



**TEKTON MINISTRIES**

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



*St. John XXIII Catholic Center*

**SPRING BREAK PILGRIMAGE TO THE**

# **SHRINES** OF **ITALY**

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March 8<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

# PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

## ● Day 1 – March 8: Depart USA

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

## ● Day 2 – March 9: Arrival Rome / Assisi

After arrival in Rome we will board our motor coach and drive north to Assisi for overnight.

## ● Day 3 – March 10: Assisi

Morning hike up Mount Subasio to Eremo delle Carceri, the hillside retreat where St. Francis would go to pray where we will have an hour for personal prayer and exploring. We will bus back down the mount to the San Damiano Sanctuary and Friary where for centuries Franciscans have been preserving the location where God spoke to St. Francis and gave him the Stigmata. We'll go to the Plaza del Comune (city square) for lunch and explore the converted pagan temple Santa Maria Sopra Minerva. From there we will go to the Basilica of St. Francis to see the upper and lower churches, the tomb of St. Francis, and have Mass. Then visit the Cathedral of San Rufino and the Basilica of St. Clare to venerate her tomb and see the Gothic Crucifix that spoke to St. Francis, "Rebuild my Church".

## ● Day 4 – March 11: Assisi / Rome

This morning we leave Assisi for Orvieto, the site of a Eucharistic miracle and where we'll have Mass. Over 800 years ago a priest saying Mass was doubting the True Presence. Upon saying the words of consecration, he observed blood dripping from the host onto his hands and the corporeal. The miracle was verified by the Pope and the corporeal is still on display for veneration. After checking into our hotel in Rome the rest of the day is free for exploring.



Tomb of St. Francis

## ● Day 5 – March 12: Rome

This morning we'll bus to St. Paul Outside the Walls, the Catacombs, and be dropped off at the Holy Stairs before lunch on our own. In the afternoon, we'll make a short walking pilgrimage starting at St. John Lateran (the Pope's Cathedral), then to Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Mass (where the original OLPH icon is), and last to St. Mary Major, the 4th and final of the Major Basilicas. Then walk up to San Sabina (oldest church in Rome from 5th century), and to the Knights of Malta where we will see the keyhole view of Vatican.

## ● Day 6 – March 13: Rome

Free Day.



Basilica of St. Francis - Assisi



St. Peter's Square



Rome



Eremo delle Carceri

● **Day 7 – March 14: Rome**

Today will be an entire day at the Vatican and St. Peter's for the Wednesday Papal Audience, Vatican tour, St. Peter's Basilica, and the Vatican Museum.

● **Day 8 – March 15: Rome**

This morning we will go to the Trastevere neighborhood for Mass at Santa Maria in Trastevere and a chance to explore the narrow, cobbled streets. In the afternoon, we will go to Piazza del Popolo for lunch, a chance to see the twin basilicas, the Chigi Chapel, and Santa Maria della Concezione to see the Capuchin crypt created with the bones of thousands of deceased monks. The rest of the afternoon can be spent wandering the Villa Borghese, a large park that was once the estate of the Borghese family. Tonight we'll have a group dinner out to celebrate the conclusion of our pilgrimage.

● **Day 9 – March 16: Rome / USA**

Transfer to the airport for departure.

**PILGRIMAGE PRICE: \$2,695.00**

*per person/double occupancy*  
*For a single occupancy please add \$330.00*  
*For land only, please subtract: \$815.00*

**These rates include:**

- Arrangements for daily Mass
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Denver on British Airways
- 7 nights accommodation
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Dinner at local restaurant in Rome
- Professional tour manager from arrival until departure
- 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
- Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$467.00 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing)
- Gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff
- Whisper headsets

**These rates do not include:**

- Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature
- Balance of airline taxes/fuel surcharges over \$467.00\*

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

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Orvieto Cathedral



Assisi



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 British Airways. 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:** Balance of airline taxes/fuel surcharges (over \$467.00, subject to change until the time of ticketing), 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 payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default

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