



*Teams International Gathering  
Fatima  
July 16 to 21, 2018*

Dear Oceania Teams members,

Excitement is building! We will soon be firming up bookings for the International Gathering in Fatima next year. We now have 22 couples and 4 priests who have expressed interest. It is great to have so much support from Oceania.

If you are thinking about going, or know of other team members who have expressed interest, please contact us as soon as possible. It is important that we have confirmation of numbers for Oceania, as there are quotas in place.

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**A unique opportunity**

Consider meeting and sharing with Teams members from all around the world.

Opportunities include:

- celebrating Mass with 9000 Teams members;
- having a couple sit-down along with a few thousand Teams couples;
- understanding what it means to be members of an international movement that bridges different languages and cultures;
- being part of a vibrant living 'church' in action;
- and just having a great time at an iconic location!

**The registration process**

Registrations will open on 15<sup>th</sup> September. All bookings are online. We suggest you register as soon as possible on or after this date. While online bookings will not close until 15<sup>th</sup> January, we will need to get in fast to make sure we reserve our places. We will send details about how to formally register in the first week in September.

**Making payment**

All payments are separate to the initial registration process. They will go through the Oceania Super-Region. The first payment (50% of the cost per person) will be due between 1<sup>st</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> November. The Oceania Treasurer is currently putting a Trybooking site in place for easy access.

The cost of the event is set at 500 euros per person. This includes transfers to and from Lisbon or Porto airports, accommodation, meals and attendance for the six days.

### **Pre-gathering tour for Oceania attendees**

We also need an indication of how many people would be interested in a pre-Gathering group tour. Given feedback from the South American experience in 2012, it was a wonderful opportunity for the group to bond before the event.

From initial enquiries, we would need a minimum of 25 in order to develop a custom-made tour. There are a couple of options available. Some companies offer tours with a religious focus. In the end, we could only offer one tour.

Initially the tour itinerary would be flexible so people could ask for specific locations to be included. We recommend restricting the tour to Spain and Portugal. After comparing available tours, a rough estimate of a 12-day tour, could be \$3000 - \$4000 per person, with gratuities being extra. A shorter tour would also be possible. Below are some indicative options:

- [Click here](#) for an example of a religious based tour
- [Click here](#) for an example of a more regular tour

We would need to have some sort of commitment before the end of September 2017 and a deposit paid by the end of October to guarantee bookings. **Jill and Terry Tierney** have kindly offered to coordinate the tour. Bookings will be arranged through Phil Hoffman Travel, Adelaide.

Please email us as soon as possible, if you are interested, so we can start looking at options.

### **Further information about the conference**

Don't forget you can go to the international Teams website for more information:

<http://www.endfatima2018.pt/en/>

Blessings,  
Faye and Kevin Noonan

Registration Couple  
Teams International Gathering, Fatima 2018