With chaplains Fr. Robert Barcelos, OCD, ordained in 2008, who is fluent in Spanish, and Fr. David Guzmán, OCD, ordained in 2010, who is bi-lingual (as far as their schedules can be determined at this time).

Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours every day.

Except for the hotel in Madrid, accommodations are in the guest quarters of the Carmelite friars’ monasteries and convents (in Avila, Carmelite Institute of Teresian and Sanjuanist Studies [CITeS]; in Segovia, Carmelite friars’ convent; and in Toledo, Carmelite friars’ convent).

Approximate tour price is $3,110 USD per person based on double occupancy and on a full coach. There will be only one coach. This includes roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles or San Francisco to Madrid and land arrangements. Meals are included as indicated in the itinerary.

Pilgrimage Itinerary

Day 1:
September 11, 2014 (Thursday)
Departure from USA to Madrid.

Day 2:
September 12, 2014 (Friday) (D)
Upon arrival in Madrid, check in at hotel; then rest of the day at leisure.
Mass and dinner at hotel.
Lodging at hotel.

Day 3:
September 13, 2014 (Saturday) (B,L,D)
After breakfast, depart to El Escorial. Visit the Royal Seat of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, the historical residence of the King of Spain in the town of San Lorenzo de El Escorial about 45 kilometers (28 mi) northwest of the capital of Madrid. This is one of the historic Spanish royal sites. Now it functions as a monastery, royal palace, museum, and school.
Lunch at local restaurant in El Escorial.
Pilgrimage Itinerary (continued)

Afterward, drive to Avila, the “city of kings and saints,” completely encircled by eleventh century walls. Check in is at CITeS (Carmelite Institute of Teresian and Sanjuanist Studies).

The rest of the afternoon—at leisure.

6 PM—Mass
7 PM—video of CITeS/visiting the Carmelite Institute of Teresian and Sanjuanist Studies.
8 PM—Vespers
9 PM—Dinner
Lodging at CITeS

Day 4:
September 14, 2014 (Sunday) (B,L,D)

After breakfast, depart for La Santa Convent located in the Plaza de la Santa, which stands over the site where Teresa de Ahumada was born on March 28, 1515. Now it is an active convent of the Discalced Carmelite friars. Of special interest is the elaborate Baroque church, decorated with scenes from the life of St. Teresa.

Mass at La Santa Convent.

Departure for the Carmelite Monastery of San José, the first convent of the Discalced Carmelite Reform founded by St. Teresa on August 24, 1562. It now contains a museum of St. Teresa with various relics and memorabilia of the saint.

Lunch at CITeS.

4 PM—Depart for the Avila cathedral that has many relics and memorabilia of St. Teresa. Dedicated to San Salvador (Our Savior), the Avila cathedral is a cathedral/castle with battlements and sentry walks incorporated into the structure. Most of the cathedral that can be seen today was built between the twelfth and fourteenth centuries.

Free evening to visit the city.
8:30 PM—Vespers
9 PM—Dinner at CITeS.
Lodging at CITeS.

Day 5:
September 15, 2014 (Monday) (B,L,D)

8:30 AM—Mass at the Monastery of La Encarnación.
9 AM—Breakfast at CITeS.

Afterward, depart for Monastery of La Encarnación in groups. This is the Carmelite convent St. Teresa entered in 1535 at the age of twenty. During the next twenty-seven years there, the Lord gradually drew her to a deeper life with him. Today the monastery remains an active monastery of Discalced Carmelite nuns. Here we can visit a museum, St. Teresa’s monastic cell, and other rooms associated with the Saint with a variety of relics and memorabilia. A display provides an introduction to St. Teresa’s life with maps showing the convents she founded and a selection of her sayings. The courtyard of the convent is paved with a visual representation of the Interior Castle, written by St. Teresa in 1577.

Lunch at CITeS.

In the late afternoon, there will be a visit to the Monastery of Santo Tomás. The main attraction of this little church is the painting of “The Burial of Lord of Orgaz” by El Greco.
Visit the Four Posts for photo-taking.
Return to CITeS
Pilgrimage Itinerary (continued)

Return to CITeS.
8:30 PM—Vespers
9 PM—Dinner
Lodging at CITeS.

**Day 6:**
September 16, 2014 (Tuesday) (B,L,D)
After breakfast, depart for Salamanca, site of St. Teresa’s seventh foundation in 1570.
Visit the New and Old Salamanca cathedrals. The New Cathedral (*Catedral Nueva*) is, together with the Old Cathedral, one of the two cathedrals of Salamanca, Spain. It was constructed between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries in two styles: late Gothic and Baroque. Construction began in 1513, and the cathedral was consecrated in 1733. It was commissioned by King Ferdinand V of Castile. Walk by the University of Salamanca (where St. John of the Cross studied) and the “House of Shells.” There is a saying in Spain, “In Salamanca, the museum is in the street.”
Lunch at local restaurant in Salamanca. Free time after lunch.
Late afternoon, proceed to Carmelite convent.
6 PM—Mass at Carmelite convent.
Return to CITeS.
Vespers on the bus.
9 PM—Dinner at CITeS.

**Day 7:**
September 17, 2014 (Wednesday) (B,L,D)
After breakfast, drive to Alba de Tormes, where St. Teresa made her eighth foundation in 1571. St. Teresa died here on October 4, 1582. Visit the Carmelite Monastery.
12 Noon—Mass at Carmelite Convent.
Lunch at local restaurant in Alba de Tormes.
After lunch, depart for Duruelo where St. John of the Cross and Fr. Anthony of Jesus began the Discalced Carmelite friars on November 28, 1568. Visit the Carmelite Monastery re-founded for the Carmelite nuns in 1947 by St. Maravillas of Jesus.
Afterwards, depart for Fontiveros. St. John of the Cross was born here on June 24, 1542.
Depart for Avila.
Vespers on the bus.
9 PM—Dinner at CITeS.
Lodging at CITeS.

**Day 8:**
September 18, 2014 (Thursday) (B,L,D)
After breakfast, depart for Medina del Campo, site of St. Teresa’s second foundation in 1567 and where she met St. John of the Cross.
Mass at the Discalced Carmelite church.
Visit the Discalced Carmelite Museum.
Lunch at local restaurant.
Afterward, a visit to St. John of the Cross chapel.
Depart for Avila. Free time in Avila.
8:30 PM—Vespers
9 PM—Dinner at CITeS.
Pilgrimage Itinerary (continued)

Day 9:
September 19, 2014 (Friday) (B,L,D)
After breakfast, depart for Segovia, which was called “the soul of Spain” in the
sixteenth century. St. Teresa made her ninth foundation here in 1574. St. John of
the Cross founded the Carmelite friars’ monastery here in 1586.
Visit to the Ancient Roman Aqueduct.
Visit to the Segovia Cathedral, located in the main square of the City, the Plaza
Mayor, and dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Afterwards visit El Alcázar. The El
Alcázar of Segovia (literally, Segovia Castle) is a stone fortification located in the
old city. It is one of the most distinctive castle-palaces in Spain by virtue of its
shape—like the bow of a ship. The Alcázar was originally built as a fortress; but
since then has served as a royal palace, a state prison, a royal artillery college,
and a military academy. The castle is one of the inspirations for Walt Disney's
Cinderella Castle.
Lunch at local restaurant in Segovia.
Depart to the Carmelite friars’ convent – check in, free time.
8 PM—Mass at the convent and Vespers.
9 PM—Dinner at the convent.
Lodging at Discalced Carmelite convent in Segovia.

Day 10:
September 20, 2014 (Saturday) (B,L,D)
After breakfast, prayer and reflections with the group or on your own.
1 PM—Mass at Carmelite convent, tomb chapel of St. John of the Cross.
2 PM—Lunch at the convent.
Free time after lunch.
5 PM—Depart on foot to visit Vera Cruz church.
Afterward, free time (visit to St. John’s hermitage at the convent).
8:30 PM—Vespers
9 PM—Dinner
Lodging at the Discalced Carmelite convent in Segovia.

Day 11:
September 21, 2014 (Sunday) (B,L,D)
After breakfast, depart for Toledo, site of St. Teresa’s fifth foundation in 1569. So
many cultures merge in Toledo that it is called “a complete history of Spain.”
Arrival in Toledo with visit to the Alcazar of Toledo, a stone fortification located
in the highest part of Toledo. Once used as a Roman palace in the third century,
it was restored under Charles I and Phillip II of Spain in 1540. In 1521, Hermán
Cortés was received by Charles I at the Alcazar following Cortés’ conquest of the
Aztecs.
Afterward, check in at the Discalced Carmelite friars’ convent.
Mass at the (Carmelite friars’ convent).
Lunch at the convent.
Early evening visit to El Greco House Museum.
Opened in 1911, the museum is located in Toledo’s Jewish Quarter. It consists of
two buildings, a sixteenth-century house with a courtyard and an extension dating
from the early twentieth century. The museum houses numerous works by El
Greco, especially from this brilliant painter’s last period, as well as canvases by
other seventeenth century Spanish painters, furniture from the same era, and
pottery from Talavera de la Reina. Also a visit to the synagogue El Transito. The
synagogue of El Transito is the oldest synagogue in Toledo, founded in 1356.
Pilgrimage Itinerary (continued)

After the expulsion of the city’s Jews in 1942, it was converted into a church. It now forms part of the Sephardi Museum, exploring the Jewish culture of Mediaeval Toledo.

8:30 PM—Vespers
9 PM—Dinner
Lodging at the Discalced Carmelite friars’ convent in Toledo.

Day 12:
September 22, 2014 (B,L,D)
After Mass, visit to the synagogue of Santa Maria La Blanca.
The synagogue of Santa Maria la Blanca was built in 1180. It is considered a symbol of the cooperation of the three cultures that populated the Iberian Peninsula in the Middle Ages.
2 PM—Lunch at the convent
After lunch, free time in the city.
8:30 PM—Vespers
9 PM—Dinner at the convent.
Lodging at the Discalced Carmelite friars’ convent in Toledo.

Day 13:
September 23, 2014 (B,D)
8 AM—Mass at Carmelite friars’ convent.
Breakfast afterwards.
Depart for Madrid
Hotel arrival and check in.
Lunch on your own in the city.
Afternoon city tour by bus.
Early evening - visit La Almudena Cathedral, Madrid.
8:30 PM—Vespers
9 PM—Dinner at the hotel.
Lodging at the hotel in Madrid.

Day 14:
September 24, 2014 (B,D)
Mass at hotel.
Breakfast at hotel.
Visit to El Prado Museum.
Lunch on your own.
Free time in the city.
8:30 PM—Vespers
9 PM—Dinner at the hotel.
Lodging at the hotel in Madrid.

Day 15:
September 25, 2014 (B)
After breakfast, departure to airport for our flights homeward bound.

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Decode: B—breakfast   L—lunch   D—dinner

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