc, a strategic coastal viewpoint of the D-Day beaches. Here, the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaled seaside cliffs as an offensive edge to neutralize the German position. Our last stop today is Sainte-Mere-Eglise. It was here, near Pointe-Du-Hoc, that U.S. paratroopers were dispatched to surprise the Germans in an attempt to reinforce the U.S. position against the Germans. The U.S. initiative was devastated when a large town fire lit up the night sky, revealing the locations of U.S. paratroopers. The casualties were a painful blow to the U.S. troops as many of the paratroopers were either "sucked into the fire" or spotted and targeted by enemy fire. These events and other D-Day events in Sainte-Mère-Eglise were featured in a movie called The Longest Day. Our day concludes as we return to our hotel in Caen for dinner and overnight. [B,D] we return to our hotel in Caen for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



Day 5: Wednesday 10/14, CAEN / LISIEUX / PARIS Moving east, we travel to Lisieux, home of St Therese of the Child Jesus. She is the one whom Pope Pius X called "the greatest saint of modern times". We visit **Les Buissonnets**, the family home where Therese spent the early years of her life before entering Carmel at the age of fifteen. Then, we proceed to the beautiful **Basilica of Lisieux** and the **Carmelite Convent** which houses the sacred relic of St Therese's body. Our trek to Paris continues. Upon our arrival, we enjoy an **orientation tour** of the city and then proceed to our hotel to check in for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 6: Thursday 10/15, PARIS

We begin at France's number one tourist attraction, Notre Dame Cathedral. Then, we stop at the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal on Rue de Bac where Our Lady appeared to St Catherine Laboure in 1830. There you will see the incorrupt body of St Cather-ine and the waxed body of St Louise de Marillac who, with the help of St Vincent de Paul, established the Daughters of Charity. We will celebrate Mass there (subject to confirmation) and then stop nearby at the chapel in the motherhouse of the Congregation of the Mission which houses the incorrupt body of St Vincent de Paul. Dinner and overnight in Paris. [B,D]

#### Day 7: Friday 10/16, PARIS

First, we head to Montmartre and ascend by **funicular** to the top of Montmartre hill to visit the world famous Basilica of Sacré-Coeur. According to tradition, this is the site where the first Bishop of Paris, St Denis was beheaded. We celebrate Mass in the crypt (subject to confirmation). Then, the remainder of the day is completely free to explore independently. Suggestions include:

▶ Go see the iron giant. The Eiffel Tower soars 1,063 feet into the air (equivalent to an 81-story building). It was designed and erected in 1889 to serve as the entrance arch for the World's Fair that was being hosted in Paris that year. At first, the aesthetic appeal was heavily

criticized by influential French artists and intellectuals. However, over time the tower became a global icon making France the residence of one of the most recognized and visited structures in the world. Take some time to marvel at its massive presence.

The world-famous Louvre Gallery is another option. Built as a medieval fortress in 1546, it became a residence to the royal family, and then a museum and home of a massive art collection, now containing artifacts works dating from the beginning of civilization up to the 19th Century. Renowned highlights of the collection are da Vinci's Mona Lisa, the Winged Victory of Samothrace and Venus de Milo.

Shop or book a scenic boat cruise on the River Seine.

This evening, enjoy French cuisine at the Paris restaurant of your choice as **dinner** is on your own. [B]

Day 8: Saturday 10/17, PARIS / NEVERS

We depart Paris this morning and proceed south to Nevers, where St Bernadette spent the last 13 years of her life as a nun. Here we visit the **Convent of St Gildard** where the incorrupt body of St Bernadette lies in state. At the age of 13, this holy saint received the first of 18 visions from our Blessed Mother. As you look at St Bernadette you will see the same fingers that dug in the earth at Massabielle and the same eyes that saw the Virgin Mary. Then, we proceed to our hotel to check in for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

## Day 9: Sunday 10/18, NEVERS / PARAY-LE-MONIAL / ARS /

THE CURE OF ARS



Paray-le-Monial is our first stop to-day. This is the location of the apparitions of our Lord to St Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673. It is here that she received the inspiration to increase devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We visit the Chapel of the Apparitions and spend time enjoying the city. Then, we continue to the small town of Ars, the former home of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests. In 1786, Jean-Marie-Baptiste Vianney was born to a poor French farmer and spent his childhood years as a field hand and shepherd on the family farm. Therefore, his education was on hold until he was twenty which made his studies excessively challenging for him. Despite two failed attempts at taking the required testing for ordination into the priesthood, at the age of thirty he was finally ordained.

