

MAY 27 – JUNE 6, 2018

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. IGNATIUS AND EARLY JESUITS

A Pilgrimage to Spain and Rome

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Explore the heritage of St. Ignatius and other early Jesuits with faculty and administrators from several Jesuit-sponsored colleges and universities. This program brings participants to places of important historical and religious significance where visionary men forged a new order to respond to the unique challenges of their day. We will travel to northeast Spain to visit the birthplaces of Ignatius of Loyola and Francis Xavier. We will have an opportunity to consider the historical and cultural context of their initial vocation and visit places where Ignatius began to develop and write the Spiritual Exercises.

In Rome we will visit historical sites that underscore the important work of the Jesuits at a crucial time in the life of the Church, particularly during the 16th century. Throughout the program we will attempt to gain a better appreciation for the life and times of the early Jesuits and for the vision and spirit of Jesuit institutions.

The program provides an important orientation for faculty and administrators to the heritage of St. Ignatius and the early Jesuits. Through on-site visits, liturgy, study and dialogue, participants gain a deeper appreciation for the values, vision, history and work of Jesuit institutions of higher learning.

Program Highlights

Sun May 27: Depart Boston on overnight flights to Bilbao. Dinner and breakfast will be served on the flights.

Mon May 28: Arrival Bilbao. Transfer to the city center and enjoy a walking tour of the Casco Viejo, with a light lunch in this area. Afterwards, visit the house where Father Pedro Arrupe - one of the recent Superior Generals of the Society of Jesus - was born. Continue to Arantzazu and check into the hotel here with some time to relax and visit the shrine. Dinner and overnight Arantzazu.

Tue May 29: Breakfast. Travel to Loyola and visit the Castle, with Mass at the Conversion Chapel. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in nearby Azpeitia. Continue with visits to the Church of St. Sebastian, the historic hospital, and Our Lady of Olatz. Dinner and overnight Azpeitia.

Wed May 30: Breakfast. Travel to Xavier and visit the Castle on arrival. The rest of the day will be at leisure. Dinner and overnight Xavier.

Thu May 31: Breakfast. Travel to Montserrat, stopping en route in Manresa to visit the Cave of St. Ignatius, with Mass. Dinner and overnight Montserrat.

Fri Jun 1: Breakfast. Enjoy a full-day at leisure in Montserrat. Dinner and overnight Montserrat.

Sat Jun 2: Breakfast. Travel to Barcelona today. Here, visit the Gothic Quarter, including Santa Maria del Mar. Continue with a visit to the magnificent Sagrada Familia. Dinner and overnight Barcelona.

Sun Jun 3: Breakfast. Transfer to the Barcelona airport for the flight to Rome. On arrival, visit St. Paul Outside the Walls and the Catacombs of Domitilla, where there are new frescos that have been restored. Have Sunday liturgy at Catacombs, followed by lunch at Cecilia Metella nearby. Afterwards, check into the hotel with some free time this evening. Overnight Rome.

Mon Jun 4: Breakfast. Visit the Ignatian sites, including Sant'Ignazio, the Gesù, the Gonzaga Rooms (if possible), Sant'Andrea al Quirinale, and St. Mary Major. The afternoon will be free for a possible visit to the Jesuit Curia or other places of interest. Overnight Rome

Tue Jun 5: Breakfast. Begin with a visit the Vatican Museums or perhaps the Observatory at Castel Gondolfo. The afternoon will be at leisure. This evening, have liturgy at the Rooms of St. Ignatius,

followed by a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Rome.

Wed Jun 6: Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for the return flights to the USA.

Inclusive Features

Roundtrip air Boston-Bilbao and Rome-Boston, 9-nights accommodations in central 4-star hotels, breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 7 dinners, a full time tour manager throughout the program, guided visits with local experts per the itinerary, and local transportation via deluxe motorcoach.

Travel Resource Center

Visit www.travelillumine.com/trc/cqs for details and registration information.

Program Registration

Complete the Application and forward by **December 10, 2017** to:

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