

Pilgrimage to Portugal and Santiago de Compostela Spain October 4- 15, 2010 Itinerary

October 4	Overnight flight Philadelphia-Lisbon
October 5 & 6	<p>Lisbon- Panoramic tour of the city. Mass in St. Anthony's Church. Welcome dinner with Fado performance.</p> <p>Belem area of Lisbon- the port from which Jesuit missionaries sailed. Magnificent Monastery of Jeronimos. Mass at St. Roques's Church- the first Jesuit church in Portugal.</p>
October 7	<p>Evora- on the way see the Megaliths- mysterious religious hewn stones from 2000-4000 BC. Evora is the site of the Jesuit Universidade do Espiritu Santo-1559. Walking tour of the town and its treasures including 2nd century Roman Temple of Diana. Mass at St. Francis Church. Group dinner and overnight in Evora.</p>
October 8	<p>Santarem/Alcobaca- In Santarem visit the Cathedral of Santarem- originally known as Igreja do Seminario- built for the Jesuits on the site of a royal palace. In Alcobaca visit the monumental Cistercian Abbey of Santa Maria- first religious structure in Portugal. Mass in Alcobaca. Overnight in Tomar</p>
October 9	<p>A day in Fatima. Visit the Basilica where we will celebrate Mass, the Chapel of Apparitions and the Shrine of Fatima. Go to the houses of the shepherds. Optional visit to Batalha- one of the most beautiful gothic structures in Portugal-founded as Santa Maria de Vitoria Monastery- 14-16th centuries. Evening candle lighting ceremony and procession in Fatima. Overnight in Tomar.</p>
October 10	<p>Take a walking tour of Tomar with its Convento de Cristo built by the Knights Templar and other sites including the town's elegant main square surrounded by 17th century buildings. Visit 15th century Synagogue and its museum.</p> <p>Coimbra- One of the oldest University towns in Europe. The original University was founded by the Jesuits. Visit old and new cathedrals- new cathedral was part of the original Jesuit university. Mass in the New Cathedral. Overnight in Coimbra.</p>
October 11	<p>Visit lower town Coimbra and University. Biblioteca Joanina- one of the top five libraries in the world. Capela de Sao Miguel- adorned with intricate Talha dourada carvings. Mass in Capela Sao Miguel. Walk through the old Jewish quarter- Judiaria Velha. Overnight in Coimbra</p>