

# ITINERARY

## In the Footsteps of St. Ignatius of Loyola

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### **DAY 1 (Nov.1): DEPART**

From NYC (JFK) to Barcelona, Spain. (D, B)

### **DAY 2 (Nov. 2): BARCELONA**

Arrive in Barcelona in the morning. Proceed to Manresa where we will be staying for 3 days. After lunch in Manresa, and a few hours of rest, we proceed to Montserrat, the spiritual heart of Catalonia. We visit the famous Benedictine monastery and its Marian shrine; the Black Madonna, that has attracted pilgrims for over 700 years, including St. Ignatius in March, 1522. We celebrate the Eucharist in the monastic chapel. We return to Manresa for dinner and overnight. (L, D)

### **DAY 3 (Nov. 3): MANRESA**

After breakfast, we proceed to Barcelona for a day of sightseeing and shopping. We tour by motor coach the major sites of Barcelona, including the Parc Gaudi and the renowned Basilica of the Sagrada Familia ending at the Pueblo Español, where we will have lunch on our own. The afternoon is free. We return to Manresa for mass and dinner. (B,D)

### **DAY 4 (Nov. 4): MANRESA**

After breakfast, we sightsee in Manresa, where St. Ignatius experienced his conversion. We tour the museum and we celebrate the Eucharist in the cave on the banks of the Pardoner River where Ignatius had a vision that inspired him to write the Spiritual Exercises. Lunch on our own. We proceed to the retreat house for dinner and an evening of meditation. (B, D)

### **DAY 5 (Nov. 5): JAVIER**

After morning prayer and breakfast at Manresa, we depart for Javier. We will have lunch on our own on the way. In Javier, we proceed to Javier Castle, located between Navarra and Aragon. We call to mind the life of St. Francis Xavier at our liturgy and tour the basilica. We return to our hotel for dinner. (B, D)

### **DAY 6 (Nov. 6): PAMPLONA/LOYOLA**

After morning prayer and breakfast we leave Javier on our way to Loyola. Our first stop is Pamplona, recalling this as the site where Ignatius was wounded as a soldier, the beginning of his conversion. We proceed to Casa Arrupe in Loyola where we will stay for the next 3 days. After a light lunch and a short rest we see the sights in Loyola, including the Castle where St. Ignatius was born. We return to the retreat house for mass and dinner. (B, L, D)

### **Day 7 (Nov. 7):LOYOLA**

After morning prayer, we tour Loyola and its environs, including Azpeitia, Aranzazu and Onati, We end the day with mass and dinner. (B, L, D)

### **Day 8 (Nov. 8): LOYOLA/LOURDES/LOYOLA**

After breakfast, we depart by bus to Lourdes and spend the day including mass and meditation. Lunch on our own. We return to Loyola for dinner and the night. (B, D)

### **Day 9: (Nov. 9): LOYOLA/BILBAO/ LOYOLA**

After mass and breakfast, we go to Bilbao for a panoramic tour and a visit to the Guggenheim Museum with lunch on our own. We proceed to San Sebastian for a panoramic tour then return to Casa Arrupe for dinner and rest. (B, D)

### **Day 10 (Nov. 10): RETURN HOME**

After breakfast we transfer San Sebastian Airport for our return flights to NYC. (L, S)