



Tekton Ministries

"Serving God's people on their journey of faith"

Pilgrimage to

ITALY

IN HONOREM PRINCIPIS APUD PAVLVS VBYRGHESTVS ROMANVS PONTIFEX AN MDCLXXII

September 18th - 29th, 2017

✧ PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY ✧



Pescara



Ancona

✧ **Day 1 - Sep. 18: Depart U.S.A.**

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart on our overnight flight to Rome. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

✧ **Day 2 - Sep. 19: Arrive Rome / Pescara**

Upon arrival in Rome we will be met by our tour manager who will be with us throughout our stay in Italy. Upon arrival, we will board our motor coach and drive east to Pescara which is located on the Adriatic coast at the mouth of the Aterno-Pescara River. Overnight in Pescara.

✧ **Day 3 - Sep. 20: San Giovanni Rotondo**

This morning we will drive south along the beautiful Adriatic coastline to San Giovanni Rotondo, the birthplace and home of St. Padre Pio. Upon arrival, we will enjoy a tour of this quaint 11th century town



San Giovanni Rotondo

where the famous Padre Pio spent most of his life. Visit the Capuchin Monastery where Padre Pio lived, the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, the Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church which was completed in 2004 and Padre Pio's Tomb. We will then drive up to Monte Sant' Angelo for a breathtaking view of the Gargano Peninsula and a visit to the Grotto of Michael the Archangel before returning to Pescara for overnight.

✧ **Day 4 - Sep. 21: Lanciano / Manoppello**

This morning we will drive a short distance to Lanciano, the site of the 8th century Miracle of the Eucharist, where bread and wine became real flesh and blood. After celebrating Mass in Lanciano we will proceed to Manoppello where we will visit the Basilica of Volto Santo which contains an image on a thin veil which is known as the Holy Face of Manoppello and has been reputed to be the veil that covered Christ's face during His burial and resurrection. Return to Pescara for overnight.

✧ **Day 5 - Sep. 22: Pescara / San Benedetto del Tronto / Grottomare / Ancona**

- This morning we will depart Pescara and drive north along the Adriatic coast to San Benedetto del Tronto and Grottomare where we will spend the day visiting Fr. Baikauskas' family in the area. We will then continue our drive north to Ancona which is the capital of the Marche Region and lies on the promontory of Monte Conero directly facing the sea. Overnight in Ancona.

✧ **Day 6 - Sep. 23: Ancona / Assisi / Ancona**

- This morning we will take an excursion west to Assisi, a town that welcomes us in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare into its peaceful interior. Upon arrival in Assisi we will visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, site of the Porziuncola, the tiny church in the woods



Assisi

- where St. Francis began his ministry and where St. Clare began her religious life. Then visit the Basilica of St. Francis where the saint lies in rest and where we will celebrate Mass, the Basilica of St. Clare and the Convent of San Damiano. We will then return to Ancona for overnight.

✧ **Day 7 - Sep. 24: Ancona / Loreto**

- This morning we will take an excursion to Loreto where we will see the Shrine of the Holy House which is said to be the same house in which the Virgin Mary was born and raised in Nazareth. This is where she received the visitation of the angel announcing that she was the mother of Jesus and according to tradition the home was transported by four angels from Nazareth to its present resting place in Loreto. Return to Ancona and enjoy a tour of the city including visits to the Cathedral of San Ciriaco, the 11th-Century Church of Santa Maria della Piazza and the Church of San Domenico.

† **Day 8 - Sep. 25: Ancona / Ravenna**

This morning we will depart Ancona and drive to Ravenna which is famous for its early Christian churches and superb Byzantine mosaics. Here we will visit the Basilica of Sant' Apollinare Nuovo, the Basilica of Sant' Apollinare in Classe, and the Basilica of San Vitale. We will then continue our drive to Reggio Emilia for overnight.

† **Day 9 - Sep. 26: Bologna / Reggio Emilia**

Today we will drive to Bologna to enjoy a tour of the city including visits to the Piazza Maggiore with the Basilica of San Petronio, the Shrine of St. Catherine



of Bologna, the Governor's Palace, the Communal Palace, the fountain of Neptune and King Enzo's Palace. Then visit the Basilica of Saint Dominic where the founder of the Dominican Order lies in rest and where we will celebrate Mass. After Mass visit the Sanctuary of the Madonna of San Luca which contains an icon of the Virgin Mary allegedly painted by Luke the Evangelist. Then return to Reggio Emilia for overnight.

† **Day 10 - Sep. 27: Florence**

Today we will take an excursion to Florence. Upon arrival in Florence our tour is an artful experience as we take in the Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, the Baptistery with its renowned bronze doors, the replica of the famous statue of David by Michelangelo outside the Palazzo Vecchio, Santa Maria Novella Church and Santa Croce Church where we will celebrate Mass. We will then visit the convent and church of San Marco which during the 15th century was home to two famous Dominicans, the painter Fra Angelico and the preacher Girolamo Savonarola. The convent now contains a museum containing the works of these painters which we will visit. Return to Reggio Emilia for overnight.

† **Day 11 - Sep. 28: Parma**

This morning we will have an early breakfast at our hotel and then depart the hotel early for a visit to a Parmigiano cheese factory in order to follow the phases of the "birth" of the most famous cheese in the world! From the boiling rooms, we will pass into the "salatoio" and finally to the spectacular warehouses where thousands of cheeses are maturing. At the end of the tour, we will be able to sample this "King of Cheeses". We will then proceed to Parma for a walking tour of the city including its 11th-century cathedral and baptistry. Then after some free time for

lunch we will visit a local prosciutto factory to see the transformation of the fresh pig haunch into the famous Parma ham and taste it. Return to Reggio Emilia. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

† **Day 12 - Sep. 29: Bologna / U.S.A.**

Transfer to the airport this morning to catch our return flight home.



Pilgrimage Price:

\$3,475.00

per person/double occupancy

For a single occupancy please add \$621.00

For land only, please subtract: \$490.00

These rates include:

- * Arrangements for daily Mass
- * Roundtrip economy class airfare from Chicago O'Hare on Delta Airlines/Air France
- * 10 nights accommodation in 4 star hotels
- * All municipal hotel taxes as currently levied, VAT tax (22%), parking fees, road tolls and other taxes as currently levied
- * Breakfast and dinner daily
- * Farewell dinner at a restaurant in Reggio Emilia on day 11
- * Cheese tasting and tour on day 11
- * Prosciutto tasting and tour on day 11
- * Professional tour manager from arrival until departure
- * Comprehensive sightseeing with professional local guides
- * All entrance fees as per itinerary
- * Land transportation by private deluxe motor coach
- * Arrival and departure transfers, group flights only
- * Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- * Whisper headsets from arrival until departure
- * Gratuities to tour manager, local guides, drivers, and hotel/restaurant staff

These rates do not include:

- * Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$373.88 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing)
- * Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature

Departures from other airports available upon request.

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Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 75 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 74 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 21 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any airline penalties or any charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$75.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$175.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 14 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking.

Travel Documents: A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U. S. citizens. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for Italy. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms with private facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

Air Transportation: Air travel is in economy class on Delta Airlines and Air France. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice. Note that any ticketing changes made within 90 days of your departure date will incur airline penalties.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

Not Included: Passport/visa fees, airline taxes/fuel surcharges \$373.88 per person(subject to change until time of ticketing), personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service

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