



SALFORD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

Led by Rt Rev. John Arnold, Bishop of Salford

46-48 Long Street Middleton, Manchester, M24 6UQ www.joewalshtours.co.uk info@joewalshtours.co.uk Telephone: 0808 1890468

30 JULY – 5 AUGUST 2026 | 6 NIGHTS DIRECT FROM LIVERPOOL AIRPORT

Prices per person sharing: ST LOUIS DE FRANCE £899 ELISEO £1,035
AGENA £955 LA SOLITUDE £1,055

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Direct return flight from Liverpool to Lourdes
- Airport transfers and assistance between Lourdes Airport and your accommodation
- 6 nights' hotel accommodation
- Full board: breakfast, lunch and dinner each day
- Airport taxes and UK Government Levy

- One standard piece of check-in luggage up to 20kg plus one small personal item in the cabin
- Full religious programme facilitated in conjunction with the Diocese of Salford
- Lourdes city tax

NOT INCLUDED:

- Single room supplement (prices per night): St Louis de France £35; Agena £39; Eliseo £46; Solitude £49
- Mandatory travel insurance. Pilgrims may opt out subject to providing proof of own insurance policy at the time of booking. Insurance charge cannot be refunded if cancelled at a later stage. Prices as follows:

Age	Charge	Age	Charge	Age	Charge	Age	Charge	Age	Charge
3-17 years	£35	18-50 years	£49	51-65 years	£59	66-79 years	£79	80-90 years	£129

BOOKING PROCEDURE All bookings should be made through Joe Walsh Tours at 46-48 Long Street, Middleton, Manchester, M24 6UQ. Bookings are also accepted over the telephone 0808 1890468. No booking is definite until a non-refundable deposit payment of £350 per person has been receipted by Joe Walsh Tours. For those requiring assistance as an 'Accueil Pilgrim' staying in the Hotel Solitude in Lourdes, please send your booking form and cheque to the Salford pilgrimage office who will assist you further.

VERY IMPORTANT / SUPPORT IN LOURDES Accueil Pilgrims in Lourdes: Each year a team of volunteer doctors, nurses, adult helpers and young people go to Lourdes specifically to assist those pilgrims who suffer from poor health or have mobility problems. These pilgrims are known as 'Accueil Pilgrims'. They are accommodated in the Hotel Solitude and provided with 24 hour care. After a prior medical assessment with the Medical and Nursing Team, they may be accepted to travel as part of the diocesan pilgrimage if their needs can be supported. If you believe that you may require assistance of this kind while on pilgrimage, please indicate this on the booking form and forward your booking to the Pilgrimage Office in the first instance (Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP). However, please note that your place as an Accueil pilgrim cannot be confirmed until your medical assessment has taken place. Pilgrims with other medical conditions: Pilgrims not travelling with the Accueil section are responsible for their own medical and care needs and should take every care to ensure that they inform their travel insurance provider about any relevant medical conditions which may affect their stay in Lourdes. Failure to disclose a medical condition may result in your travel insurance becoming invalid and restrict your ability to travel. If you are on regular medication, have active medical problems or challenges with your mobility and you choose not to join the pilgrimage as an Accueil pilgrim you should consider travelling and sharing a room with a relative, friend or someone who can assist with your care. During your stay in Lourdes, should your medical situation change and/or worsen and you require assistance by a doctor you wil be directed to the local Accident and Emergency or walk-in medical centre in Lourdes. These may be subject to local charges and you should ensure you have a GHIC or a valid EHIC card (European Health Insurance Card).

ASSISTANCE: For pilgrims requiring mobility assistance, the pilgrimage will be pleased to reserve manually operated wheelchairs with the Sisters of the Accueil Marie St Frai. The Accueil now requests a suggested donation of £30 per wheelchair, payable through the pilgrimage office. If you would like to reserve a wheelchair, please contact the pilgrimage office to make arrangements. Please note that this agreement is between the Accueil Marie St Frai and you directly. The Diocese of Salford does not accept liability for the loss or damage to the wheelchair or user. Please note, assistance in the airport and in Lourdes is subject to the availability of wheelchairs provided by others and the number of people available to provide voluntary assistance getting to and from the Sanctuary of Our Lady. As always, the Pilgrimage Organisers will do everything possible to assist. For additional advice or assistance, please contact one of our volunteers at: Pilgrimage Office, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6D P. Tel: 0161-817 2209 | Email lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.



