



THE CATHOLIC PILGRIM OFFICE

Celebrating our 31st Year

Updated World Youth Day Activity Schedule

Rooted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith (cf Colossians 2:7)

Mon Aug 15: Upon arrival in Madrid, we enjoy a panoramic tour of the classical and modern squares of the city on our way to our WYD accommodations.

Tue Aug 16: We collect our accreditation and backpacks with the remainder of the day free to explore the city on our own. About 5:30 pm, we celebrate Mass in Madrid's Cibeles Square, presided over by the archbishop of Madrid and concelebrated by the bishops and priests participating in WYD. About 9:00 pm, we have the first activities of the Youth Festival—WYD Cultural Program begins, which include concerts, exhibitions, displays, guided visits to Museums, plays, etc. (details to be determined.)

Wed Aug 17: Today, we have catechesis session, organized by linguistic groups, with bishops from all over the world. These sessions take place in churches, schools, auditoriums and sports centers of Madrid. This evening, we participate in the Youth Festival—WYD Cultural Program.

Thu Aug 18: Catechesis session during the day. About 5:00 pm, we receive and welcome the Holy Father in Cibeles Square. WYD Cultural Program in the evening around 9:00 pm.

Fri Aug 19: Catechesis session during the day. Youth Festival—WYD Cultural Program at 5:00 pm. At about 9:00 pm we participate in WYD *Via Crucis*. Fourteen "pasos" of the Spanish Holy Week, from different points of the peninsula, go out in procession through the streets of Madrid around Cibeles Square.

Sat Aug 20: Preparatory ceremony in *Cuatro Vientos* 4:00 pm: Pilgrims arrive, little by little, at the *Four Winds* aerodrome and take their places. Meanwhile, different activities take place on the stage (testimonies of young people, musical interpretations, prayers to the Virgin, etc.), to prepare for the Vigil. At about 8:00 pm, the Pope arrives and Eucharistic adoration begins. Planned is an address by the Holy Father. We then spend the night at the *Cuatro Vientos* aerodrome. For those who so wish, there will be several tents where we can adore the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Sun Aug 21: This morning, the Pope concelebrates Mass with thousands of bishops and priests and he will address young people and those who are not so young, to send them out to the world to witness to their faith, as the Lord did with his Apostles. At the end of the conclusive Mass, the Holy Father will announce the place where the next World Youth Day will be held. The remainder of the day is at leisure for pursuits on our own.



Schedule, activities & locations subject to change per
WYD Council

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