

# Lourdes / Paris June 2017



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## Itinerary

- 17 June - Depart CNHS late evening.
- 18 June - Travel to Lourdes.
- 19-22 June- 3 full days in Lourdes.
- 22 June - Overnight travel to Paris.
- 23 June - Full day in Paris.
- 24 June - Full day in Disneyland Paris.
- 25 June - Return CNHS

## Cost / Included

Cost : £550

Executive coach with return ferry crossings from Dover – Calais.

3 nights FULL BOARD at the Hotel Jeanne d'Arc in Lourdes and 2 nights HALF BOARD at a 2\* hotel in the Paris suburbs.

One day entrance cost to Disneyland Paris / Parc Asterix

All activities when in Lourdes and Paris

(Does not include refreshments or lunches in Paris)



## Cardinal Newman High School- Lourdes Pilgrimage 17—25th June 2017

I would like my son/daughter to be considered for a place on the Lourdes pilgrimage.

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a deposit for £60 (cheques made payable to Cardinal Newman High School)

**All deposits and interest forms should be enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name.**

**These should be given to Mr McGroary before Friday 5th February 2016.  
Cheques will only be cashed upon successfully gaining a place.**



## The Lourdes Story

Bernadette Soubirous was born in Lourdes, France to a very poor family. On February 11, 1859, Bernadette was sent with her younger sister and a friend to gather firewood. While collecting the wood she experienced an apparition of a "lady wearing a lovely white dress with a bright belt on. On top of each of her feet was a pale yellow rose, the same colour as her rosary beads". Not knowing who this lady was and being afraid she reached for her rosary beads but was unable to make the sign of the cross. The lady made the sign of the cross herself and Bernadette managed on her second attempt, they said the rosary and once finished the lady vanished. The beautiful lady who appeared to Bernadette above a rosebush in the grotto of Massabielle was the Blessed Virgin Mary. She appeared to Bernadette eighteen times and spoke with her. She told Bernadette that she should pray for sinners, do penance and have a chapel built there in her honour. Our Lady also told Bernadette to dig in the mud. As she did, a spring of water began to flow, many miracles happened when people began to use this water. Although her own health was poor, she helped care for the sick and elderly sisters. She died in 1879 at the age of thirty-six. Her last words were: "Holy Mary, pray for me, a poor sinner."

### Lourdes Events

Our pilgrimage to Lourdes follows the instructions of Our Blessed Mother to walk, wash and pray for sinners.

While there we will participate in all of the major liturgical celebrations including the Candlelight Procession, Stations of the Cross, Blessed Sacrament Processions and washing in the water at the baths.

We will also spend time each day at The Sanctuary and especially The Grotto at Massabielle.

To understand Bernadette better we will learn of her life story by visiting sites linked to her such as The Bolly Mill where she was born. The Parish Church where she was Baptised and attended Mass and the poor surroundings of the Cachot where she lived with her family.



### Quotes from the previous pilgrims from CNHS on their best memory of High School:

"Lourdes was a great all round trip, one of the greatest places I've ever been" *Michael Redford*

"I really enjoyed Lourdes and would go again any-day. It is such a beautiful place and was much better than I expected" *Natalie Mollon*

### Paris & Disneyland Paris Adventure



Our trip will include one full day in Paris allowing us to visit many of the sights there including a Bateau Mouche sail on the River Seine, Panoramic city tour including the Champs Elysees, Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concorde, Notre Dame, Trocadero and a visit to the Sacre Coeur. We will also have the chance to view Paris from the Eiffel Tower.

Our second day in the Paris area will be spent at Disneyland Paris or at Parc Asterix.

This is a fun end to the pilgrimage and gives many a chance to visit a major European capital.

