



# Formation Session Padlet Q&A

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## PACKING AND PREPARATION

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- **Shoe recommendations**
  - Thongs are NOT recommended for daily wear
  - Good, closed-in shoes, appropriate for walking long distances
  - Sandals are appropriate for days with less walking or evenings out
- **Luggage weight**
  - 17kg weight recommendation for checked luggage
  - Carry-on luggage 7kg maximum for many airlines
- **Can we bring/use sports equipment?**
  - Can be used, especially during WYD and retreat times. Consider purchasing in Portugal, to free up space.
- **Why pack jeans?**
  - Although it is expected to be very warm, the weather can still be unpredictable - pack jeans (or similar) and a jumper just in case
- **WYD Shirts/Merchandise**
  - Broken Bay WYD Merchandise will be available in a variety of sizes. Sizing charts will be provided at the time of purchase. Prior to departure, we will tell you when it is likely we will wear these shirts, but it is not every day.
- **What is the Harvest Travel Wallet**
  - This is provided by Harvest and will hold your travel documents.
  - They will also provide you with a luggage tag which must be used on the main luggage and a UV umbrella - excellent for shelter and sun protection



## PAYMENTS & MONEY

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- **Payments**
  - All payments from pilgrims must now be finalised by 14 April
  - All pilgrims have been granted this extension
  - The final payment reminder will be sent out this week
- **Final Price - could there be an increase?**
  - Harvest communicated with the WYD executive team on 31 March the final pilgrimage prices, which themselves remain as advertised.
  - As expected, they informed us of a currency surcharge for variations in the Australian dollar v's Euro. The cost is \$108 per person
  - The Broken Bay WYD executive team discussed this and has made the decision to cover this cost for all pilgrims. Therefore Pilgrims will not pay the currency surcharge.
- **Subsidies - when and how will these be paid?**
  - As noted in the Magnify newsletter, all subsidies will be paid directly to Harvest.
  - If you are unsure of the value of your subsidy, please speak with your relevant contact;
    - CSBB - Scott Beattie
    - Chancery - Patti Beattie
    - Parishes - Parish Priest or Youth Leader
    - CatholicCare - Kate Saba
- **Spending money**
  - A suggested minimum amount of \$600 was suggested in the pilgrim booklet. Please refer to the pilgrim booklet for a breakdown of the amount
  - We encourage all pilgrims to continue saving after final payments are submitted.
  - If you can save \$45 per week, you will have \$630
- **Souvenirs**
  - Purchasing souvenirs for your friends and family is an important part of your pilgrim journey.
  - School and/or parish groups may consider purchasing gifts for their communities - particularly communities who have financially supported you
  - Time will be given for this at different times. Fatima may be a good opportunity for this.
  - At all stops we will use the pilgrim mantra of "Pray, Click, Pay"
    - Pray - the spiritual encounter first
    - Click - take photos to remember
    - Pay - buy souvenirs

- **What is the expected prayer schedule?**
  - Each day pilgrims can expect morning prayer, Mass, a wide variety of prayer experiences and small group discussion time
- **Meeting family or friends when travelling**
  - Generally, pilgrims will not be able to leave the pilgrimage to visit family and/or friends
  - there may be opportunities for friends and/or family to come to the group.
  - opportunities like this need to be discussed with your PGL, who will then discuss it with the Bus leader.
- **Opportunities for finding food**
  - Pilgrims will have opportunities to purchase food and snacks.
- **World Youth Day Back Pack**
  - We are not sure what will be included. The "pilgrim kit" as advertised on the WYD webpage, will be given to all pilgrims upon arrival in Lisbon.
  - In past years it has contained merchandise and promotional materials as well as items needed for participation throughout the week
- **Transportation passes**
  - On pilgrimage, through Italy, all transportation is included via tour coach
  - In Lisbon, Public transport is included in our WYD registration
  - Travel to and in Fatima will once again be on a tour coach
- **Swimming/gyms**
  - It is likely that there will be opportunities for swimming and using hotel gyms. Bus leaders will inform you if swimming and gym options are available, suitable and safe.
- **Sleep out**
  - There will be opportunities in Lisbon to purchase items that you may need for the sleepout.
- **Washing clothes**
  - Pilgrims will have opportunities every 3-4 days to use laundromats. Lisbon however will be the best place to plan for this.
  - Pilgrims are also encouraged to know how to, and have detergent, wash smaller items by hand in their hotel bathrooms

- **Hotels**

- All hotels will be shown in your pilgrim portal in the weeks ahead.
- A listing of all hotels will also be provided in your final pilgrim documentation from Harvest
- All hotels are a 3-star minimum
- Generally, WiFi is available at all Hotels and often for free.
- At this stage, Broken Bay has been provided with the following hotel allocations:
  - Padua - Hotel M14
  - Florence - TBA
  - Assisi - Hotel Casa Leonori
  - Rome - Hotel Pacific
  - Lisbon - Iberostar Lisboa
  - Fatima - Hotel Santa Maria & Consolata Hotel

- **Room allocations**

- Broken Bay WYD executive will be provided with specific rooming allocations for each hotel
- Rooming will be a combination of single, twin and triple share
- Pilgrims will be asked who they may like to share a room with, but the executive team will make the final decision
- Females will only be roomed with females. Males will only be roomed with males.
- Under 18's will only be roomed with under 18's.

- **Role of Pilgrim Group Leaders**

- PGL's have many roles which include:
  - Supervision (under 18's)
  - ensuring physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of pilgrims
  - keeping a small group together in times of transit and moving in large crowds
  - facilitating group discussion and reflection

## COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

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- **Plug adapters?**
  - For both Italy and Portugal, you will need a European travel adaptor - type F. Refer to the Pilgrim packing guide for more detail and tips
- **Communication**
  - please refer to the pilgrim booklet for full detail
- **Phones**
  - Access to smartphones is the best option to enable the use of apps.
- **eSIM /physical SIM**
  - To check if your phone is eSIM compatible, check this website:
    - <https://www.airalo.com/help/about-airalo/what-devices-support-esim>
  - If you do not have access to a smartphone with eSIM, consider the following:
    - a travel SIM that you can purchase prior to departure.
    - obtain a global roaming pack from your local phone provider. This option is generally the most expensive \, especially as they regularly charge a daily rate.
- **Broken Bay WYD App and WYD App**
  - The Broken Bay WYD App we hope to have available by the next formation session in mid-May
  - The WYD App has an unknown launch date at this time.
- **Cameras**
  - We encourage all pilgrims to document their trips through journalling, taking photos and even videos of their journey, friendships and experiences. Pilgrims can bring a camera to do this if they wish, but it is the sole responsibility of the pilgrim to manage.