



FRASSATI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

World Youth Day Pilgrimage 2023 Lisbon, Portugal | July 28 - August 7, 2023

“Mary arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39)

What is World Youth Day?

World Youth Days began with Pope St. John Paul II in 1985, and have since provided the opportunity for youth and young adults from around the world to gather with the Holy Father. Though the title indicates a “day,” it is really a week-long life-changing experience of the diversity and richness that exist within the unity of the Catholic Church. Pope Francis has invited young people from across the world to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. The official website for WYD Lisbon is <https://www.lisboa2023.org/en/> (QR)



What is the itinerary for the Frassati Catholic Pilgrimage to WYD Lisbon?

Friday, July 28: Depart USA for overnight flight to Europe

Saturday, July 29: Arrive in Lisbon. Continue to the Fatima area and check into hotel before *Welcome WYD Rally*.

Sunday, July 30: Spend the day in the Fatima area, walking the Stations of the Cross to Aljustrel, the village of the three children, visit the Chapel of the Apparitions, and participate in the candlelight procession. Overnight near Fatima.

Monday, July 31: Return to Lisbon for a city tour, and check into hotel. Spend the evening exploring the city.

Tuesday, August 1: Pilgrimage through the city before the Opening Mass in the afternoon.

Wednesday, August 2: Catechesis in the morning and cultural events in the afternoon/evening

Thursday, August 3: Catechesis in the morning and papal arrival in the afternoon

Friday, August 4: Catechesis in the morning and Stations of the Cross in the afternoon

Saturday, August 5: Mass with all other US pilgrims followed by the vigil with the Holy Father

Sunday, August 6: Closing Mass with Holy Father and farewell celebration

Monday, August 7: Departure

Who can attend WYD 2023 in Lisbon?

The pilgrimage is for both youth and young adults. Generally, World Youth Day gatherings are geared toward young people from 16-35 years old. Frassati Catholic High School is offering this pilgrimage to students who will be rising juniors and seniors for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

Who will chaperone the pilgrimage?

We will be traveling as a group throughout this pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon. Faculty and Staff of Frassati Catholic High School will serve as chaperones for the pilgrimage. The number of chaperones will be dependent on the number of pilgrims.

Where will the pilgrims be staying?

We will spend one night at a hotel near Fatima. For the rest of our pilgrimage, our accommodations will be at a Lisbon hotel that is within walking distance of the World Youth Day events. The actual hotel and contact information will be made known as soon as JMYouth makes the arrangements with the hotel.

What will the weather be like in Lisbon in July and August?

Daily high temperatures are around 82°F, rarely falling below 75°F or exceeding 93°F. Average relative humidity for July/August hovers most days at 65%, although mornings start out a bit more humid. Rain is extremely infrequent. Check the 10-day forecast when packing.

Is it safe to travel in Lisbon?

Safety is obviously a concern whenever one travels abroad. Frassati Catholic High School is partnering with an organization that has years of experience in international travel in general and World Youth Days in particular. We want everyone to have a grace-filled pilgrimage and return home safely. Because of the valid concerns regarding a pilgrimage to any foreign country, we will be focused on group activities and traveling as a group as much as possible.

What shots/vaccines do I need to visit Lisbon?

It is recommended to be current on routine vaccinations such as tetanus. There are no vaccinations required to enter Portugal at this time, but it is recommended to be vaccinated against Hepatitis A and Typhoid.

“Beginning July 1, 2022, COVID entry requirements have been lifted. A negative COVID 19 test, certificate of vaccination or a certificate of recovery is no longer required in airports, borders, air and sea travel.” (US Embassy and Consulate in Portugal)



For more general information, please refer to the country information from the U.S. Department of State: [Portugal International Travel Information](#) (QR)

Currency in Portugal

Portugal is on the Euro. When exchanging money before travel, be sure to get smaller bills and some €1 or €2 coins.

How do I get my Passport and Visa (if required)?

Every person entering Portugal needs to have an up-to-date passport. In general, it is a good rule to have at least 6 months left on your passport from the dates of your travel. You will also need your passport to return home. It is the responsibility of each individual to acquire his or her own passport.

It can take up to 4-6 weeks to obtain a passport. The State Department (QR) has more information on how to apply for or renew a passport (<http://travel.state.gov/passport/>). You can also apply for your passport at your local Post Office.



A visa is not required to travel to Lisbon for U.S. or Canadian citizens. Here is a list of visa-exempt countries, as well as those which require authorized visas and/or diplomatic passports (QR): <https://visaguide.world/europe/portugal-visa/who-needs-a-visa/>. It is the responsibility of each individual to find out and acquire what visa(s) he or she will need.



It is required that all minors not traveling with a parent have a notarized letter stating that they have permission to travel to WYD with a named group leader or chaperone.

What will be the total cost of the pilgrimage?

The total cost is \$4,100.00. The package includes air travel, ground transportation, lodging, most meals, and World Youth Day event registration. Pilgrims are also encouraged to bring some spending money in addition to the cost of the pilgrimage.

How do we register and when is the deadline?

An initial deposit of \$900 and a signed contract are required to secure a place on the pilgrimage. The contract is available on the Frassati Catholic World Youth Day Pilgrimage webpage (QR code below). All pilgrims must have obtained or at least begun the application process for a passport by March 1, 2023.

A second payment of \$400 is due on November 10, 2022. Subsequent payment due dates are listed in the table below. Please note that **payment in full in the amount of \$4,100.00 by September 12, 2022, will receive a \$100 trip discount on the September 12, 2022, payment.** The total cost per traveler is \$4,000.00 if you choose the early pay option.

September 12, 2022	\$900.00 deposit – due to airline reservation requirements
October 10, 2022	\$900.00
January 10, 2023	\$900.00
March 10, 2023	\$1,400.00



How do we pay?

All monthly payments must occur on an automatic rebilling schedule by debit or credit card only. No checks are accepted for any payment. Please see the Pilgrim Contract–posted on our webpage–for more information. See the QR code for the webpage above.

What about the travel company?

While the mission of JMYouth began with founder Steve Kerekes’ WYD experience in Denver in 1993, the company has been operating formally as a tour operator since 2000. JMYouth’s website speaks to the company’s distinctive mission: “Primarily, what sets us apart from other tour operators is that our work is our apostolate to assist youth leaders in their mission to evangelize, catechize, and change lives. Our pilgrimage guides are faithful, living witnesses that serve our groups both logistically in navigating the experience, and also by helping pilgrims to avail their hearts to the grace of the journey.” JMYouth is the official pilgrimage provider for WorldYouthDay.com.

Questions?

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