



TEKTON MINISTRIES

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



PILGRIMAGE TO THE
SHRINES OF **ITALY**

October 8th - 18th, 2018

PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

● Day 1 – Oct. 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 – October 9: Arrive Rome / Assisi

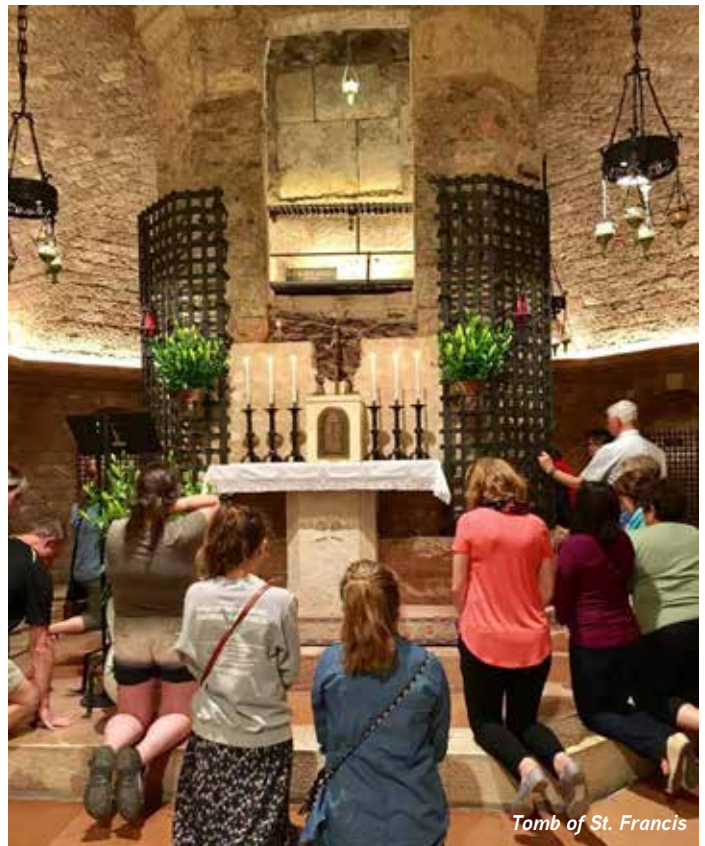
After our morning arrival in Rome we will drive north through the beautiful Umbrian countryside to Assisi, a town which welcomes us in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare into its peaceful interior. We will visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, site of the Porziuncola, the tiny church in the woods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

● Day 3 – October 10: Assisi

This morning we begin with 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. After lunch, visit a local Tuscan winery and enjoy a tasting. In the afternoon, 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. Enjoy dinner out on your own.

● Day 4 – October 11: Assisi / Siena / Assisi

This morning we will drive to Siena, home of St. Catherine. Our first stop this morning and a highlight of our visit will be the Basilica of St. Francis where we'll venerate the Eucharistic miracle of Siena. Hosts which have remained incorrupt since 1730. Then we'll celebrate Mass at St. Dominic's, St. Catherine of Siena's parish church where she attended daily Mass and



went into ecstasy. Adjacent to the church is her home, which we'll tour and see the cell where she fasted and prayed. Then we'll stroll the ancient Gothic streets which converge on the Piazza del Campo, one of the most beautiful squares in the world where we can stop for lunch. After some free time to explore the Old Town on your own, return to Assisi for dinner.

● Day 5 – October 12: Assisi / Orvieto / Rome

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 continue our drive to Rome where the balance of the day will be free.

● Day 6 – October 13: Rome

This morning we'll head to the Mamertine Prison where St. Paul was kept in chains, view the Forum (outside visit) and Coliseum (outside visit) and stop at the minor Basilica of San Martino ai Monti, which our diocesan cathedral was modeled after. We will celebrate Mass and then proceed to St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's magnificent Moses followed by a visit to St. Mary Major. Dinners for the next three nights will be on your own as you explore the culture of Rome!

● Day 7 – October 14: 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. Afterwards we will visit the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican Museum, focusing especially on Eucharistic art and artifacts. In the afternoon, we'll visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran and the Holy Stairs.

● **Day 8 – October 15: Rome**

This morning we will visit and celebrate Mass at St. Paul Outside the Walls which was originally built by Constantine in the fourth century over the site of St. Paul's tomb. After our Holy Hour, we will visit the Church of St. Cecilia and then visit the Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere, a minor basilica in the Trastevere district of Rome, and one of the oldest churches of Rome. After lunch, visit the Trevi Fountain where a coin thrown over your shoulder will guarantee you another visit to Rome; the Pantheon; Piazza Navona with the famous Bernini's fountains; and Santa Maria sopra Minerva, one of the major churches of the Dominican Order.

● **Day 9 – October 16: 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 10 – October 17: Rome**

Today 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 lunch, we will visit the Catacombs of San Callistus where we will celebrate Mass. The remainder of the day will be free for personal activities. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

● **Day 11 – October 18: Rome / U.S.A.**

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



PILGRIMAGE PRICE: \$3,495.00

per person/double occupancy
For a single occupancy please add \$717.00
For land only, please subtract: \$797.00

These rates include:

- Arrangements for daily Mass
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Nashville on Delta Airlines
- 9 nights accommodation
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Breakfast daily
- Dinner on days 2, 4, 5, and 9
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Rome
- 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 \$428.90 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing)*
- Dinners on days 3, 6, 7, and 8
- Gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff*
- Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature

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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 Delta 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: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$428.90 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.

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