



TEKTON MINISTRIES

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



PILGRIMAGE TO THE
SHRINES OF **ITALY**

March 16th - 25th, 2018

PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

● Day 1 – March 16: 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 17: Arrive Rome / Assisi

Upon arrival in the “Eternal City” of Rome we will be met by our local driver and transfer by coach north to Assisi, a town that welcomes us in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare into its peaceful interior.

● Day 3 – March 18: Assisi

This morning we will proceed to the Basilica of St. Francis where the saint lies in rest where we will celebrate Mass at the Tomb of St. Francis. Then visit the Basilica of St. Clare, St. Stefano Basilica and the Convent of San Damiano. For those with the stamina, take a walk up Monte Subasio to Eremo delle Corderi, the Saint’s favorite retreat. Overnight in Assisi.

● Day 4 – March 19: Assisi

This morning we will celebrate Mass at 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 then return to our hotel for a private retreat day in Assisi.

● Day 5 – March 20: Assisi / Orvieto / Rome

This morning we will 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. The balance of the day is free to explore on your own.

● Day 6 – March 21: 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. After the Papal Audience, we will have a picnic lunch (self-arranged) at the park near Castel Sant’ Angelo. In the afternoon, we will visit the Holy Stairs and the Basilicas of St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major. After Mass, we will return to our hotel. This evening we will break up into smaller groups and enjoy dinner at local restaurants.

● Day 7 – March 22: Rome / Subiaco / Rome

Today we will take an excursion outside of Rome. Our first stop will be in hilly Subiaco to visit the early 5th century Sacro Speco (Sacred Grotto) of St. Benedict, his first monastery and the cradle of the Benedictine Order. One of the chapels contains what is believed to be the earliest fresco of St Francis of Assisi, painted from life. Then we will descend to the valley below to visit the Abbey of St. Scholastica, built by St. Benedict for his twin sister. Continue on to Tivoli to visit the Renaissance villa of Cardinal Ippolito d’Este, the son of Lucrezia Borgia, inaugurated in 1572. The villa is rich in fountains and offers a splendid natural landscape that made her famous throughout the world. We’ll stroll around the village before driving back to Rome for dinner.

● Day 8 – March 23: Rome

This morning we will visit the Pantheon, an ancient Roman structure rebuilt into a Church, where the famous painter



Sistine Chapel

Raphael is buried. Continue on to the Piazza Navona. After that we will see the Chiesa Nuova where St. Philip Neri is buried, the Chiesa del Gesù, headquarters of the Jesuit Order, and the Basilica of San Andrea del Fratte. We will then visit the Church of San Sebastian, the Old Appian Way and the Church of Quo Vadis. Later in the afternoon celebrate Mass in the San Callistus Catacombs. This evening we will break up into smaller groups and enjoy dinner at local restaurants.

● **Day 9 – March 24: 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 our Holy Father opened in 1981. We will then climb up to the Cupola of St. Peter's Basilica for a breathtaking view of Rome. Then enjoy a walking tour of nearby churches followed by lunch on our own. After lunch we will have a tour of the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican Museum, focusing especially on Eucharistic art and artifacts. This evening we will break up into smaller groups and enjoy dinner at local restaurants.

● **Day 10 – March 25: Rome / U.S.A.**

Following breakfast, we will transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

PILGRIMAGE PRICE: \$2,650.00

per person/double occupancy
For a single occupancy please add \$505.00
For land only, please subtract: \$723.00

These rates include:

- Arrangements for daily Mass
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Omaha on United Airlines/Lufthansa using two separate tickets
- 8 nights accommodation
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Breakfast daily
- 5 dinners per itinerary
- Professional tour manager with professional local guides
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Land transportation by deluxe motor coach
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Whisper headsets

These rates do not include:

- Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$105.00 & \$425.92 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing)*
- Gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff*
- Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature
- Transportation in the evenings in Rome when you have dinner on your own

**added to your final invoice*
Departures from other airports available upon request.

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Orvieto Cathedral



Basilica of St. Francis



Altar of St. Peter's Basilica



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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 31 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 United Airlines & Lufthansa. 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: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$105.00 and \$425.92 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff, passport/visa fees, 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

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