



WORLD YOUTH DAY – 2011
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE



JMJ 2011
MADRID

SPAIN PILGRIMAGE (Direct – option 2)

Journey directly to Spain and be immersed into the hospitality and welcome of the local Catholic community before gathering with the youth of the world in Madrid.



Draft Itinerary Proposal

Meal Code

B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST 2011 – FLY AUSTRALIA TO SPAIN

DAY 2: THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST – SANTIAGO TO SALAMANCA

On arrival in Madrid we will join our coach and transfer to **Salamanca**, one of the most fascinating Renaissance cities in Europe and home to the oldest Christian university in Spain, founded in 1218 by Alfonso IX of Leon. We will join our host parish community for the Days in the Diocese, where we will be welcomed and enter into a colourful programme of festival, faith and fellowship.

Days in the Diocese - 4 nights host stay - (B,L,D daily)

DAYS 2-5: THUR 11TH-SUN 14TH DAYS IN THE DIOCESE/SALAMANCA – 4 Nts

All across Spain, parishes and communities will embrace the youth of the world in an amazing expression of Christian hospitality. This will be an opportunity to experience the people of the Salamanca diocese

with their deep traditions and spiritual heritage. It will be a time of cultural exchange, dialogue, worship and celebration as we gather and prepare for the great WYD week that will follow.

DAY 6: MONDAY 15TH AUGUST – SALAMANCA TO WYD MADRID

Departing Salamanca we will join the streams of young pilgrims converging today on the World Youth Day host city and our long-awaited meeting with the youth of the world and Pope Benedict XVI.

WORLD YOUTH DAY - MADRID (7 NIGHTS)

Upon our arrival in Spain's capital, we will be welcomed and ushered to the nearby registration point before being transferred by coach to our place of simple accommodation.

At this point we will receive our WYD pilgrim's bag containing the WYD handbook, tourist guide, pilgrim pass, transport card and all the information you need to get around Madrid and participate in WYD events.

Madrid 7 nights (WYD - Simple B,L,D daily)

DAY 7: TUESDAY 16TH AUGUST - Official Opening Mass of Welcome

The city of Madrid has some amazing sites and attractions and it will be alive with hundreds of thousands of young people who have come for this great event.

DAYS 8-10: WED 17TH-FRI 19TH AUGUST – Catechesis & Youth Festival

For three days at hundreds of venues spread across the city, small groups will gather to talk about faith and celebrate their journey which has brought them to this moment.

There will be opportunities for Catechesis in the mornings, Daily Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **The Youth Festival** will bring music, dance and dramatic performances from around the world to small and large stadiums across the city.

On Thursday afternoon, we will celebrate **the Pope's arrival** as we welcome him in a huge celebration which will live long in our memories.

Friday will focus on the moving **Way of the Cross** when young pilgrims will contemplate the reality of Christ's passion and the call to true freedom.

DAY 11: SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST - Pilgrimage Walk to WYD Vigil

Today will begin the mass mobilization of pilgrims along set walking paths through the city as they converge on the huge designated outdoor site chosen for the historic WYD gathering here in Madrid. An afternoon of concerts, performances, and song will unfold as we await the arrival of the Holy Father.

Evening Vigil:

This is going to be the main event! Millions of young people together with the Pope – a summer evening of unforgettable atmosphere. The celebrations continue all night as we share in a global sleep-out under the stars.

DAY 12: SUNDAY 21ST AUGUST - XXVI World Youth Day

As the sun rises we'll share in Morning Prayer, breakfast and the climactic

WYD Papal Mass with the youth of the world.

The Holy Father will give us his special message and blessing. Time then to say goodbye as the Pope sends forth the youth to every nation of the world.

DAY 13: MONDAY 22ND AUGUST – MADRID

Today we will remain in the WYD City taking time to process the amazing past days.

Madrid overnight (BD)

DAY 14: TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST – DEPART MADRID

Today we will transfer back to the airport for our homebound flight connections to Australia.

DAY 15/16: THURSDAY 25TH AUGUST – ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

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