



FORT WAYNE World Youth Day Itinerary

Wednesday, August 10th - Departure from Chicago

Today you are off!!! Your flight will be on Air France and your flight times will be determined by your group leaders in the near future. You will receive a personalized "Flight Itinerary" sheet from your group leader once everything is confirmed.

Thursday, August 11th – Lourdes

Your final flight will end in Toulouse where you will claim your luggage and be met by a representative from Dube Travel. You will then be taken to your motorcoach for the drive to Lourdes. Check into your hotel by late afternoon. There will be a Welcome dinner that evening with the opportunity to participate in the Candlelight Procession for those who are interested and not too tired.

Friday, August 12th – Lourdes

After breakfast at your hotel start the day with Mass at the Grotto or one of the many chapels. We will have a walking tour of Lourdes and the history of St. Bernadette that will visit sites such as The Cachot, Bernadette's Parish Church, and the Hospice where she made her first communion. After lunch (on your own), there will be an opportunity to experience the Baths of Lourdes, or participate in the Eucharistic Procession, go to reconciliation, the Way of the Cross or have some private time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Any other activities as desired by the group can be arranged. This evening, participate in the powerful Candlelight Procession after dinner.

Saturday, August 13th – Lourdes

After breakfast at your hotel start the day off with a Mass at the Grotto or one of the many chapels. The rest of the day will be free to explore Lourdes on your own or for group activities.

Sunday, August 14th – Lourdes – Loyola College - Burgos

After breakfast today you will depart Lourdes for Loyola University. Upon arrival you will be served lunch and then have a tour of the Holy House followed by a Mass at the Cathedral given by the Bishops. Following Mass you will board the bus for your dinner and overnight in Burgos.



Monday, August 15th – Burgos - Madrid

Today you will need to check out of your hotel by 7:15 am. We will then go to the Cathedral for an 8 am Mass. After Mass we will return to the hotel for breakfast. Immediately after breakfast we will depart for Madrid. Upon our arrival in Madrid you will have a panorama tour of Madrid to get yourself acquainted with Madrid before checking into your hotel. Rest of the day will be at your leisure or for group activities.

Tuesday, August 16th - Madrid - WYD Opening Mass

After breakfast enjoy some free time before getting ready to attend the WYD Opening Mass which will be at 8 pm in the Plaza de Cibeles. This Mass is always an impressive event as you gather with thousands of fellow Catholics to celebrate the Eucharist.

Wednesday, August 17th – WYD Events

After breakfast at your hotel, you will be off to the first Catechesis session. More details will become available as we get closer to WYD. Mass will be at the end of the Catechesis. The afternoon will allow for time to participate in the cultural events. Lunch and dinner will be with the WYD meal plan.

Thursday, August 18th – WYD Events – Welcoming of the Holy Father

Again today after breakfast you will be off to one of the Catechesis sites. This afternoon, we will once again gather at Plaza de Cibeles to welcome the Holy Father. Lunch and dinner will be with the WYD meal

Friday, August 19th – WYD Events – Stations of the Cross

We again have catechesis with an English speaking Bishop. This afternoon will allow for time to participate in cultural events. In the evening we will witness the powerful Stations of the Cross which will feature Spanish Holy Week Procession statues from across Spain. Lunch and dinner will be with the WYD meal plan.

Saturday, August 20th – Mass – Walk to Vigil Site

This morning will bring Mass with all the American Diocese. This still has not been scheduled but we are estimating that it will be mid-morning. After Mass is complete, we begin the walk to Cuatro Vientos the vigil site where we will spend the night. Activities will be taking place on the stage such as testimonies of young people, musical interpretations, prayers to the Virgin, etc as we prepare for the vigil.

Sunday, August 21st – Mass with the Pope – Paris or USA

This morning is the closing Mass which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 am. This will be one of the most powerful moments as you celebrate Mass with an expected 2 million pilgrims. After the Mass, you will make your way back to the hotel to freshen up and head off to the airport for your flight out of Madrid. Some members of the group will have to overnight in Paris while part of the group will head back to the USA. This information will be on your personalized "Flight Info" Sheet.

Monday, August 22nd – Return to the USA

For those of you spending the night in Paris - today you will return to the USA.

