



Tekton Ministries

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

Pilgrimage to

ITALY

March 8th - 19th, 2018

✧ PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY ✧



✧ Day 1 – March 8: 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 - March 9: Arrive Rome / Assisi

After our morning arrival in Rome we will drive north through the beautiful Umbrian countryside to Assisi, a town which welcomes us in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare into its peaceful interior. Visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, site of the Porziuncola, the tiny church in the woods where St. Francis began his ministry and where St. Clare began her religious life. We will celebrate Mass and then enjoy free time in Assisi before dinner.



✧ Day 3 - March 10: Assisi

This morning we will enjoy a tour of Assisi including visits to the Convent of San Damiano where the miracle of the Eucharist of 1211 took place, the Basilica of St. Francis where Mass will be celebrated, and the Basilica of St. Clare. Then for those with the stamina, take a walk up Monte Subasio to L'Eremo delle Carceri (the Carceri Hermitage), the Saint's favorite retreat. There are many caves here that St. Francis and his followers retreated to for seclusion and prayer. Balance of the day free for prayer. Overnight in Assisi.

✧ Day 4 - March 11: Assisi / Orvieto / Rome

- This morning we depart Assisi and drive to Orvieto where we'll visit Signorelli Chapel in the Cathedral of Orvieto and venerate the sacred Eucharistic miracle. See the steps of the Papal summer residence where Pope Urban IV held up the blood-stained corporal and announced his intention to institute the Feast of Corpus Christi.
- After Mass, we will continue our drive through the beautiful Umbrian countryside to Rome our home for the next eight nights.

✧ Day 5 - March 12: Rome

- Today we will enjoy a full day tour of Rome including visits to the Spanish Steps, the Column



- of the Immaculate Conception, the Church of the 12 Apostles (Parrocchia Santi XII Apostoli), the Pantheon, the Church of St. Ignatius (Chiesa di Sant' Ignazio di Loyola) where we will celebrate Mass and the Church of Mary Magdalene (Chiesa di Santa Maria Maddalena).

✧ Day 6 - March 13: Rome

- Today we will enjoy a full day tour of Rome including visits to the Roman Forum, the Colosseum, St. Peter in Chains featuring Michelangelo's "Moses", San Clemente and the Gesu Church where we will celebrate Mass.

† **Day 7 - March 14: Rome**

This morning we will experience a highlight of our Roman stay, 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. The remainder of the afternoon is free.

† **Day 8 - March 15: Rome**

Today we will enjoy a full day tour of Rome including visits to St. Mary Major Basilica, St. John Lateran, the Holy Stairs, St. Paul Outside the Walls and the St. Sebastian Catacombs where we will celebrate Mass.



† **Day 9 - March 16: Rome**

This morning begins with Mass at St. Peter's Basilica followed by a tour including the Pietà and Adoration Chapel which St. John Paul II opened in 1981. Our guide then takes us through the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel with its awesome frescoes painted by Michelangelo. The remainder of the afternoon is free.

† **Day 10 - March 17: Rome**

This morning we will enjoy a tour of Rome including visits to Piazza Navona with Bernini's famous fountains, Sant'Agnese in Agone, the Chiesa Nuova where St. Philip Neri is buried and where we will celebrate Mass, the Campo dei Fiori, San Andrea del Valle, the Palazzo Farnese and the Palazzo della Cancelleria (outside visit). In the afternoon we will take an excursion to Tivoli to visit Villa d'Este which was built in 1560 by Cardinal Ippolito d'Este who narrowly failed to become pope. After visiting the villa, which is famous for its magnificent views, gardens and fountains we will return to Rome.

† **Day 11 - March 18: Rome**

This morning we will take an excursion outside of Rome to the ancient Roman port city of Ostia Antica which became an episcopal see as early as the 3rd century. Explore the well preserved ruins of the town with its shops, houses, apartment

• buildings, temples, and forum. The peaceful ruins contrast with the vivacity of the city that it used to be and that is still there for us to perceive. After lunch in Ostia Antica we will return to Rome with the remainder of the day free. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Trastevere.

• † **Day 12 - March 19: Rome / U.S.A.**

• Transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

Pilgrimage Price:

\$3,540.00

per person/double occupancy

For a single occupancy please add \$653.00

For land only, please subtract: \$790.00

These rates include:

- † Arrangements for daily Mass
- † Roundtrip economy airfare from Seattle on American Airlines
- † Airline fuel surcharges
- † 10 nights accommodation in 4 star hotels
- † All municipal hotel taxes as currently levied, VAT tax (22%), parking fees, road tolls, other taxes as currently levied
- † Breakfast and dinner daily
- † Dinner at a local restaurant in Rome on day 11
- † Professional tour manager from arrival until departure
- † Sightseeing in Rome with Fr. Michael Maher, SJ
- † Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides – 1 full day in Assisi, 1 half day in Tivoli, 1 half day in Ostia Antica
- † All entrance fees as per itinerary
- † Land transportation by private deluxe motor coach
- † Arrival and departure transfers, group flights only
- † Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels

These rates do not include:

- † Airline taxes (currently \$124.66 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 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 27 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 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 American 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 (currently \$124.66 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.

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