

## World Youth Day

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**W**orld Youth Day is a youth-oriented Roman Catholic Church event. While the event itself celebrates the Catholic faith, invitation to attend is non-denominational. World Youth Day is not associated with International Youth Day or any of the international observance days.

World Youth Day (or in short 'WYD') was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1986. It is celebrated on a diocesan level annually, and at a week-long international level every two to three years at different locations. The international level events attract hundreds of thousands of youth from almost every country on the planet. It is a major part of the upsurge in Catholic Youth Work in some countries over recent years; for example, the Director of Catholic Youth Services for England and Wales has said of the event that it would have far-reaching effects, not restricted to those who attended.



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- **Roundtrip air transportation** from New York
- **Land transportation** via private, motor coach
- **Accommodations** in 1st class hotel
- **Tips & taxes** included
- Professional, English-speaking guide
- **Meals:** Breakfast daily with Welcome & Farewell Dinners

*One delegate per group is eligible for this Pilgrimage. Rates based on double-occupancy.*

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## Familiarization Pilgrimage World Youth Day 2011

**Day 1 Thu, Sep 2: NEW YORK - MADRID.** Depart for Madrid. Our flight includes meals, drinks and in-flight entertainment.

**Day 2 Fri, Sep 3: MADRID.** Upon arrival at the Madrid airport, we are met and transferred to our hotel. On the way, we enjoy a panoramic tour of Madrid to view the classical and modern squares of the city. This evening, we enjoy our Welcome Dinner at the hotel before overnight.

**Day 3 Sat, Sep 4: AVILA.** This morning, we go to Avila. We visit this walled medieval city and enter the Convent of St. Teresa, erected in the place she was born. Next, we visit the *Convento de la Encarnación* which

houses a museum dedicated to St. Teresa. Here, we can visit her monastic cell, tour other rooms associated with the Saint and peruse various items she touched. A display provides an introduction to Teresa's life, with maps showing the convents she founded and a selection of her sayings. Dedicated to San Salvador, the Ávila Cathedral is truly a cathedral-castle, with battlements and sentry walks incorporated into the structure. It's not just for looks, either - in the 12th century, Bishop Sancho protected the young Alfonso IX here until he became king. Return to Madrid and our hotel for overnight.

**Day 4 Sun, Sep 5: TOLEDO - MADRID.** This morning, we visit Toledo—the "Museum City." Toledo was once the capital, spiritual and intellectual center of Spain. Here, in one of Europe's oldest cities, we enjoy a walking tour among its most famous monuments, including visits to the Cathedral, St. Tome Church (housing *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz* by El Greco) and the Santa Maria la Blanca Synagogue. Also admire the city's

famous handcrafted works, the "*Damasquinado*." This afternoon, we conduct a tour of the hotels being used for WYD with Catholic Pilgrim Office Staff. We will use Madrid's public transportation system to become familiar with the procedures that our pilgrims will utilize.

**Day 5 Mon, Sep 6: MADRID.** This morning, we have an information meeting with members of the WYD Committee for up to date details about the activities planned for WYD. The afternoon is at leisure for shopping or other pursuits on our own. This evening, we enjoy our Farewell Dinner before overnight.

**Day 6 Tue, Sep 7: MADRID - NEW YORK.** We are transferred to the airport for departure to home.

