# **World Youth Day Info Sheet**

# For those travelling with Brosna Educational Centre's CLG - Fearless and Beloved

World Youth Day is a week-long youth pilgrimage in Lisbon, Portugal from August 2 to August 8, 2023. While a pilgrimage may not sound all that attractive, it is a lot of fun. It is a fact that the experience for anyone who has gone has been amazing and unforgettable. WYD is not a retreat. It's a week-long event jam-packed with music, fun, games, swimming, listening to great speakers to help you in your faith, and of course attending the opening ceremony and overnight ceremony with the Pope. An estimate one million young people will be attending. The atmosphere is electric.

### What do you need know?

There are two main groups travelling with Brosna Educational Centres CLG which is linked to Opus Dei

Beloved – For College and Young Professionals (accompanied by the Organisers). They will be staying in 5 Apartments in the City Centre. Each apartment has 6-10 beds.

Fearless – For Secondary School Girls – minimum age 15 ½ by Aug 2 - (accompanied by competent 5 Adult Youth Leaders). They will be staying a big house with 25 beds and with pool (30 minutes outside the City Centre, accessible via public transport).

#### How do I book?

Send your information to either groups via their website or email For Beloved

https://www.wearebeloved.ie/world-youth-day-2023 or email info@wearebeloved.ie For Fearless –

www.wearefearless.ie/world-youth-day-2023 or email: hey@wearefearless.ie

For those who wish to travel with us, it's mandatory to attend at least one of our preparatory sessions.

### What does it cost?

**Flight** - We ask everyone to book their own flight over to Lisbon. As costs of flights depends on time of booking. We will give you details of the flights that other people from the group are on so that you can travel with them and join them at the airport. It is mandatory for someone under 18 to travel with the group.

**Accommodation** - €400.00 per person. This also includes food in the accommodation. Beloved – Apartments:

1	Green Corner House	Avenida Fontes Pereira de Melo 15, Arrios
2	Lisbonaccommodation	Rua do Norte 98, Misericordia
3	Seven Rivers Luxury Apartment	Rua Vera Lagoa, 10 - Beneficias
4	Barrio Alto Comfort	Rua do Duque
5	Localtraveling Historic Center Travessa	Travessa dos Remédios, Sao Vicente

Fearless – House - Solar San Antonio, R. da Ponte, 2950-051 Palmela, Portugal

WYD Registration Fee – €110.00 this includes access to the events, medical insurance when attending events and free transport during the week of the event.

# What to expect on the trip?

This is an amazing experience. To enjoy this trip, it's worth bearing in mind a couple of points: You will be sleeping in shared accommodation. It's important to have a hiking attitude (although you won't be hiking) but you will be outdoors the majority of time. You will walk a lot and it will be very hot (20-30c). Your clothes and walking runners should be comfortable (natural fibres). Please refer to packing list to get a better idea of what is needed.

What is the schedule of events? Below is the traditional outline of events for World Youth Day. The specific itinerary has not been published. Typically, the venues for smaller events are not publicised in advance of arrival.

**Wed, Aug 2** – Fly into Lisbon. Travel on Public Transport from Airport to Accommodation. Settle in. Attend a Night-Time Entertainment Event

**Thur, Aug 3** – Tour the City. See and interact with the main tourist places of Lisbon. Go to a Speaker Event. Arrival of Pope Francis.

**Fri, Aug 4** – Outing to Beach nearby in the morning. Go to a Speaker Event. Way of the Cross with Pope Francis in the Afternoon. Night time Entertainment.

**Sat, Aug 5** – Tour the City. See and interact with the main tourist places of Lisbon. Afternoon/Evening: Walk to the Field – Exposition with Pope Francis. Overnight Stay in Field. Night Time Entertainment.

**Sun, Aug 6** – Sunday Mass with Pope Francis. Walk back from Field. Spend time with all the young people who experienced the event.

Mon, Aug 7 – Fly out or travel to another city to fly out from there (Porto or Faro).

Here is a good video which gives you an idea: https://youtu.be/SWhwDbhQKyk

## Other questions

- Will there be internet in our accommodation? Yes
- Will there be free time? Yes, there will be organised free time. For those under 18, a person
  over 18 will accompany you. This is for safety precautions as there are a lot of people in
  Lisbon during this event.
- Swimming in pool at house of Fearless Group young people will only access this pool under supervision.
- Will there be laundry facilities in the accommodation? Yes, there is a washing machine.
- Will I carry my belongings with me every day? No. We leave everything in our accommodation and only carry the essentials during the day.
- Will I have to carry all my luggage to the overnight vigil on Saturday? No. You will only bring
  your sleeping bag, mat and other essential items. We will be returning to our
  accommodation the following day and then flying out on Monday.

<sup>\*</sup> For the Fearless Group – each morning, we will spend some time in the house swimming, relaxing, etc. And then go to Lisbon from 1pm to 11pm.

<sup>\*</sup> There will be Daily Mass.

- Does WYD provide medical insurance? WYD typically provides basic medical coverage in its registration fee, which includes treatment during WYD and nothing more. They will patch you up and send you off. It is recommended that you also have your own medical insurance.
- What is included with my registration? The WYD registration pack for Portugal has not yet been designed and finalized. Historically, your registration includes a backpack, transportation card, pilgrim ID, and Cultural and Liturgical Program Guides. It may also include any of the following extras, depending upon the local organizing committee: a pilgrim hat or bandana, a t-shirt, a pilgrim cross or rosary, a water bottle, and/or other bits of literature and memorabilia.
- Where will we be eating during the day? We will bring either a packed lunch/dinner or go
  back to the Apartments booked in the City Centre for a meal. We have decided not to
  registrations for centralised WYD food as we think it's better for the group to accommodate
  to our own dietary needs. Food allergy? we accommodate food allergies lactose free or
  gluten free.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at

info@wearebeloved.ie (College/Young Professionals)

hey@wearefearless.ie (Secondary School Girls)