



World Youth Day Madrid 2011

**"Rooted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in faith."
St. Paul's letter to the Colossians 2:7**

Diocese of Manchester August 10-23, 2011* 14 days in Madrid, Spain \$2850

This total cost for our trip includes the following:

- Roundtrip airfare from Boston to Madrid
 - Air taxes, transfers and fuel surcharges
 - Transportation during WYD activities
 - 8 nights triple room occupancy
 - Full American breakfast daily
 - Boxed lunches and dinners
 - WYD fees
 - Diocesan t-shirt and hat
- * 14 days includes the Days in the Diocese option

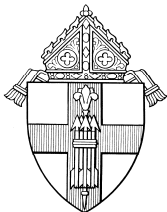


Deadline: August 3, 2009

Now is the time to begin planning for this pilgrimage. Space is limited. If you are interested a \$200 per person, non-refundable deposit is due by August 3, 2009. Please take the time to prayerfully consider participating in World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain with the Holy Father and thousands of Catholic youth from around the world.

Interested?

Contact your
Parish Youth Minister or
Young Adult Leader for
more information and
trip options.



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Dear Friends,

Pope Benedict has called the youth of the world to come together in Madrid, Spain in August of 2011. The theme of World Youth Day 2011 is based on St. Paul's letter to the Colossians 2:7,

“Rooted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in faith.”

While WYD 2011 is over two years away, the time to begin planning and praying about participating in this pilgrimage is now. Youth, as defined by the Vatican are those 16 -35 years of age by the time of the trip. The dates of the trip are August 14 - 23, 2011. If you include the Days in the Diocese option, (information on page 2) the departure date to Madrid would be August 10. The return date would remain August 23.

The total estimated cost for our diocesan pilgrimage for WYD is **\$2850**. We will be using Unitours as our travel company as we have for many years. This total cost for our trip includes the following:

- Airfare from Boston to Madrid
- Air taxes, transfers and fuel surcharges
- Transportation during WYD activities
- 8 nights triple room occupancy (while in Madrid; this does not include Days in the Diocese)
- Full American breakfast daily
- Boxed lunches and dinners
- WYD fees
- Diocesan t-shirt and hat

The diocese has tentatively reserved 50 beds with Unitours to guarantee a hotel in Madrid but these spaces are not confirmed until a deposit per person is submitted. While it may be challenging so far in advance, it is imperative that you begin to get commitments.

To reserve your spot, a \$200 per person *non-refundable* deposit payable to RCBM, is due to the Office of Youth Ministry by August 3, 2009.

It will be extremely helpful to gauge a general interest in this WYD 2011 trip to Madrid, so if you are thinking about bringing participants please contact us. *Please note: Expressing interest does not reserve your spot; the \$200 per person deposit reserves your space.*

Pilgrimage Preparation

To prepare for our pilgrimage to Madrid, we will gather as a community for prayer, formation and sharing of information a couple times each year. A retreat experience will also be a part of the preparation and will take place in the weeks leading up to WYD 2011.

Options

With this trip there are a few options to consider, all with a fee attached. Please read carefully:

Free Day Options

You will see with the included materials from Unitours that there are optional activities on the day after the WYD closing. The options are listed with the additional cost. Decisions on free day options can wait until later in the process.

Days in the Diocese Option

There is an option to participate in the Days in the Diocese program. This program takes place during the four days leading up to World Youth Day programming. The purpose of Days in the Diocese is to facilitate a cultural exchange in the context of our Catholic faith. The time will include workshops in local churches, meeting with local church communities, cultural activities, prayer and visits to spiritually significant sites and social service projects. Those pilgrims from Keene, who attended WYD '08 in Sydney last summer, provided rave reviews to this optional program and recommend it highly as part of the World Youth Day experience.

This option does include a minimal additional cost, preliminary estimates indicate that it would be under \$200, much of the cost is assumed by the host diocese or parish. Housing accommodations will be made closer to the pilgrimage date. Because of air travel and securing space, a decision about participation in Days of the Diocese would need to be made when you register. **If you choose this option, all participants from your parish must take part.**

Travel and Medical Insurance Option

Unitours offers this option through a nationally known insurance partner for travel and medical insurance for \$159. *The diocese strongly recommends that all pilgrims purchase this insurance.* The insurance can be purchased by individual pilgrims but must be purchased before the final payment. For more information and to see what the insurance covers, go to: <http://www.unitours.com/travelinsurance/>

Again, the deadline to register with the *\$200 per person deposit is August 3, 2009.* A payment schedule is listed on the registration form. Please take the time to prayerfully consider participating in World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain with the Holy Father and thousands of Catholic youth from around the world. Please contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Shawn J. Gregory
Director, Office of Youth Ministry

Diocese of Manchester

World Youth Day 2011 – Madrid Spain & Days in the Diocese

August 10 - 23, 2011 – 14 Days

\$ 2850 pp triple occupancy from Boston

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Wednesday, August 10 - Day 1 - DEPART -

Depart BOSTON for our overnight flight with dinner arriving the next day. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

Thursday, August 11 - Day 2 – MADRID –

Arrive Madrid – group is met by Days in the Diocese host and transferred to host group accommodation. Arrangements made by Diocese of Manchester with host group.

