



DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

13 – 18 July 2022

Please complete all sections of the application form using **BLOCK CAPITALS** throughout

Your Personal Details

Name as stated on your passport:	Surname:	(Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Dr, Rev, Sr, Br)		
	Forename(s):			
Address:				
		Postcode:		
Telephone number(s):	Home:		Mobile:	
Email:				
Date of Birth:				
Every person travelling to France must have a valid up-to-date passport. If you already have a passport, please check that it will be valid for six months after the date of return travel. Non-UK/IRL/EU passport holders may require a visa.				
Passport Number:		Issue date:		
Country of Issue:		Expiry date:		

Your Accommodation Booking

Full board accommodation is available in the Alba, Mediterranee and Jeanne d'Arc Hotels. Available rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please indicate your preferred hotel, but please note this cannot be guaranteed.

Alba Hotel <input type="checkbox"/>	Mediterranee Hotel <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeanne d'Arc Hotel <input type="checkbox"/>
Name(s) of the person(s) with whom you wish to share a room:		
A single room supplement of £140 applies to all single bookings; this amount will be included in the balance. please note, we are no longer able to arrange room sharing with other solo travellers.		
Please tick here if you require a single room	I require a single room <input type="checkbox"/>	
Name(s) of other person(s) you are travelling with:		
Please state any information or requests that may be helpful to us in planning for you. Some things (such as the allocation of rooms) are outside our control, but all requests will be passed on to hotels/agents.		

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REF						
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VOL		AVEC				CMB X

Name, address and contact telephone number for your next of kin:	
Do you require a special diet?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please give details:	

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is based on the country of permanent residence. Please ensure that the address given on this form is your permanent residence so that the appropriate policy can be put in place. Travel insurance is included without age restrictions* and includes cover for pre-existing medical conditions and Covid-19 related medical expenses abroad, subject to the terms and conditions of the travel insurance policy.

*A supplement of £40 per person is required for those aged 80 years and over at the time of travel. This will be included in your balance.

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) / Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC)

All pilgrims must have an EHIC or GHIC valid at the time of travel. If you have an existing EHIC it will remain valid until the expiry date. You can apply for a GHIC card at: <https://services.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/cra/start>

Please tick here to confirm that you have a valid EHIC or GHIC card, or have applied for one:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
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Your mobility

Travelling through airports and many of the events on the pilgrimage timetable involve walking distances. If you have difficulty walking you may prefer to use a wheelchair on these occasions. We can request this assistance from the airline/airport and, while in Lourdes a small number of young adult helpers may be available to assist.

Do you intend to bring a wheelchair to Lourdes?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, is your wheelchair specially adapted or battery powered?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If no, would you like us to provide one for you in Lourdes	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Airlines may limit the number, type and size of wheelchairs permitted in the hold, these restrictions are outside our control, it is essential that we receive at least one month's notice of your intention to bring a motorised wheelchair/scooter. Motorised wheelchairs/scooters are NOT covered by our insurance, we recommend that the owner secure separate cover. Failure to secure private cover will result in carriage being solely at the owner's risk.

Do you require a wheelchair at the airport?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you able to board an aircraft using the steps?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you able to walk from the door of the aircraft to your seat?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Covid-19 Travel Restrictions

In order to comply with the restrictions put in place by the French Government, Hoteliers in Lourdes and the Sanctuary Authorities, ALL pilgrims will be required to provide a valid Covid Travel Certificate.

Please tick here to confirm that you understand and accept this condition of booking:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
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Important Information for all Pilgrims

Please read this information before signing and returning your booking and deposit.

The fare per person is £685*. Your fare is inclusive of direct flights from Belfast to Lourdes (including 1 x 20kg check-in bag and 1 x small cabin bag), transfers from and to Lourdes Airport, courier services, 5 nights shared full-board accommodation, airport taxes and charges and complementary travel insurance (conditions apply*). You are reminded that Joe Walsh Tours reserves the right to levy a surcharge on each individual fare, the Tour Operator will notify you in writing of any such increase.

