

World Youth Day 2023
Pilgrim Information Package
St. John of the Cross Parish



Quick Facts:

- February 22nd is the last day to register.
- The St. John of the Cross Youth Group will be taking a group of 20 pilgrims to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal.
- We will be departing on July 23rd, 2023 and returning on August 7th, 2023 (16 days)
- We will be based in Lisbon, with one week in a diocese outside of Lisbon within Portugal
- The cost will be between \$3200 CAD and \$3500 CAD
- Pilgrims MUST be 16 years old by August 2023
- Our accommodations will be a mix of homestays (where possible), AirBnBs, community spaces (school gyms, rec rooms, etc) and campouts (for the Pope's vigil and Holy Mass)
- We will be taking a Day Trip to Fatima
- Fr. Felix will be our Spiritual Director and Kristen Lobo will be the Group Leader

What's Included?

- Return airfare
- All accommodations
- Cost of World Youth Day Week
- Cost of Days in the Diocese
- Day Trip to Fatima
- Travel Insurance
- Food budget
- Transportation costs within Portugal
- Emergency Funds

Cost and Payments

The cost of the St. John of the Cross World Youth Day pilgrimage will be between \$3200 and \$3500 CAD. The final cost will be determined by the number of registrants and flight prices by February 22nd (Ash Wednesday).

Date	Payment #	Payment Amount
February 22 nd 2023	1 (Deposit to secure a spot)	\$500.00 CAD
April 30 th 2023	2	\$1500.00 CAD
June 30 th 2023	3	\$1500.00 CAD

* The payment schedule above reflects the maximum cost of \$3500CAD.

Therefore, Payments 2 and 3 might be lower than shown above.

** Payment by cheque is preferred **

What is Days in the Diocese?

Days in the Diocese is a program incorporated into World Youth Day in which our pilgrims will be hosted by a local parish in Portugal, getting to know the youth in the community, learning about the culture, and participating in faith-based activities with them.

Days in the Diocese will take place from July 26th – July 31st. We will be assigned our host parish once registration is complete.

What will happen during WYD Week?

World Youth Day Week will take place from August 1st – August 6th. In addition to moments of prayer, socializing and recreation, the registered youth participate in various initiatives organized by the WYD team in different parts of the host city.

The Central Events include the Opening Mass, the Welcome Ceremony, the Way of the Cross, the Vigil, and the Missioning Mass.

Tentative Itinerary

Date	Itinerary	Location	Accommodations
Sun/July/23	Depart from Pearson Airport for Lisbon(evening flight)	Pearson Airport	---
Mon/July/24	Arrive in Lisbon (am) Settle into accommodations	Lisbon	Hotel/Airbnb/Private hostel rooms
Tues/July/25	AM – Sightseeing around Lisbon PM – Day trip to Fatima + Candlelight Vigil	Lisbon Fatima	Hotel/Airbnb/Private hostel rooms
Wed/July/26 - Mon/July/31	Travel to Days in the Diocese host parish Days in the Diocese Activities	Host parish to be assigned	Homestays/ Community spaces
Tues/Aug/1 - Sun/Aug/6	Travel back to Lisbon WYD Activities WYD Central Events, culminating in Pope’s Missioning Mass	Lisbon	Homestays/ Community spaces
Sun/Aug/6	After Missioning Mass, return to city centre for final night	Lisbon	Hotel/AirBnB/Private hostel rooms
Mon/Aug/7	Last day in Lisbon Depart from Lisbon (evening flight) Return home (evening arrival)	Lisbon – Mississauga	---

Fundraising and Pilgrim Rebate

The St. John of the Cross Youth Group will be fundraising for World Youth Day up until we depart for Lisbon. This is to partially subsidize the cost of the trip for pilgrims.

Each pilgrim will receive a travel rebate, post-trip. The amount of the rebate will depend on how much we are able to fundraise.

Useful Links

World Youth Day main website: <https://www.lisboa2023.org/en>

Days in the Diocese webpage: <https://www.lisboa2023.org/en/days-in-the-dioceses>

FAQ page: <https://www.lisboa2023.org/en/frequently-asked-questions>

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