



Tekton Ministries

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

Pilgrimage to

ITALY

Santa Lucia Catholic Parish

October 15th - 27th, 2017

✧ PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY ✧



✧ Day 1 – October 15: 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 - October 16: Arrive Rome

After arrival in the “Eternal City” of Rome, we will be met by our local tour manager and transfer to our centrally located hotel, our home for the next three nights. Visit St. Mary Major Basilica where we will celebrate Mass. The balance of the day will be free to explore Rome on your own. (D)

✧ Day 3 - October 17: Rome

We'll begin our day in Rome with Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, followed by a tour including the Pieta and Adoration Chapel which St. John Paul II opened in



1981. Our guide will then take us through the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel with its awesome frescoes painted by Michelangelo focusing especially on Eucharistic art and artifacts. In the afternoon, our sightseeing includes St. John Lateran, the Holy Stairs, the Old Appian Way and the St. Sebastian Catacombs. (B/D)

✧ Day 4 - October 18: Rome

This morning we will experience a highlight of our pilgrimage, attendance at the Papal Audience at St. Peter's (subject to the Holy Father's schedule). Join thousands of pilgrims from throughout the world to listen to the Holy Father and receive his blessing. In the afternoon, we'll head to St. Peter in Chains featuring Michelangelo's “Moses” and St. Paul Outside the

- Walls which was originally built by Constantine in the fourth century over the site of St. Paul's tomb where Mass will be celebrated. (B/D)

✧ Day 5 – October 19: Rome / Naples

- This morning we will drive south to Monte Cassino, where we will stop to visit the famous Benedictine Abbey founded in 529 by St. Benedict. Next drive to Pompeii to visit the Pontifical Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary of Pompeii. After Mass, we will visit the nearby ruins of ancient Pompeii which were dug out from the ashes rained on it by Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Overnight in Naples (B/D)

✧ Day 6 - October 20: Naples / Amalfi Coast

- Today begins with a visit to the Duomo of San



- Gennaro which contains the relics of the patron saint of Naples. We will then embark upon a drive along the world-famous Amalfi Coast which traces one of the most beautiful stretches of shoreline in the world. Drive through the scenic towns of Positano, Amalfi, Scala and Ravello. Amalfi is the burial place of St. Andrew and during our visit there we will visit the cathedral dedicated to him and celebrate Mass there. Return to Naples with the remainder of the day free. This evening we will board our overnight ferry to Sicily. (B/D)

✧ Day 7 – October 21: Catania / Taormina

- This morning our overnight ferry from Naples will arrive in the Sicilian town of Catania. Upon arrival, we will be picked up by our local motor coach and

drive along the coast to Taormina, Sicily's best known resort. Here we will enjoy a complete tour including visits to the Duomo, the Palazzo Corvaia, and the town's famous Greek Amphitheater with its magnificent view of the sea and Mt. Etna. (B/D)

Day 8 – October 22: Taormina / Reggio Calabria / Taormina

Today we will take an excursion by ferry to the city of Reggio Calabria which is in the southernmost province of mainland Italy and is separated from the island of Sicily by the Strait of Messina. Enjoy a tour of the city including a visit to the Duomo where we will celebrate Mass and the Museo Nazionale where we will see the Riace Bronzes which are two famous Greek bronze statues which were found in the sea fifty miles away. Return to Taormina. (B/D)



Day 9 – October 23: Taormina / Melilli / Syracuse / Taormina

This morning travel south to Melilli to visit the Basilica of St. Sebastian where we will celebrate Mass. Then continue along the coast to Syracuse. A guided tour of this venerable city highlights the Archaeological Park, the Greek Theater (one of the most magnificently preserved in the world), Latomia del Paradiso and the Cave of Dionysius' Ear. Return to Taormina. (B/D)

Day 10 – October 24: Taormina / Piazza Armerina / Agrigento

This morning we depart to Agrigento. On the way to Agrigento we stop in Piazza Armerina to view the ruins of the Roman Villa of Casale. We continue to Agrigento, one of the most popular tourist resorts in Sicily, and an internationally celebrated archaeological, architectural and artistic center. We'll visit the famous Valley of the Temples, including the largest Doric temple in the world, the Temple of Jupiter. Dinner and overnight are in Agrigento. (B/D)

Day 11 – October 25: Agrigento / Cefalu / Palermo

After breakfast, we depart for Palermo via Cefalu, a resort town on the north coast of Sicily. Here we visit the splendid Norman Cathedral. Having completed their conquest of Sicily by about 1091, the Normans began to build churches, importing the Norman style and incorporating elements of the Byzantine and Islamic style, already present in Sicily. This cathedral was built under the patronage of King (Count) Roger II. It is sometimes defined as "Sicilian Romanesque." Continue our journey to Palermo, Sicily's main port. (B/D)

Day 12 – October 26: Palermo

Today visit the Palace of the Normans, its 12th century Palatine capital, the exquisite church of San Giovanni degli Eremiti, and the 12th century hillside Cathedral Monreale, lavishly decorated with more than 6,000 square yards of paintings on the walls depicting the Old and New Testaments. Proceed to Monte Pellegrino that overlooks Palermo's bay to visit Santa Rosalia's Sanctuary, the city's patron saint. We conclude our day at the Sanctuary of Santa Maria della Catena. Tonight, enjoy a festive farewell dinner in a charming Sicilian restaurant. (B/D)

Day 13 – October 27: Palermo / U.S.A.

This morning transfer to the airport for our return flight home. (B)

Pilgrimage Price:

\$3,495.00

per person/double occupancy

For a single occupancy please add \$723.00

For land only, please subtract: \$406.00

These rates include:

- * Arrangements for daily Mass
- * Roundtrip economy class airfare from Chicago O'Hare on Swiss Air
- * 10 nights accommodation in 4 star hotels
- * 1 night on an overnight ferry from Naples to Catania in private double occupancy cabins
- * All municipal hotel taxes as currently levied, VAT tax (22%), parking fees, road tolls and other taxes as currently levied
- * Breakfast and dinner daily
- * Dinner at a local restaurant in Naples on day 6
- * Farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Palermo on day 12
- * 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
- * Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- * Whisper headsets from arrival until departure

These rates do not include:

- * Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$383.90 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing)*
- * Gratuities to tour manager, local guides, drivers, and hotel/restaurant staff*
- * Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature

**added to your final invoice*

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 and 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 Swiss Airlines. 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, currently \$383.90 per person (subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities to tour manager, local guides, drivers, and hotel/restaurant staff, 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

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