

# 73rd MIDDLESBROUGH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

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**DEPARTS 24 MAY 2026  
6 NIGHTS  
DIRECT FROM TEESSIDE AIRPORT**

<b>HOTELS</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
AGENA	£ 925
MEDITERRANEE	£ 925
ST SAUVEUR	£ 969
PADOUE	£ 989
ELISEO	£ 989
ROISSY	£ 989
SEAT ONLY	£ 645

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Direct return flight from Teesside International Airport to Lourdes
- Airport transfers and assistance between Lourdes Airport and your accommodation
- 6 nights' accommodation
- Full board: breakfast, lunch and dinner each day
- One standard piece of check-in luggage up to 20kg plus one small personal item in the cabin
- Full services of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives throughout
- Full religious programme facilitated in conjunction with the Diocese of Middlesbrough
- Airport taxes, UK Government Levy & Lourdes city tax

#### **OPTIONAL (NOT INCLUDED)**

- Single room supplement: £39 per night in Agena & Mediterranee; £46 per night for other hotels
- Mandatory travel insurance: £35 from 3 to 17 years; £49 from 18 to 50 years; £59 from 51 to 65 years; £79 from 66 to 79 years; £129 from 80 to 90 years (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.)

#### **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.

#### **SPECIAL ASSISTED/SICK SECTION**

Each year a Hospitalité Team made up of Doctors, Nurses, Handmaids, Brancardiers and young people go to Lourdes specifically to assist those pilgrims who suffer from poor health or have mobility problems. Whilst in Lourdes the doctors and nurses on the pilgrimage can only help those pilgrims who are registered. Any pilgrim with a medical condition who wishes to travel as a Registered Pilgrim should contact the Pilgrimage Secretary for a separate form on 01642 760105 or email: [lourdessecretary@rcdmidd.org.uk](mailto:lourdessecretary@rcdmidd.org.uk). The closing date for Supported Pilgrim applications is 31st January 2025.

If you wish to volunteer to help in the Hospitalité Team please contact:  
[pilgrimagedirector@rcdmidd.org.uk](mailto:pilgrimagedirector@rcdmidd.org.uk) Tel: 07776 115160

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## TRAVEL INSURANCE

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

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](http://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card) or call 0191 218 1999.

## 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 wheelchair.

## 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.joewalshtrips.co.uk](http://www.joewalshtrips.co.uk).

## FLIGHTS

Requests for specific flight times cannot be accepted. All bookings are taken on the basis of passengers accepting the flights allocated to them. A buy-on-board catering service is available on flights.

## 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.

## SINGLE ROOMS

These are very limited and subject to a supplement.

## LOURDES CITY TAX

Included as part of the package price for all pilgrims over 18 years staying in hotels.

## PASSPORTS & VISAS

EU passport 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.

## TICKETING

Full travel information and tickets will be issued approximately 10 days before departure.

## 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.

## USE OF YOUR INFORMATION

Information provided on this form will be held and exchanged between Joe Walsh Tours, the pilgrimage organisation and its associated organisations. It may be shared with third parties associated with the services included as part of your travel package. Information provided may also be used to contact you, for example by email, text or phone call to update you with details concerning the pilgrimage.

## GDPR

By signing this form you are providing Joe Walsh Tours consent to process your personal information. A copy of our Privacy Policy is available on request.

## 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.

## PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

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.

## 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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If you would like to receive further correspondence and event information from the diocese, please send a  
email to [lourdes@rcdmid.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdmid.org.uk)

**PASSENGER DETAILS: FIRST NAME AND LAST NAME MUST MATCH PASSPORT. NAME CHANGE FEES APPLY.**

PASSENGER & PASSPORT DETAILS								INSURANCE
1	TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME (IN BLOCK CAPITALS)	DATE OF BIRTH	D	MM	YY	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
	NATIONALITY		PASSPORT NUMBER	EXPIRY DATE	D	MM	YY	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
2	TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME (IN BLOCK CAPITALS)	DATE OF BIRTH	D	MM	YY	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
	NATIONALITY		PASSPORT NUMBER	EXPIRY DATE	D	MM	YY	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
3	TITLE	FIRST NAME	SURNAME (IN BLOCK CAPITALS)	DATE OF BIRTH	D	MM	YY	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
	NATIONALITY		PASSPORT NUMBER	EXPIRY DATE	D	MM	YY	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

**\* Travel Insurance:** Passengers with own insurance must provide name of insurer, policy number and expiry date at the time of booking.  
Please refer to important travel insurance information on page 2.

