



Inner and Outer Landscapes

2019 Pilgrimage to the Lands of Mary Ward



“As I make my slow pilgrimage through the world a beautiful sense of slow mystery seems to gather and grow”.

“Very often a change of self is needed more than a change of scene”.

Who

Members of Loreto Boards, Loreto Committees, Loreto Ministries, Loreto Province and Loreto Schools.

18 pilgrims and 2 leaders.

Meaning Makers ... Emerging Leaders ... Senior Leaders

What

Pilgrims will journey in the footsteps of Mary Ward across Europe. Commencing in York on 22 April, pilgrims will spend four nights at the Bar Convent, viewing the new Museum, Portrait gallery and archives and, under the guidance of Ann Stafford CJ (England), the homes Mary Ward spent time growing up. The tour will take in other key landmarks in York and surrounding Yorkshire such as The Shambles, York Minster, Mt Grace Priory and Osbaldwick. Moving onto London, pilgrims will then be guided by Magdalen O'Neill ibvm (England) through key landmarks, many of which Mary Ward spent time in under a veil of secrecy.

In the second half of the journey pilgrims will make their way across the continent, beginning with a crossing of the English Channel. Pilgrims will spend two nights in each of St Omer and Liège, immersing themselves in the beauty of these picturesque towns while recalling the life there for Mary Ward and her companions. Visits will include the sites of the homes where the 'English Ladies' lived, and the churches, with plenty of opportunity to walk the cobblestoned streets and engage all the senses.

The pilgrimage will conclude in Germany, with tours of Munich and Augsburg led by Monika Glockann CJ (Germany). Pilgrims will visit Augsburg to view the Painted Life and official portrait of Mary Ward. The final day will be a walk through Mary Ward's Munich including the Anger Convent where she was imprisoned and the Paradeiser Haus.

Pilgrims may like to 'hook' self-directed Mary Ward tours in Perugia, Loreto on the Adriatic coast, Vienna or Rome on either side of the official pilgrimage. Guide books are available.

Pilgrimage Leaders

- **Anne Muirhead** Director of Mission, Loreto Ministries Ltd
- **Sandra Perrett ibvm** Loreto Normanhurst Community Leader

Where

- York
- London
- St Omer
- Liège
- Augsburg
- Munich

When

Commencing in York late afternoon of **22 April 2019**
Concluding in Munich after breakfast on **6 May 2019**.

Why

The pilgrimage is best viewed as a retreat, a spiritual journey into the heart of the Mary Ward story. The intent is to fully experience with all the senses the places, sounds, smells and encounters she experienced with her companions; walking in her footprints, in order to deepen the pilgrims' connection with her vision and values, struggles and spirituality. Further still, pilgrims will be encouraged to journey deeply into sacred spaces both externally and within. The hope is pilgrims take up the invitation to move beyond observing the Mary Ward journey from the outside, to the experience of personal encounter with God, ultimately leading to transformation.

Criteria

- A capacity for personal reflection and the ability to share insights in a reflective forum
- A preparedness to undertake personal preparation and to contribute insights to the wider Loreto family on their return
- An ongoing commitment to the Loreto enterprise
- A degree of fitness to undertake walking tours on some cobbled terrain, manage own luggage and occasional periods of standing

Practical Considerations

- Comfortable single room ensuite accommodation (but certainly not 5-star).
- Travel will include bus, train, ferry and barge!
- While there is some space and free time (mainly two-three hour slots here and there), we are fitting quite a bit in to the fortnight. There will be one full free day in London. It is best to consider the pace of most days as a work day, not as a holiday.

Cost

The cost of \$6,000 per person, excluding airfares, will cover:

- Accommodation
- Two meals a day (excluding alcohol) and gratuities
- Train/ferry fares and bus hire
- Entry fees to all places of pilgrimage
- Costs of pilgrimage leaders
- All printed materials
- Gifts and meals for European IBVM/CJ guides and guests

Pilgrims will cover their own airfare, one meal a day and all expenses on the free day in London.

Pilgrimage Planning Timeframe

27 August 2018

Name of pilgrim, position and email contact details to:

Anne Muirhead
anne.muirhead@loretoministries.org.au

31 August 2018

Initial deposit of \$3,000 and hi res photo of pilgrim to Anne Muirhead

22 September, 22 October, 22 November, 22 February & 22 March 2018

Preparation modules distributed

12 October 2018

Information/medical form deadline

February - March 2019

Preparation meetings in each state with Anne, Sandra and/or a previous pilgrim

22 April 2019

Meet in York mid-late afternoon

6 May 2019

Pilgrimage ends in Munich (breakfast)

Early June 2019

Personal commitment to pilgrimage follow-up firmed up