WORLD YOUTH DAY USA WEBINAR ON SAFETY, SECURITY, AND GLOBAL AWARENESS



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LET'S PRAY THE OFFICIAL PRAYER FOR THE WORLD YOUTH DAY JOURNEY TO LISBON 2023

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION,

YOU WHO AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE TOWARDS THE MOUNTAIN TO MEET ELIZABETH, LEAD US ALSO TO MEET ALL THOSE WHO AWAIT US TO DELIVER THEM THE LIVING GOSPEL:

JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON AND OUR LORD!

WE WILL GO IN A HURRY, WITH NO DISTRACTION OR DELAY, BUT WITH READINESS AND JOY.

WE WILL GO PEACEFULLY, BECAUSE THOSE WHO TAKE CHRIST TAKE PEACE, AND WELL-DOING IS THE BEST WELL-BEING.

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, WITH YOUR INSPIRATION, THIS WORLD YOUTH DAY WILL BE THE MUTUAL CELEBRATION OF THE CHRIST WE TAKE, AS YOU ONCE DID.

MAKE IT A TIME OF TESTIMONY AND SHARING, FRATERNIZATION, AND GIVING THANKS, EACH OF US LOOKING FOR THE OTHERS WHO ALWAYS WAIT.

WITH YOU, WE WILL CONTINUE ON THIS PATH OF GATHERING, SO THAT OUR WORLD WILL GATHER AS WELL, IN FRATERNITY, JUSTICE, AND PEACE.

HELP US, OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION, TO BRING CHRIST TO EVERYONE, OBEYING THE FATHER, IN THE LOVE OF THE SPIRIT! AMEN. UPDATES ON THE UNITED STATES' JOURNEY TOWARD WORLD YOUTH DAY IN LISBON, 2023



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THE U.S. EMBASSY AND CONSULATE IN PORTUGAL

The U.S. Embassy in Lisbon can help you in many ways, whether you have lost your passport, need to evacuate the country, or someone back in the U.S. needs to get in touch with you, the U.S. Embassy is the point of contact for assistance in many different situations, such as:

- Lost or stolen passports
- Helping locate medical services for U.S. citizens
- Helping facilitate the transfer of money
- Limited assistance navigating legal systems
- Assisting victims of crime and connecting with the local police

See the U.S. Embassy in Portugal website at https://pt.usembassy.gov/



LISBON 2023 LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



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PASSPORTS AND VISAS

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Validity – All passports must be valid for at least six months <u>after</u> your planned departure from Europe (until Feb. 2024).

If you need a new passport – Apply **now**, as wait times can be lengthy in April and May.

Make a copy of your passport –

Keep your passport in a hotel safe or in a safe location. Carry the copy of your passport with you.

ADDITIONAL NOTES ON PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Lost or stolen passports – Fill out the lost/stolen passport form and new passport application. Be sure to bring extra passport size photos. Have access to extra money to pay the fees. Bring U.S. citizenship evidence (esp. a photo/photocopy of the passport). Report lost/stolen passport to the local police.

Work with the U.S. Embassy/Consulate through this process.





ADDITIONAL NOTES ON PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Children under 16 – If they need a replacement passport, US State Department requires a statement of consent from both parents to issue a passport. Group organizers should consider requesting the parents to complete those forms before they travel, just in case.

Non-US residents – If any participants do not have a U.S. passport, they will need to check to see if they need a **visa** to enter Portugal (and the rest of the Schengen zone) and work with USCCB to coordinate the Portuguese visa application process.





SAFETY AND SECURITY IN LISBON

Enroll in STEP – Should any emergencies arise, the U.S. State Department will send out alerts to those enrolled in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): <u>https://step.state.gov/step/</u>.

Additional Concerns – Be mindful of the following issues:

- Crime and public safety
- Event entrances and backpacks
- Safety and security preparations
- Security personnel and military
- Heat and weather preparedness



- Emergency responsiveness
- Group mindfulness
- Following direction and guidance
- Traffic and transportation safety
- Trails, rivers, ocean, and field safety

MEDICAL AND HEATH ISSUES

Medical Insurance – Check your medical insurance to see if you are covered outside of the U.S. (and the addition of evacuation insurance).
Be realistic about medical conditions, as medical capacity and infrastructure in Portugal may be tested with the increased numbers that week. Some medical issues are also covered by the pilgrim insurance package included for registered participants.

Payment – Doctors and hospitals may expect cash/credit payment prior to treatment.

Prescription Medication – Pack enough to last the entire trip, including extra in case of unexpected delays. Carry medications in the original labeled containers and pack them in a carry-on bag. Ask your pharmacy or physician for the generic equivalent name of the prescriptions in case you need to purchase additional medication abroad.

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES



Public Transportation – WYD participants will have free access to Lisbon's public transportation system. However, this system may not be able to accommodate the large numbers of visitors expected and roads may also be jammed. Prepare to frequently walk by foot within Lisbon.

Airport Arrival – Upon arrival in Lisbon (airport code: LIS), please follow the signs through security check points and the port of entry and passport check.

Public transportation (metro) is available from the airport. The **red line** departs the airport every 5-15 minutes. The Aerobus, taxi, and Uber services are also available.





LEGAL AND YOUTH PROTECTION ISSUES

Diocesan Policies Regarding Minors – Review in advance and communicate with group members the arch/diocesan policies and legal expectations regarding travel and events with minors.

Adult and Youth Training – Make sure all members of your delegation/group are trained in child and youth protection, regardless if any minors are part of the traveling group. Adopt an attitude of safety and protection for all young people at WYD.

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On-Site Youth Protection Measures – Simple accommodation situations with minors; general policies from WYD and Lisbon regarding child and youth protection; background checks; reporting; and establishing safe environments at WYD events and settings.

EMERGENCY READINESS AT WORLD YOUTH DAY

Emergency Contact Persons/Plans – In advance, have individuals in the United States and with the traveling delegation who will serve as the lead **emergency contact persons**. Establish a **meeting place** and **protocol plan** for what to do in case of any internal or external emergency situation.

Hospitals – Locate the **nearest medical facilities** to your housing location, catechetical site, along pilgrimage routes, outside of Lisbon, and the WYD central events.

Lisbon Emergency Number – Dial **1-1-2** for any issues you would call 9-1-1 in the USA.

Communications Strategies – Make use of cell phones, text messaging, push notifications (i.e., FlockNote), or **WhatsApp** to strategize both internal and external **communications**.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS?



NEXT WEBINAR: PREPARING PILGRIMS FOR SPIRITUAL AND SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS IN A GLOBAL SETTING



Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. ET

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