

57th International Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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Thursday 14 May - Tuesday 19 May 2015

5 nights Dublin - Lourdes - Dublin



Cost €737 Early Booking Essential

143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2

Tel 01-2410811 or 01-2410812

This Pilgrimage is operated by Joe Walsh Tours Ltd who are licensed and bonded as a tour operator by the commission for Aviation Regulation TO 052

Guidelines and Important Information

Insurance:

We will automatically insure all eligible persons on booking. Free insurance is included. Insurance Policy will be forwarded to you with confirmation of your booking and we would ask you to read this carefully to be aware of your exact cover. Upper age limit is 85years; 86-94 years will incur a premium of €25. For pilgrims over 94 years, private cover must be secured. The insurance cover is provided free of charge as part of the package for those up to 85 years, a refund is not possible if you have alternative cover.

Cancellations:

All cancellations will incur an excess charge of €200.

Hotels:

We have made arrangements to reserve the best accommodation available in a good range of hotels, well known for their kind attention and good service and well known to Irish Pilgrims. Please note the cost is based on sharing a twin or treble room with private facilities.

Single Rooms:

These are very limited and subject to availability at a supplementary charge of €150. Your kind co-operation in agreeing to share a twin or treble room, if at all possible, will be much appreciated.

Special Requests:

It must be clearly understood that bookings are accepted on the basis of pilgrims accepting the flight and hotel allocated to them. Bookings are not transferable from one person to another except with the approval of our office and the Pilgrimage Committee.

Medical and Other Miscellaneous Charges:

Please note these charges in total are the direct responsibility of the traveller (pilgrim or invalid) or their legal guardian/next of kin. All travellers must have a European Health Insurance Card formerly EI II (available free of charge from your local Health Authority). Please read your insurance cover carefully - it is vitally important to complete a Medical Declaration Form if you have a medical condition which has required medical advice, treatment, medication or hospitalisation during the last 18 months. This form can be obtained from Joe Walsh Tours. Upper age limit on our policy is 85 years.

Flights:

We cannot accept special requests for specific flights. It must be clearly understood that bookings are taken on the basis of pilgrims accepting the flight allocated to them. We have been advised by the Charter Airlines that they have suspended their free catering facilities on their aircraft. A limited snack service will be available payable on board the aircraft. Flying time to Lourdes is approximately 2hrs 10 minutes.

Joe Walsh Tours and the Pilgrimage Committee cannot accept any responsibility for cost incurred by pilgrims for meals, transfers, overnight accommodation or any other costs resulting from delayed, cancelled or diverted flights.

Passport:

EVERY PERSON TRAVELLING TO FRANCE MUST HAVE A VALID UP-TO-DATE PASSPORT.

If you already have a passport, please check now that it will be valid for travel.

To obtain a new passport you should apply direct to the Passport Office, Setanta Centre, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2, Those who live outside Dublin City should check with their local Garda station.

Balance of Fare:

This is due EIGHT weeks before departure date, Joe Walsh Tours and the Pilgrimage Committee shall be entitled at their discretion to treat as cancelled any booking in respect of which the balance of fare shall not have been remitted eight weeks before the date of departure.

Final Instructions:

Full information, air tickets, luggage labels, etc. will be sent to you within 7- 10 days prior to the departure date of the Pilgrimage. Our representatives in Lourdes will be available at all times to render assistance.

Spending Money:

The Euro is the official currency of France.

Wheelchairs:

Travel insurance does not cover wheelchairs. We recommend separate insurance cover. Joe Walsh Tours must be advised if you intend taking a motorised wheelchair or motorised scooter to Lourdes. Acceptance will be subject to any weight restrictions imposed by the Airline.

Booking Form

Please reserve place (s) on the International Military Pilgrimage 14 -19 May 2015

Surname (Block Capitals)	Christian Name (s) as per passport	Mr/ Ms/Mrs	Postal Address of first named person only

Accommodation Details (please tick)

- Twin- Bedded Room Do you normally use a wheelchair Yes No
- Three-Bedded Room Do you intend bringing a wheelchair to Lourdes Yes No
- Twin Room Share
- Single Room * subject to availability and supplement of €150 for full duration)

I enclose € _____ being deposit(s) for _____ person (s).

Cheques made payable to "Joe Walsh Tours Ltd". Please note the required minimum deposit of €200 per person is non-refundable on cancellation of booking.

If you have had a medical condition which required medical advice, treatment, medication or hospitalisation during the last 18 months, it is vitally important to complete a Medical Declaration Form. This form can be obtained from Joe Walsh Tours / CARA, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Tel 01-2410812

I confirm that I do not require special assistance, treatment or hospitalisation in any way.

I have read the conditions of booking and Insurance and I accept them.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Telephone: _____

Please forward this completed booking form and deposit(s) to

Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2.
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