Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima
Mary’s “Yes” to God’s call, brought Jesus, the Word Made Flesh, into the world! Join Music Celebrations International and Faith Journeys in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Mary’s apparitions at Fatima, which St. John Paul II called “undoubtedly the most prophetic of modern apparitions. (The Message of Fatima, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith).

On the 13th day from the months of May to October, pilgrims from around the world gather in Fatima to celebrate the apparition of the Virgin Mary to three shepherd children in 1917. It is estimated that 70,000 people gathered to witness the last appearance in Cova da Iria on October 13, 1917. Today, millions of pilgrims pray and participate in the procession of Our Lady of Fatima each year and in 2017, marks the 100th anniversary of this event. Join in this special pilgrimage to visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, one of the largest Marian shrines in the world.

For over four hundred years, built forts with high walls and strong towers that exist to this day. The Moors, who invaded the land in the year 711, brought new stonework and heavily fortified gates to the peninsula. Moorish influences in architecture and the arts are prominent everywhere. In the 15th and 16th centuries, during Europe’s “Age of Discovery,” Portugal, sitting at the edge of the Old World, ascended to the status of a World Power. Its vast Empire boasted of possessions in South America, Africa, Asia and Australasia. The Portuguese influence can be recognized in these regions of the world to this day, in language, culture, religious influence, and commerce.

Discover the best of Portugal with all its fine monuments, stunning cities, folksy traditions, and gorgeous landscapes shaped by multiple ethnicities down the centuries.
Sample Itinerary

LISBON / FATIMA / SINTRA / ESTORIL / CASCAIS / OBIDOS / MADRID

DAY ONE: ARRIVE
Departure via scheduled airline service to Lisbon, Portugal

DAY TWO: LISBON / FATIMA
 ARRive in Lisbon
 Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer Fatima via Santarem, site of a reported Miracle of the Eucharist. Visit the Church of Marvila Continue to Fatima for late afternoon hotel check-in
 Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

DAY THREE: FATIMA
 Tour Our Lady of Fatima Basilica, one of most famous Marian shrines in the world. We will also visit the Tombs of the visionaries Francisco, Jacinto, and Lucia. We also see the Aljustrel where the children lived, and the Valinhos, where Our Lady appeared after the children’s return from prison
 Participate/sing Mass in Fatima
 Balance of the afternoon at leisure for sightseeing or other activities

DAY FOUR: FATIMA / LISBON
 Transfer to Lisbon. Enjoy a half-day guided tour of Lisbon including Eduardo VII Park, the Sé, Belem Tower, and entrances to Castelo de Sao Jorge, and Jeronimos Monastery, including its Cloisters and its Igreja de Sta Maria de Belem, which houses a Cross of the Holy Order, a statue of Prince Henry the Navigator and the tomb of Vasco da Gama
 Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities
 Conduct an evening formal concert in Lisbon

DAY FIVE: LISBON / SINTRA / ESTORIL / CASCAIS
 Morning excursion to Sintra to visit the Royal Palace. Sintra’s “cultural landscape” was declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1995. Continue along the scenic ‘Coast of the Sun’. Explore little fishing villages and white sand beaches on one of Europe’s most westerly outreaches. Pass through Estoril where the famous “Casino do Estoril” stands. Continue to Cascais where highlights “Boca do Inferno” and the magnificent panorama of the Bay of Cascais and its coast.
 Conduct an afternoon/evening formal concert in Sintra (or surrounding area)
 Return to Lisbon

DAY SIX: LISBON / OBIDOS
 Morning excursion to Obidos for time to explore within the walled city. The gorgeous historic center is a labyrinth of cobblestoned streets and flower-bedecked, whitewashed houses livened up with dashes of vivid yellow and blue paint
 Return to Lisbon for an afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other planned activities
 Evening Farewell Fado Dinner with entertainment

DAY SEVEN: MADRID
 Transfer to Lisbon’s airport for return flight
**Additional Tours in Portugal**

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“By all accounts a most successful trip from the music, to the tour company, to the activities and everything else in between. You should all be commended for pulling off such a monumental undertaking. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for this once in a lifetime experience.”

Calgary Youth Orchestra

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