Friday, August 12 - Day 3– DAYS IN THE DIOCESE

Saturday, August 13 - Day 4 DAYS IN THE DIOCESE

Sunday, August 14 - Day 5– DAYS IN THE DIOCESE

Monday, August 15 - Day 6– DAYS IN THE DIOCESE/WYD OPENING – Transfer from host accommodations to our hotel in Madrid (arranged with Days in Diocese host) – Husa Princesa. Check-in and later today attend the Opening of WYD ceremonies. Dinner on own.

Tuesday – Friday August 16-19 - Days 7 - 10 – MADRID WORLD YOUTH DAY – Depending upon final World Youth Day Programs following full American breakfast at our hotel, we participate

each day in appropriate activities and return to the hotel. Dinners on our own or with WYD registration.

Saturday, August 20 - Day 11 – MADRID WORLD YOUTH DAY AND VIGIL – Following the World Youth Day activities of today, we return to the hotel. We then make our way to _____, the site of the World Youth Day Vigil and Closing Mass officiated by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI. We spend the night at the Vigil site.

Sunday, August 21 - Day 12 WORLD YOUTH DAY CLOSING – Our World Youth Day celebration comes to a close today with the Holy Father's Mass. At the conclusion of the event, we return to the hotel for free time. Overnight at our hotel and dinner is on our own

Monday, August 22 - Day 13- FREE DAY WITH OPTIONS – Today is free for shopping, personal adventure or optional excursions including Avila, Toledo or L'Escorial. Overnight at our hotel and dinner is on our own.

Tuesday, August 23 - Day 14– RETURN – This morning following breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our return flight to our home city arriving later today with memories of a lifetime.

OPTIONAL FREE DAY EXCURSIONS (Monday, August 22)

MADRID SIGHTSEEING - This morning we see the highlights of Madrid, capital of Spain, including the Gran Via Plaza de España, the Viaduct, Plaza Major, the Bull Ring, Independence and Cibeles Squares, the University, and the Paseo de la Castellana. We will have time to visit the famous Prado Museum. Overnight at our hotel and dinner is on our own. **\$44 per person.**

AVILA/VALLEY OF THE FALLEN - We begin our day with a drive to Avila, the birthplace of St. Teresa of Jesus, (1515 - 1582), one of the Church's greatest and most influential mystics. Avila has the most complete and oldest walled city. Here we will also visit the Cathedral and the Convent of the Incarnation, where St. Teresa lived for three decades and St. John of the Cross, her spiritual director and confessor lived for the last two years of her life. We will celebrate Mass here. Lunch included in Avila. Later we return to Madrid, which will take us past el Escorial and a brief stop at the *Valley of the Fallen* a spectacular monument to the dead of the Spanish Civil War. Overnight at our hotel and dinner is on our own. **\$126 per person.**

TOLEDO - Our full day excursion today takes us south to Toledo where St. John of the Cross spent much of his life and the Middle Age Christian, Jewish and Moorish cultures co - existed for many years. Among other sites, we will see the imperial residence Alcazar, the 13th century Synagogue and the Gothic Cathedral where we will celebrate Mass. Lunch included. We return to Madrid for overnight at our hotel and dinner is on our own. **\$76 per person.**

FLAMENCO AND SPANISH DANCING AT THE TORRES BERMEJAS – Tonight we enjoy an evening of Flamenco dance at the famous Torres Bermejas Night Club and experience the exciting night life of Madrid. The Madrid cultural and artistic legacy is the result of centuries of captivating history and Flamenco is a genuine Spanish art and a genuine southern Spanish art form. It is an intimate and passionate art form that has to be experienced by anyone who visits Spain. **\$80 per person.**

NOTE: THIS OPTION CAN BE COMBINED WITH MOST OTHER OPTIONS FOR THIS DAY. ALSO NOTE THAT THE LEGAL DRINKING AGE OF 18 IS RARELY ENFORCED AND THUS IT IS UP TO THE GROUP LEADERS TO ENFORCE DRINKING RESTRICTIONS.

