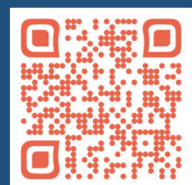


# HCPT School Pilgrimages and Retreats to Lourdes



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# Your Retreat to Lourdes

As we emerge from the restrictions of COVID, which have been difficult for us all in so many ways, there is no better time to embark on a pilgrimage or retreat with your school group. The benefits of a school trip are not just limited to the spiritual possibilities; your students will be able to get valuable real life French speaking experiences and many other learning opportunities.

Throughout May, June and October (subject to availability) we are delighted to be able to offer your school community the opportunity to stay with us in Hosanna House.



Torchlight Procession

## Why Lourdes?

The town of Lourdes is one of the world's leading pilgrimage destinations welcoming millions of people every year who visit in answer to Our Lady's call to 'Come in procession and pray'. St Bernadette - to whom Our Lady appeared when she was 14 years old - is someone whom children can identify with and the town has a number of locations associated with her that your group can visit.

The Shrine offers a regular programme of events for your group to participate in: a daily Mass in English, a Blessed Sacrament Procession each afternoon, nightly Torchlight Processions, and twice weekly International Masses. Participation in any of these is an impressive and moving experience.

In addition, the local region around Lourdes offers a host of varied attractions for your group to enjoy - see our website for more details



The Crowned Virgin Statue, Lourdes

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# Why Hosanna House?

Hosanna House is "out of town" (but only 4 km from the Shrine) and as such is an ideal place to stay with children. You can also be assured that all staff and volunteers in the house will have an Enhanced DBS (or equivalent) and have signed up to our 'Code of Conduct'.

It offers an attractive and tranquil home-from-home, that has spectacular views of the Pyrenees.

It offers accessible facilities which are second to none in the region.

Your group will have your own lounge and terrace so you can relax in a space that is exclusively yours.

You will have use of the chapel, outdoor altar, and other spaces for prayer.

You will have use of our HCPT coach during your stay. In addition, you will be able to use "self-drive" mini buses - especially good for smaller groups, or making trips to the large supermarkets nearby.

You will be able to enjoy a varied menu created by our own French chefs - it can be fully French, or a mix of the familiar with a hint of the local flavour.

The House is a short walk from Bartres village where you can still visit and have Mass in the parish church where St Bernadette worshipped, and visit the sheepfold where she worked.

## Why HCPT?

We have 65 years experience of providing pilgrimages to Lourdes, and our passionate and knowledgeable staff in the UK and Lourdes can provide support and advice before and during your pilgrimage.



A Typical Bedroom



Hosanna House's Chapel



The terrace at Hosanna House





# What Could Your Pilgrimage Look Like?

\*Subject to Availability

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Travel from the UK to France	Arrive in Bartres and orientation of Hosanna House	Coach to Night Prayers at the Grotto in Lourdes
Tuesday	Follow in St. Bernadette's footsteps by walking the Chemin de Bernadette from Bartres to Lourdes, and visit locations from her life in the town. Join the Blessed Sacrament procession in the afternoon.		Your group activity - for example, a quiz night
Wednesday	Coach to International Mass in Lourdes	Exploring Bartres village	Coach to the Torchlight Procession
Thursday	Day trip by coach (see our website for some of the options available).		You group activity - part night./talent show etc.
Friday	Final visit to the grotto/lighting candles/gift shopping	Travel from France to the UK	Arrive home

## Cost?

From £50 full board per person per night, excluding travel and insurance.



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