TRAVEL INSURANCE It is mandatory that all customers residing in and travelling from England, Scotland or Wales have travel insurance in place at the time of booking. A special group policy effective from 1 October 2025 enables us to insure customers up to the age of 90 years inclusive. Details of the insurance, which will also be provided at the time of booking confirmation, can be found on joewalshtours.co.uk/travel-insurance/. Insurance charges must be paid with the deposit and will be automatically included on every booking confirmation. Pilgrims may only opt out with the condition that they have their own insurance policy and can provide name of the insurance company, policy number and expiry date, at the time the booking. Insurance charge cannot be refunded if cancelled at a later stage. We reserve the right to cancel your booking if the insurance charge is not paid with the deposit or if details for your own insurance are not provided at the time of booking.

HEALTH INSURANCE All travellers must have a valid up to date UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). To apply for a GHIC or renew it go to www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card or call 0191 218 1999.

SALFORD ACCUEIL PILGRIMS If you have health or mobility needs and you wish to travel under the care of the Medical and Nursing team, you must be assessed by the Medical and Nursing Team. Following this assessment you may be accepted to travel as part of the diocesan pilgrimage, if your needs can be supported. If you believe that you may require assistance on pilgrimage, please indicate this on the booking form by ticking the box Hotel Solitude*Accueil and forward your booking directly to the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M36DP. Further correspondence will be issued directly to you by the pilgrimage office. Information provided on this form will be held and exchanged between Joe Walsh Tours, the Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage and associated organisations.

WHEELCHAIRS & SCOOTERS Passengers can bring their own manual foldable wheelchairs and, subject to confirmation by airlines, their own manual rigid/non-collapsible wheelchairs, motorised wheelchairs and scooters. Motorised wheelchairs and scooters are limited to up to three per flight. Acceptance of manual rigid/non-collapsible wheelchairs, motorised wheelchairs and scooters are subject to weight, dimension and battery restrictions due to safety regulations that must be adhered to by airlines. Full specification must be provided at the time of booking through an approval form that must be completed. Carriage is subject to clearance by the airline. We strongly advise pilgrims to apply for assistance at the time of booking. Separate insurance cover is recommended if bringing your own mobility item.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE Passengers with reduced mobility must notify Joe Walsh Tours at the time of booking specifying the type of assistance required. All assistance are subject to confirmation.

CANCELLATION CHARGES All cancellations are subject to charges, the minimum being loss of the applicable deposit. For full details on charges, please visit our website www.joewalshtours.co.uk.

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. Please note the cost is based on sharing a twin or treble room with private facilities. We will make every effort to provide the hotel requested. However, all hotels are subject to availability at time of booking.

FLIGHTS Requests for specific flight times cannot be accepted. All bookings are taken on the basis of passengers accepting the flights allocated to them.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS As far as possible groups will be transported together (please indicate anyone you are planning to travel with). However, requests for specific flights cannot be accepted. It must be clearly understood that bookings are taken on the basis of pilgrims accepting the flight allocated to them. The flying time to Lourdes is approximately 2 hours. A limited buy-on-board catering system is available on flights to and from Lourdes. Please ensure that you indicate on the booking form if you require wheelchair assistance at the airports and if you are not able to board or disembark a coach for transfer to or from your hotel. Pilgrims are not permitted to carry more than 100ml of liquid (including Lourdes water) in their hand-luggage. Checked baggage allowance is 20kg.

SINGLE ROOMS These are very limited and subject to a supplement.

SHARING ROOMS Bookings are accepted subject to a travel companion sharing a room with you. Please ensure to nominate who you wish to share with when making your booking. If there is nobody for you to share with, we will nominate somebody on your behalf. If we do not find anybody to share with you, you will be charged the single room supplement.

LOURDES CITY TAX Included as part of the package price for all pilgrims.

