CHARTRES PILGRIMAGE

17-20 May 2024

*Searching for God with Saint Thomas Aquinas*

The Chartres pilgrimage is a huge international pilgrimage of Tradition in France in which thousands take part to walk the **110km from Chartres to Paris,** over the Pentecost weekend, every year.

**About**

It a pilgrimage to the Sacred Heart through Our Lady - Chartres cathedral being the place where Our Lady's veil is venerated. The pilgrimage destination was traditionally the Sacré Coeur in Montmartre.

Over the course of three days, accompanied by a SSPX chaplain, we will walk through the French countryside with the Irish chapter, under the patronage of St. Patrick. We will sing the Rosary and hymns, meditate on God with Saint Thomas Aquinas and offer up our sore feet for our pilgrimage intentions; all while helping our fellow pilgrims along the way and enjoying the company. A certain level of fitness and preparation is required for the pilgrimage. Some photos from Chartres 2023: <https://laportelatine.org/actualite/pelerinage-de-pentecote-2023-la-journee-du-dimanche-photos>

Included in registration: baguettes and a hot drink for breakfast, baguettes at lunch, soup in the evening, access to the campsite, first aid and support vehicles for those unable to walk.

This year the pilgrimage begins with Mass at **07.45 on 18th May** in front of the Cathedral of Chartres and ends with Mass at **16.00 on 20th May** at the Place Vauban in Paris.

**Tommy**’**s Kitchen and Luggage Services**

After a roaring success last year, Tommy’s van with be returning to carry our luggage across from Ireland. Tommy set up the Irish HQ at the campsites where we can pitch our tents around and gather in the evenings for a hot meal provided by the chef! On Tommy’s menu last year was duck ragu with rice and spaghetti Bolognese! This offers a marvellous opportunity of travelling through Paris without having to carry your heavy back backs, tents and banners!

Cost includes luggage transfer to and from France by ferry and each day of the pilgrimage, two hot meals, wine and cheese and the pilgrim handbook. Location and dates of luggage pick up and drop off confirmed on registration.

**How to Book**

1. **Register here**: <https://www.pelerinagesdetradition.com/chartres/sinscrire-chartres/> *Registration opens 25/03/24 (€60 if you book by 2nd May; reductions available for families).*
2. **Book your flights**. It is your responsibility to book flights to Paris. If you wish to travel with the group, book the following:

* Outbound: Friday 17/05/24 Dublin to Paris CDG 09.50-12.40 Aer Lingus Flight E1524
* Return: Monday 20/05/24 Paris CDG to Dublin 21.50-22.35 Aer Lingus Flight E1521

1. **Book your train** from Montparnasse (Paris) to Chartres here: <https://www.sncf.com/en> (Approximately €20). Your luggage will be available for collection from Tommy’s van at the train station at Chartres from 18.00 Friday 17th May and left back no later than 07.15 the following morning before the pilgrimage begins.
2. **Book your accommodation:** for Friday 17th May in Chartres. Suggestions:
   * + Hôtellerie Saint Yves
     + Hôtel Jehan de Beauce
     + Hôtel Le Boeuf Couronné
     + Hôtel Mercure – Chartres Cathédrale
     + Camping Bords de l’Eure – Chartres Campsite
3. **Email**: [pilgrimages@fsspx.ie](mailto:pilgrimages@fsspx.ie)

A. To confirm your pilgrimage registration

B. To register with Tommy’s Kitchen and Luggage Services (€75)

C. To sign up to the optional group meal at *La Picoterie* in Chartres on Friday 17th May (approximately €20 for two courses group rate)

*Approximate total cost of trip: €300 (to cover airport transfers)*

**What to Bring**

See kit list.