

TRAVEL PROGRAM

There are a number of fixed components to the trip including:

- We will celebrate the Holy Mass every day. We will form a choir with the participants which will sing during all celebrations and will be accompanied by participants who play an instrument.
- We will have regular catechesis and will discuss it in small groups.
- Each small group has its own pastoral guide. This allows you to take full advantage of deepening your faith through group or individual discussions.
- An evening of mercy will be scheduled in which there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

The main language for communication on the trip will be Dutch. However, there will be English-speaking small groups. There will be translation available during gatherings as a large group such as the Holy Mass.

Day 2 | Tuesday, July 25, 2023

We will arrive in Lourdes early and have the entire day to explore the pilgrimage site of Lourdes, learn the story of Saint Bernadette and meet with thousands of other young people from around the world who are also on their way to celebrate WYD.

Day 3 | Wednesday, July 26, 2023

After spending the night in Lourdes and eating breakfast, we will celebrate Holy Mass in Lourdes and board the bus again on our way to Burgos in Spain. Before reaching Burgos we will get off the bus and walk part of the Camino (the pilgrim's route to Santiago). It is an unforgettable experience to walk on this ancient path and pray and talk with each other about our faith.



Day 4 | Thursday, July 27

After breakfast, we leave for Holy Mass, catechesis and group discussions at the Cathedral of Burgos. Afterwards there will be free time.

Day 5 | Friday, July 28, 2023

After breakfast we drive to Guarda where we will be guests for the Days in the Diocese. We will stay overnight with host families, get to know young

people from Portugal and meet young people from all over the world who are on their way to Lisbon.

Days 5 - 8 - Friday evening, July 28 to Monday, July 31, 2023 DiD Guarda.

Day 8 | Monday, July 31, 2023

After breakfast, we will say goodbye to the host families and travel to Fatima. There we will have a day program. After dinner we will leave for Lisbon. There we will meet all the Dutch pilgrims who are in Lisbon.

Day 9 - 14 | Tuesday, August 1 to Sunday, August 6, 2023 World Youth Day Lisbon

In Lisbon we will celebrate Holy Mass in Dutch from Tuesday, August 1 to Saturday, August 5. We will have catechesis and discussions in your small group. In the afternoon there are all kinds of activities in which you can participate. After the night on the field, on Sunday morning we celebrate the Holy Mass with all WYD participants in which Pope Francis is the main celebrant.



Day 15 | Monday, August 7, 2023

On Monday morning we will board the bus to make the return trip. We will stop in Burgos for Holy Mass and dine and sleep there.

Day 16 | Tuesday, August 8, 2023

After breakfast, we will depart for Bordeaux. In Bordeaux there will be free time, we will celebrate Holy Mass and have dinner.

Day 17 | Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Around 9 a.m. all buses will be back in the Netherlands.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

24 JULY-9 AUGUST 2023

ALEGRIA

ARISE AND GO!



World Youth Day (WYD) is the largest youth event in the world. Every three years hundreds of thousands of young people, sometimes millions, from around the world come together to discover and celebrate the Catholic faith.



In 2023, World Youth Day will be in Lisbon. Along the way, you will discover how young people in other countries live and believe. You will experience that you are not the only one who goes to church. You will learn and discuss with others about the WYD theme led by the Dutch bishops and there is a festival where you will meet young people from many different countries.

The pope comes to WYD and his arrival is always a highlight. He is present at the evening vigil and presides at the huge closing Mass. Being with so many young people gives a boost to your own faith. Along the way you discover more about who you are. The pope encourages you to return home making your own life a witness to Christ.

THEME

Pope Francis has designated "Mary arose and went with haste" (Luke 1:39) as the theme for this WYD. She goes on her way to share the good news that she will become the mother of Jesus.

She travels in haste because the news is important! So it's an energetic theme, matching the enthusiasm you will encounter at WYD.

On this journey, you can also reflect on the questions the Pope asks in his letter to young people: how do you move through life? Do you linger in dejection, or do you move into the future with healthy urgency - mindful of others and led by Jesus?

Mary's urgency shows that she loves to share the good news! On pilgrimage to the WYD in Lisbon, you will learn more about this theme. And hopefully you will become enthusiastic yourself!



ALEGRIA

Alegria is Portuguese for joy. Mary shared the joy of her pregnancy, we share in the joy of the gospel. During WYD, we get to share the joy of our faith with others. Arise and go!

Practical information

Age: 16 - 30 years old

If you are between 31 - 35 years of age, book a backpacking trip at 'Huis voor de Pelgrim'.

Travel price: € 1,129. This includes transportation by luxury coach (there's a boarding location in each of the four dioceses), all meals, drinks and refreshments, overnight accommodations, a program for 17 days. Travel insurance is not included. The travel price is subject to a possible increase due to fuel prices.

Huis voor de Pelgrim



Sign up through Huis voor de Pelgrim Register by 31 May 2023.



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