PASSPORTS & VISAS EU passports holders must have a passport valid for travel at least up to the scheduled date of return. UK passport holders must have a passport issued within the last 10 years, with 3 months validity left from the date on which you intend to leave the EU and may be required to apply to the new ETIAS visa waiver. Other nationalities may need a visa or visa waiver to enter the EU. It is your own responsibility to ensure you meet travel and entry requirements to the EU country of destination.

PAYMENTS A deposit of £350 per person (plus insurance charge if applicable) is due at the time of booking. Balance of fare is due TWELVE 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 twelve weeks before the date of departure.

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS Full information and air tickets, luggage labels will be sent to you within 10 days prior to the departure date of the Pilgrimage. Final flight timings will be confirmed at this point.

COMMUNICATION Email is an essential form of communication for the administration of bookings. Confirmation invoices, insurance details and travel documents will be issued in electronic format via email.

DISCLOSURE OF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION By agreeing to sign this form, you (and your party) are giving Joe Walsh Tours permission to use and retain your personal information, in line with European GDPR regulations and data protection requirements. You can ask for a full copy of our Privacy Policy. Joe Walsh Tours may also share your Personal Information, as reasonably necessary, with third-party suppliers and service providers (e.g., hotels, airlines, cruise lines) to fulfil your requested services. They may also share your information with third parties explicitly requested by you or necessary for specific services. Your information on this form will be kept by Joe Walsh Tours and shared with the Diocese of Salford and its associated organisations.

The Diocese of Salford: The Diocese of Salford collects your personal details for legitimate reasons related to the Roman Catholic Faith, following the GDPR and privacy notice which can be found online (www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/privacy-policy/). Your information will be kept securely and confidentially, not shared with third parties, except for necessary collaboration with entities like the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency, Local Authorities, Police, and others involved in safeguarding processes. Your data may be transferred to these organisations as needed. The Diocese will retain your information securely and destroy it after a certain period. By choosing Joe Walsh Tours for your booking you will be affiliating to the Salford Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage. As part of this affiliation, the Diocese of Salford Safeguarding Team retains the right to access and review their records to verify if any participant is currently on an active safeguarding plan within the diocese. This measure is implemented to ensure the safety and protection of children and adults at risk and all individuals involved in the pilgrimage.

REGULATION (**EC**) 261/2004 The regulation establishes common rules on compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of cancellation or long flight delays. The obligations that the regulation creates rest with the operating carrier who performs or intends to perform a flight. Any compensation that may be due to passengers in case of a flight delay must be claimed exclusively by each individual passenger directly to the airline and not to the tour operator, travel agent or any other organisation that may be associated with services provided as part of the proposed travel package.

DATE OF ISSUE All information on this booking form is valid for bookings made and departures between 1 October 2025 and 31 October 2026. E&OE.





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MEDICAL DETAILS (To be completed by all pilgrims and volunteers)

Please complete the questionnaire via the QR link or here: https://forms.office.com/e/8X6BFj5vij

If you are on medication of any kind, it is your responsibility to ensure you have an adequate supply with you for the duration of your pilgrimage.

Information provided on this form will be held and exchanged between Joe Walsh Tours, the Salford Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes and

its associated organisations, and may also be used to contact you, e.g., by text / email, with or about details / updates concerning the pilgrimage.



TRAVEL INSURANCE (OPTIONAL)

IMPORTANT

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TRAVEL INSURANCE DETAILS (If not purchased through JWT)

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PAYMENTS

A deposit of £350 per person (plus insurance premium if applicable) is required at time of booking. Balances are due 12 weeks before departure. Cheques should be made payable to NORTHERN STAR TRAVEL LTD. and posted to 46-48 Long Street, Middleton, Manchester, M24 6UQ, along with this booking form. For payments by card and bank transfer, instructions will be provided once your booking has been processed by our Reservations team.

YOUR FINANCIAL PROTECTION

All flights and flight inclusive packages originating in the UK or Northern Ireland are arranged by Northern Star Travel Ltd. Flight-inclusive holidays are financially protected by the ATOL scheme.

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