<b>ADDRESS OF LEAD PASSENGER</b>				<b>EIRCODE</b>
<b>MOBILE NUMBER</b>				
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)</b>				

In the event of changes to flights or booking arrangements, you may be contacted on the above mobile number.

<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT</b>			
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**ACCOMMODATION** – please tick the relevant box to indicate your hotel choice (subject to availability)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agena	<input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranee	<input type="checkbox"/> St Sauveur	<input type="checkbox"/> Eliseo	<input type="checkbox"/> Padoue	<input type="checkbox"/> Roissy
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**ROOM TYPE:**  TWIN  DOUBLE  TREBLE  SINGLE (Subject to availability. Supplement applies.)

**Name of person you are sharing with (if applicable):**

## SPECIAL ASSISTANCE AT AIRPORTS

If you or anyone within your party has reduced mobility and require assistance through airports, to ascend or descend steps, or a full lift on/off the airplane or coach, please indicate below. **Please note that WCHS and WCHC are subject to confirmation by airlines.**

<b>WCHR – ASSISTANCE TO &amp; FROM BOARDING GATE ONLY:</b> Wheelchair assistance from the check-in area to the boarding gate and from the arrival gate to the airport arrivals hall.			<b>WCHR</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>WCHS - ASSISTANCE UP &amp; DOWN STEPS (Subject to confirmation):</b> Assistance from the check-in area to the door of the aircraft and from the aircraft to the arrivals hall. Passenger cannot use steps. Passenger can walk to own seat.			<b>WCHS</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Manual Wheelchair	<input type="checkbox"/> Rigid Manual Wheelchair	<input type="checkbox"/> Motorised Wheelchair/Scooter	

<b>WCCH – FULL LIFT-ON ASSISTANCE BOARDING (Subject to confirmation):</b> Passenger is confined to a wheelchair, will bring own wheelchair and always needs external help to move in the cabin, board and disembark.			<b>WCCH</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Manual Wheelchair	<input type="checkbox"/> Rigid Manual Wheelchair	<input type="checkbox"/> Motorised Wheelchair/Scooter	

(1) Name of passenger requiring assistance

Please contact the office for other special assistance (i.e. visual or hearing impairment, breathing and respiratory equipment, etc.)

## WHEELCHAIRS AT AIRPORTS

If you or anyone within your party is a wheelchair user, intends taking a wheelchair on flights or requires the use of a wheelchair at airports, please indicate here. Note motorised wheelchairs/scooters & rigid/non-collapsible wheelchairs require approval from airlines.

<b>REQUIRE AIRPORT OWNED WHEELCHAIR TO &amp; FROM BOARDING GATE ONLY</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>BRINGING OWN MANUAL FOLDABLE WHEELCHAIR (WCMP)</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>BRINGING OWN MANUAL RIGID/NON-COLLAPSIBLE WHEELCHAIR (WCMP) *Authorisation Form Mandatory</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>BRINGING OWN MOTORISED WHEELCHAIR (WCBD) *Full Specification / Authorisation Form Mandatory</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>
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## AIRPORT TRANSFER COACH

ARE YOU ABLE TO CLIMB THE STEPS OF A COACH?

YES  NO

## SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS (Hotel meals only)

<input type="checkbox"/> VEGETARIAN	<input type="checkbox"/> COELIAC	<input type="checkbox"/> DAIRY FREE	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Please specify)
SPECIAL REQUESTS	WALK-IN SHOWER   FLOOR LEVEL   BABY COT		

## TRAVEL INSURANCE (OPTIONAL)

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## TRAVEL INSURANCE DETAILS (If not purchased through JWT)

NAME OF INSURER	POLICY NUMBER	INSURANCE EMERGENCY NUMBER

### 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.

## PILGRIM ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS (Tick boxes to accept each condition of booking)

I declare that I am able to undertake the Pilgrimage independently.  
 I declare that I am not travelling against the advice of a medical practitioner.  
 I have read and agreed to accept the booking conditions on [www.joewalshtours.co.uk](http://www.joewalshtours.co.uk).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_