



★ **World Youth Day 2011** ★

**MADRID  
SPAIN** ★★



**FIAT GROUP**  
**World Youth Day 2011**  
**Madrid, plus Avila, Segovia & Toledo**  
**12-Days: Friday, August 12 to Tuesday, August 23, 2011**

**FRI, AUGUST 12, DAY 1: DEPART USA**

We depart for Madrid with complimentary meals and beverages served aloft.

**SAT, AUGUST 13, DAY 2: ARRIVE MADRID**

We arrive in Madrid and are met by our representative of Catholic Travel Centre. We proceed to downtown Madrid via private motor coach to our hotel where we have some time to rest from our journey. We celebrate the opening Mass of our pilgrimage. Tonight we enjoy dinner at our hotel. (D)

**SUN, AUGUST 14, DAY 3: MADRID: EXCURSION TO AVILA & SEGOVIA**

This morning, we begin our visit of Avila with the ancient walls. The city walls are the symbolic emblem of the city. They contribute to the defining image of the warring and monastic center that Avila was and that image has been maintained throughout the years. They constitute a unique symbol that encloses mysticism and history, art and heroic chivalry.

We next visit sites connected with St. Teresa of Avila, the mystic saint and one of three women Doctors of the Church. Our visit begins at the Monastery of the Incarnation where St. Teresa spent many years of her life in solitude, deepening her insights into the spiritual life. Here we celebrate Mass.

Our next stop of is the Cathedral of Avila, the oldest of the Spanish Gothic Cathedrals. The sanctuary of the cathedral is built into the wall, making it part of the city's defenses. We have some time at leisure to stroll the streets of this historic city. Be sure to try the sweetmeats made by local nuns and sold in small shops throughout the city. Especially "yemas" made with egg yolks and sugar. From here we make our say to Segovia, the final resting place of St. John of the Cross. We return to Madrid for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

**MON, AUGUST 15, DAY 4: MADRID: FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – EXCURSION TO TOLEDO**

This morning we visit the walled city of Toledo, the seat of the Catholic Church in Spain. We will visit the striking Cathedral. We celebrate Mass with the local community at a local church in honor of the Feast of the Assumption. We also see the Monastery of St. John of the Kings and the Synagogue of Santa Maria La Blanca, at one time the primary synagogue that was later converted to a church by the Knights of Calatrava. Here, in Toledo, St. Teresa of Avila opened, in 1569, a convent named after St. Joseph. Toledo is also the city where St. John of the Cross was imprisoned, and from which he escaped. (B)

**TUES, AUGUST 16, DAY 5: MADRID: OPENING CEREMONY - LITURGY**

Today the Opening Ceremony / Liturgy will take place at a site in the environs of Madrid. Transportation to and from the event will be via the public transportation system included in the WYD Registration package. (B)

**WED, AUGUST 17, DAY 6: MADRID: WYD EVENTS**

Groups will participate in the official WYD events according to the schedule. Groups will make use of public transportation and meals provided by the WYD Registration Packages. (B)

**THURS, AUGUST 18, DAY 7: MADRID: WYD EVENTS**

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**FRI, AUGUST 19, DAY 8: MADRID: EXCURSION TO VALLE DE LOS CAIDOS**

This morning we embark our private motor coach and make our way to the Valley of the Fallen (Valle de los Caidos). After our visit, we return to Madrid and participate in the official WYD events according to the schedule. Groups will make use of public transportation in Madrid and meals provided by the WYD Registration Packages. (B)

**SAT, AUGUST 20, DAY 9: MADRID: VIGIL WITH THE HOLY FATHER**

This morning we begin our pilgrimage walk to the site of the Closing Mass. This evening we participate in the Evening Candlelight Vigil with the Holy Father and hundreds of thousands of our fellow pilgrims from around the world. (Current site for vigil and Closing Mass, as of printing: Quattro Vientos, located outside Madrid proper). (B)

**SUN, AUGUST 21, DAY 10: MADRID: CLOSING MASS**

This morning we awake and celebrate the Closing Mass of our World Youth Day Pilgrimage. We return back to our accommodations to pack for our return trip to the USA tomorrow.

**MON, AUGUST 22, DAY 11: MADRID: DAY AT LEISURE**

Today is entirely on our own. Tonight we gather at a local restaurant for our farewell dinner. (B, D)

## TUES, AUGUST 23, DAY 12: RETURN USA

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for our return flight to the USA. (B)

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

*Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary, either due to changes in airline schedules or for other reasons. All Masses are subject to local church schedules and substitution with alternate Mass sites if churches mentioned are not available.*

### MADRID MAP

