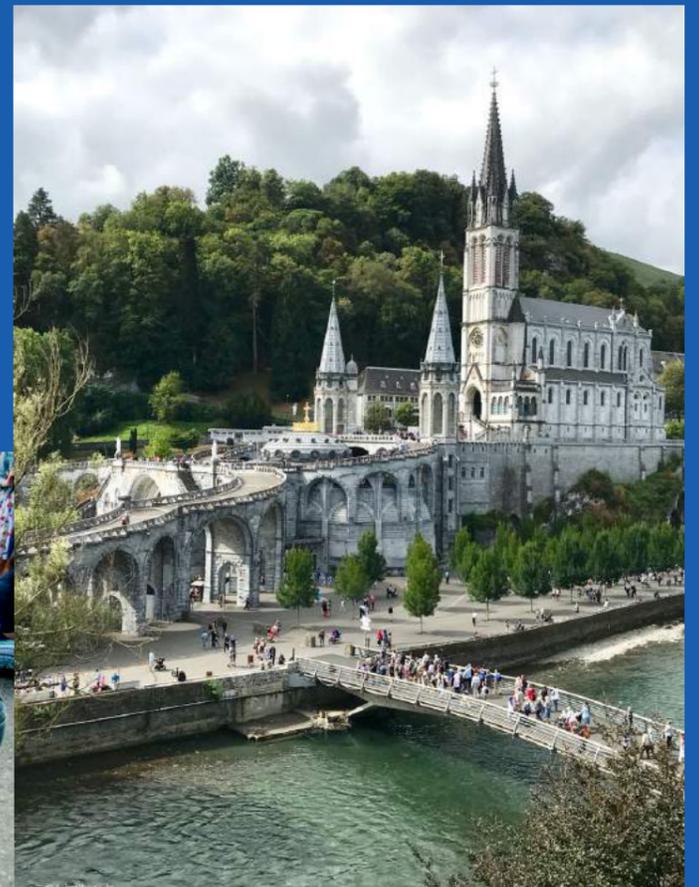


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Lourdes 2018 Assisted Pilgrim

Pilgrimage Events

Torchlight Procession

This takes place every evening in Lourdes, and creates a beautiful ribbon of light as thousands of pilgrims carrying candles process from the Grotto to the steps of the Rosary Basilica.

Mass at the Grotto

This is, for many, the highlight of the pilgrimage week, and gives us an opportunity to celebrate as a group at the spot where Our Lady appeared to Saint Bernadette in 1858.

Blessed Sacrament Procession

This takes place every afternoon during the main pilgrimage season (which lasts from Easter to the Feast of All Saints on 1 November).

Diocesan Meetings & Masses

Each diocese holds their own mass in Lourdes, as well as various meetings and social gatherings.

Baths

All members of the CA will be given the opportunity to go to the ‘Piscines’.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

During one of the Pilgrimage masses, the sick pilgrims present may be anointed by a priest to give them strength.

Lourdes is a town in the French region of Bigorre, in the foothills of the Pyrenees, where in 1858 the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared eighteen times to a simple teenage girl, Bernadette Soubirous, in order to draw people into a deeper relationship with her son Jesus.

Nearly 150 years later, the Lourdes shrine attracts over six million visitors a year, which includes our pilgrimage of approximately a thousand people. We spend a week in Lourdes every August. Whether we are assisted pilgrims or helpers, young or old, clergy or laity, we are all in need of spiritual renewal, and our journey to Lourdes helps our pilgrims to refocus in their life’s journey to God.

Our vast community of volunteers and pilgrims is made up of a diverse range of age groups and backgrounds, all of whom share a commitment to returning to service in Lourdes every year.

Travel & Accommodation

Pilgrims and volunteers will travel independently or with the CA. Arrangements can be made via the pilgrimage’s official travel agent, [Tangney Tours](#).

Assisted Pilgrims (the sick) also travel with us to Lourdes every year and have the option of staying in an on-site building calling the ‘Accueil’, a cross between a hospice and a hotel, where they are able to receive full-time care. Assisted Pilgrims may also stay in hotels around Lourdes with the rest of our pilgrims and volunteers.

For more information on joining us in Lourdes this summer (including [available funding](#)), visit our website or get in touch!

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