CITY TAX: All pilgrims aged 18 or over will be subject to a local government tax (currently €2.10 per person per night.) This tax will be charged directly by your hotel and is payable on arrival at the hotel reception.

FINANCIAL PROTECTION: This tour is operated by Northern Star Travel Ltd. Flight inclusive packages originating in the UK are financially protected under the ATOL 11313 held by Northern Star Travel Ltd in compliance with the ATOL scheme administered by the Civil Aviation Authority

REGULATION (EC) 261/2004: This regulation establishes common rules on compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of denied boarding, cancellation or long delay of flights. The obligations that the regulation creates rests with the operating carrier who performs or intends to perform a flight. Any compensation that may be due to passengers in case of a delay must be claimed exclusively by the passenger and directly to the airline and not Joe Walsh Tours or the Diocese of Down & Connor. The regulation has been incorporated under UK law by the Air Passenger Rights and Air Travel Organisers' Licensing (Amendment)(EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

COVID-19: The Pilgrimage Committee and Joe Walsh Tours are committed to the health and wellbeing of all our pilgrims. We will endeavour to provide guidance in relation to travel and health and safety protocols in place at home and abroad at the time of travel. We are not able to submit details and make declarations to government or other civic authorities on behalf of pilgrims. **It is your responsibility to ensure you comply with all travel requirements in place at the time of travel.** Failure to comply with travel requirements may result in you being denied boarding or entry to the destination or denied access to facilities and activities while in Lourdes.

Due to the prevailing circumstances, please note that there will be no medical or nursing support available from the Pilgrimage Committee and that the Youth Team will be limited in number. Pilgrims must be able to travel independently or be accompanied by someone who can provide for all their care needs. In the event of illness pilgrims will be directed to the locally available medical services.

SAFEGUARDING: The Pilgrimage Committee is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children, young people and adults at risk of harm. We adhere to the Down & Connor Safeguarding Policies and Procedures to ensure this; for more information, please see www.downandconnor.org/safeguarding.

PRIVACY: All personal data provided to us is only used by the Pilgrimage Committee and Joe Walsh Tours and our partners to manage your booking and arrange your pilgrimage to Lourdes. Our full privacy statement can be found at www.downandconnor.org.

**A single room supplement of £140 applies to all single bookings. An insurance surcharge of £40 applies to all pilgrims aged 80 or over at the time of travel*

Booking and Payments

Bookings made before 18 May 2022 must be accompanied by a **non-refundable deposit** of £150 per person with the balance of your fare due on or before 18 May. All bookings received after this date must be accompanied by the full fare.

The Pilgrimage Office does not accept cash payments, neither do we have the facility to accept card payments; all payments by cheque, bank draft or postal order should be made payable to "Down & Connor Pilgrimage Committee."

We can accept electronic bank transfers (online banking). If you wish to pay by electronic transfer, please tick this box and we will contact you by email to the address provided on page 1. ☐

Completed applications, accompanied by payment should be sent to:

The Secretary, Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, 75 Somerton Road, Belfast, BT15 4DE

Should you wish to speak to someone concerning the pilgrimage, please phone the Pilgrimage Office **(028) 9077 0162**; a voicemail service is available so leave your name and contact number and we will return your call as soon as possible (please note our office staff are part-time volunteers.) Alternatively, you can email us to **lourdes@downandconnor.org**

Please sign and date your Application

I apply to travel with the Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022 and I understand the conditions outlined in this application. I apply to book in accordance with your and your agent's booking and insurance conditions. I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £150 and agree to pay the balance of my fare not later than 18 May 2022.

Signature

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if the applicant is under 18 years of age)

Pilgrims under 18 years of age will only be accepted for travel if accompanied by an appropriate adult. If the applicant above is under 18 please state the name and relationship to the appropriate adult with whom they are travelling: