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# NORMANDY TO LOURDES

WITH PAULA & ALAN SEARS AND THE  
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*Optional Paris  
Pre-Tour Guide*

OPTIONAL PARIS PRE-TOUR:  
**JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>**, DEPART USA



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*Spiritual Director*



Paula & Alan Sears

August 2 – 11, 2022

## OPTIONAL PARIS PRE-TOUR

### DAY 1: SUNDAY, JULY 31 | DEPART USA

Depart the USA on independently scheduled overnight flights to Paris, France.

### DAY 2: MONDAY, AUGUST 1 | PARIS

Arrive in Paris with an afternoon visiting the Louvre Museum. Celebrate Mass with Fr. Dominic. A group dinner with your host Alan Sears. Overnight in Paris.

### DAY 3: TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 | PARIS

This morning, celebrate Mass at the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal and view the incorrupt body of St. Catherine Labouré, whose guardian angel led her to the chapel where the Blessed Virgin displayed a vision of the miraculous medal and later the green scapular. The Virgin promised bountiful graces for all who wore these and promulgated her devotion. Also, visit St. Vincent de Paul Church and see his tomb. Finally, walk up the steps or take the funicular to the Basilica of Sacre Coeur. Located in the heart of the artist's quarter, there has been perpetual adoration at this basilica since 1885. From the gallery of the dome, there is an incomparable panorama of the whole metropolitan area. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore and enjoy Paris on your own. This evening, enjoy the beauty of the "City of Light" aboard a Seine River cruise. Overnight in Paris..

### DAY 4: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 | PARIS • NORMANDY

Join the passengers arriving today on the Main Tour and depart for Deauville..

### DAY 1: TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 | DEPART USA

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### DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 | ARRIVAL • DEAUVILLE

Morning arrival in France and join a private small group transfer to Deauville, known as the "queen of the Normandy Beaches" and made famous by Boudin and Monet. One of the most prestigious seaside resorts in all of France. Check into your hotel room after 3:30 p.m. and freshen up before celebrating Mass. Then enjoy a reception at the hotel, featuring a special welcome by Alan Sears. Dinner as a group and overnight in Deauville.

### DAY 3: THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 | LISIEUX • HONFLEUR

After breakfast, depart for Lisieux, the home of St. Therese - called by Pope Pius X, "the greatest Saint of modern times." Fr. Dominic will reflect on the life and spiritual doctrine of St. Thérèse as we visit the Carmelite monastery in Lisieux, the Basilica of Lisieux and celebrate Mass. St Therese became a Carmelite nun at the age of 15. Her extraordinary love for God and service to humanity come to life as you see the Cathedral of St Peter, and Les Buissonnets, her family home. Enjoy a quick lunch on your own before departing for the picturesque port of Honfleur. Spend time exploring the city, dating back to 1047. Cherish an exquisite group dinner. Return to Deauville for overnight.

### DAY 4: FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 | SAINTE-MERE-EGLISE • UTAH BEACH

Begin the day with a breakfast buffet at the hotel before Alan Sears shares his 'WWII in Normandy Overview'. Depart to Sainte-mere-Eglise, known as the gateway to the landing beaches. Learn how Paratroopers rained down on this Norman village as D-Day operations began in June 1944. Recall the story of American soldier, John Steele, who was left dangling from a steeple as his parachute was caught upon landing. Enjoy lunch as a group. In the afternoon, visit Utah Beach and tour the museum. Return to Deauville to celebrate Mass at a local church. Enjoy dinner on your own and overnight in Deauville.

### DAY 5: SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 | BATTERY LONGUES-SUR-MER • CAEN • JUNO BEACH • BAYEUX

After breakfast, depart for Longue-Sur-Mer, situated between Omaha Beach and Gold Beach, landing spots for the D-Day invasion. View the well-preserved German coastal defense battery, heavily bombed by the allies on D-Day. Then, depart to the Mémorial de Caen Museum and war memorial commemorating the invasion of Normandy and World War II. Experience a self-guided tour including the award-winning film, Normandy's 100 Days. After lunch, on your own at the Museum, depart for Pegasus Bridge. D-Day began here when the British 6th Airborne Division and Buckinghamshire's Light Infantry landed by parachutes and gliders. Tour the landing zone and the Glider Museum. Stop at the Sword, Juno, and Gold Beaches. See the famous Churchill tank and French Freedom Crosses. Conclude at the Cathedral of Bayeux to see the famous 11th-century tapestry depicting the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England. Celebrate Mass before enjoying a group dinner in a historic setting. Overnight in Deauville.

### DAY 6: SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 | POINTE DU HOC • OMAHA BEACH

Celebrate Mass this morning at a local chapel. Then, depart for the Point du Hoc Ranger Monument. View the 100-foot promontory scaled by heroic Army Rangers. Tour the German 115m artillery positions and see where, after two days, the 90 standing members of the initial 225 Army Rangers, crested the promontory and overtook the artillery. Transfer to Omaha Beach and visit the stainless-steel sculpture of Les Braves, commemorating American soldiers who gave their all with "the Wings of Hope, Rise Freedom, and the Wings of Fraternity." Travel to the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial to pay your respects to the 9,387 fallen and 1,557 MIA soldiers. Arrive at Arromanches for a fresh seafood luncheon with a view of the English Channel. Afterward, tour the D-Day Museum to learn about the Mulberry Harbour and a photo stop at the Hill of the Virgin. Depart for Tours. Enjoy dinner on your own and overnight in Tours.

### DAY 7: MONDAY, AUGUST 8 | LOIRE VALLEY • CHENANCEAU • CHAMBOURD

After Celebrating Mass, we will visit two beautiful Loire Valley castles: Château de Chambord, the largest chateau in the Loire Valley with 440 rooms. One of the most recognizable châteaux, it is known for its Renaissance architecture and spectacular double-helix open staircase, which ascends three floors without either side ever meeting. It is rumored to have been designed by Leonardo da Vinci. Next, we will visit the Château de Chenonceau, a 15th-century chateau that was built on an arched bridge across the River Cher just outside of Amboise. It is the second most-visited chateau in France and has a rich royal history. We also enjoy a local Loire Valley wine tasting. Overnight in Tours.

### DAY 8: TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 | TOURS • LOURDES

Depart Tours to Lourdes, famous for its places associated with the life of St. Bernadette. After arrival you will have time to pray with fellow pilgrims from around the world. Celebrate Mass at a chapel in Lourdes. Dinner on your own and overnight in Lourdes.

### DAY 9: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 | LOURDES

Celebrate mass at Lourdes Grotto. Take a walking tour of the city of Lourdes and walk in the footsteps of St. Bernadette. See Boly Mill where the Soubirous family lived and the prison where the impoverished family was forced to move. The afternoon will be at leisure. Join pilgrims from around the world as you pray for the sick, drink from the miraculous spring, or submerge yourself in the healing baths. Enjoy a special farewell dinner tonight and overnight in Lourdes.

### DAY 10: THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 | RETURN TO USA

Transfer to Toulouse for independent return flights home.



= BREAKFAST



= LUNCH



= DINNER

\*Itinerary is tentative and subject to change; specified Masses are pending confirmation

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MAIN: + \$1,000

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### Exciting Details to Come!

- "Tour is confirmed" Email — Sent upon minimum number of travelers met and no later than 75 days prior to departure
- Hotel Information Email — Sent approximately 45 days prior to departure
- Final Travel Document Mailing — Sent approximately 10 days prior to departure

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Eight nights' accommodations:
  - 4 nights in a 5-star hotel in Normandy, 2 nights in a 4-star hotel in Tours, 2 nights in a 4-star hotel in Lourdes
- Continental breakfast daily
- Two lunches with wine
- Four dinners with wine
- One wine tasting
- Luxury motor coach for airport transfers in France and specified sightseeing
- Local, Catholic tour manager while in France
- Sightseeing and entrance fees according to the itinerary
- Arrangements of daily Mass and donations in unique and historical churches (all locations are tentative and subject to confirmation)
- Hotel & city taxes and portorage for 1 piece of luggage
- Whisper sets as needed

## OPTIONAL PARIS PRE-TOUR INCLUDES

- Two nights' accommodations at 4-star hotel
  - 2 nights in Paris
- Continental breakfast daily
- One dinner with wine
- Seine River cruise in Paris
- Louvre Museum and Montmartre funicular in Paris
- Luxury motor coach for airport transfers in France and specified sightseeing
- Local, Catholic tour manager while in France
- Sightseeing and entrance fees according to the itinerary
- Hotel & city taxes and portorage for 1 piece of luggage
- Whisper sets

## THE TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Airfare; this package is sold land only
- CTS Tour Manager from USA
- Meals not specifically identified
- Beverages with meals unless specified
- Gratuities payable to escort, guides, and drivers
- Other personal expenses
- Optional Travel Insurance
- Items not specifically mentioned above

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE & CANCELLATION

- Deposit of **\$500** per person due upon registration + travel protection, if selected
- Second payment: **\$1,800** additional due April 15, 2022
- Final Payment: Remainder of balance due on or before May 20, 2022

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“What General Weygand called the Battle of France is over. I expect that the Battle of Britain is about to begin. **Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilization.**

Upon it depends our own British life, and the long continuity of our institutions and our Empire. The whole fury and might of the enemy must very soon be turned on us. Hitler knows that he will have to break us in this Island or lose the war. If we can stand up to him, all Europe may be free and the life of the world may move forward into broad, sunlit uplands. But if we fail, then the whole world, including the United States, including all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age made more sinister, and perhaps more protracted, by the lights of perverted science. Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that, if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say, “This was their finest hour.”

Sir Winston Churchill, June 18, 1940



Paula and Alan Sears love Normandy, have been traveling there since 1989, and have hosted scores of pilgrims to experience the interplay between history and faith on those shores. They are deeply knowledgeable and passionate about American and World History, and Alan is author of *The Soul of an American President: The Untold Story of Dwight D. Eisenhower's Faith*.

Alan is founder of Alliance Defending Freedom and ADF International, now the largest religious liberties legal firm in the world that has won 13 victories at the Supreme Court since 2011. ADF International has five offices in Europe, and has won 14 cases at the International Court of Human Rights. Paula and Alan are faithful Catholics. Pope Francis knighted them into the Order of St. Gregory the Great, the highest honor that the Pope bestows upon laity in 2017.