age of thirty he was finally ordained. Clouded with doubts, his superiors labeled him "incompetent" and in need of additional training. Jean was placed under the direction of Father Balley, a very holy priest from a nearby village. Upon the death of Father Balley, Fr Jean Vianney was transferred to the small village of Ars, where he (the Curé) would spend the rest of his life serving the community. He allowed himself two hours of sleep per night, despite being constantly awakened by the devil's assaults and attacks. Physical and verbal abuse and deafening noises were routine and sometimes witnessed by male parishioners. It wasn't long before the Ars community recognized the humble Curé's gifts of healing and his profound accuracy in reading the hearts and minds of penitents. As word spread, it was reported that the Curé was spending 13-17 excruciating hours hearing confessions in a small. spending 13-17 excruciating hours hearing confessions in a small, hot confessional. After his death, St John Vianney was found to be incorrupt. We visit the Basilica of Ars, the former home of the Curé, and the underground church. We also have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the confessional where he spent 17 hours a day for over 30 years. From there, we proceed to Lyon to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 10: Monday 10/19, LYON / LOURDES

Today will be spent sightseeing the countryside as we travel from Lyon to Lourdes, a small town situated in the Pyrenees Mountains, where the apparitions of our Blessed Mother to Bernadette Soubirous occurred. Upon our arrival, we proceed directly to **Mass**. Then, we check in at our hotel for a group dinner. After dinner, we join other pilgrims from all over the world in the **Candlelight Procession**. Overnight in Lourdes. **[B,D]** 

Day 11: Tuesday 10/20, LOURDES

At the age of 14, young Bernadette Soubirous was visited by Our Lady 18 times between February 11th and July 16th, 1858. The young saint described Our Lady as a "[lady] in white, the same height as myself, who greeted me with a nod of her head. This [lady] was beautiful beyond description. She had a blue sash around her white dress and yellow roses on her shoes. A long rosary hung from her arm, and she seemed to invite me to pray with her." Our Lady gave to Bernadette private, secret messages as well as messages to be shared with the world. Our Lady described herself to Bernadette as the "Immaculate Conception", revealed a miraculous spring, and asked that a chapel be built for pilgrimage. Obedient Bernadette delivered her messages. Early this morning, we celebrate Mass in the Basilica of the Rosary (lower front level of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception) (subject to confirmation). The Basilica of the Rosary dates back to 1883-1889 when its construction replaced the original chapel on the site of the Blessed Mother's apparition to Bernadette. The remainder of the day is free for visiting any of the sites that interest you most. Options include:

The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, the crypt, or the Grotto of Massabielle, location where Our Lady instructed Bernadette to use her hands and dig to reveal the spring. Since March of 1858, the Church has recognized sixty-five miracles. Thousands of other inexplicable healings also took place at this holy site.
 The baths. Those who wish to bathe in the miraculous waters will be able to do so. Times are posted.
 The Boly Mill where St Bernadette was born and the "Cachot," the abandoned prison where Bernadette's family lived in poverty.
 Blessing of the Sick, Stations of the Cross (on hillside beside basilica). Or, the cemetery where the Soubirous family is buried [note: take the lift/elevator on the other side of the River Gave.
 Sacred Heart Church. Bernadette was baptized in the Parish Church, called Church of Saint Peter, which was destroyed by fire. Renamed Sacred Heart, the new parish church was built in the late 1800s and has been used since. Saved and moved to Sacred Heart Church is the baptismal font used for Bernadette.
 Visit the Chateau "Fort" for spectacular views of the city. Enjoy a self-guided tour inside the fort walls.

We gather at the hotel for a group farewell dinner. After dinner we again have the opportunity of participating in the Candlelight Procession. Overnight in Lourdes. [B,D]



Day 12: Wednesday 10/21, LOURDES / PAU / PARIS / USA
This morning, we begin our journey back to the U.S., arriving home
with better understanding of the sacrifices and heartaches that engulfed WWII soldiers on the battlefield, their families and the country
to which each vowed their most valiant defense. The past two weeks
have brought new appreciation for the quest for world peace and a deeper love and commitment to our Catholic faith. [B]

## To Register:

Complete the Registration Form and mail your deposit to Pentecost Tours



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