



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



PILGRIMAGE TO THE
MARIAN SHRINES

September 9th-20th, 2019

PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

● Day 1 – Sep. 9: Depart U.S.A.

Your pilgrimage begins today as you depart on your flight to Portugal.

● Day 2 – Sep. 10: Arrive Lisbon / Santarem / Fatima

After a morning arrival in Lisbon, you will meet your knowledgeable local escort, who in addition to the priest accompanying the tour, will be with you throughout your stay. Drive north to Fatima, one of the world's most important Marian Shrines and an important center for pilgrimages. Time permitting, we will make a stop in Santarem for Mass at the Church of St. Stephen, famous for its venerated relic, "the Bleeding Host" en route from Lisbon to Fatima.

● Day 3 – Sep. 11: Fatima

As in most small villages in the early years of the century, the parish church was the center of life and faith in Fatima. It was here that the three children were baptized, and Lucy made her first confession at six years of age. The kindly priest who heard her confession told her to consecrate herself to the Blessed Virgin and she immediately did this in front of the statue of Our Lady of the Rosary. The following day she took Holy Communion for the first time. Jacinta also frequently came here to pray. Once on the feast of the Ascension, the Blessed Virgin appeared and asked them to pray the rosary every day and ask for world peace. After Mass at the Chapel of the Apparitions, visit the Basilica to see the site of Francisco and Jacinta's graves and the village where the three children lived. Continue to Valinhos where Our Lady appeared to the children following their release. This evening participate in the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacre, site of the first Apparition.

● Day 4 – Sep. 12: Fatima / Coimbra / Salamanca

This morning leave Portugal for Spain. En route we will visit Coimbra, where we will stop at the Convent of Santa Clara La Nova where Sister Lucia lived, the final visionary who passed



away in 2005. Continue across the Portuguese-Spanish border to Salamanca, one of Spain's foremost cultural centers, a great university city and a showcase of intricately sculpted Renaissance architecture in golden stone. Visit the Plaza Mayor, which is regarded as one of the most attractive squares in Spain, and the Cathedrals Vieja and Nueva.

● Day 5 – Sep. 13: Salamanca / Avila / Segovia

Today we will begin by journeying to Alba de Tormes to venerate the incorrupt arm and heart of St. Theresa where they are held at the Carmelite Convent there. From there it will be onto her hometown, Avila, and the Convent of St. Teresa that was built after her canonization in 1515, over the house where she was born. Our final place of prayer is the Monastery of the Incarnation, where St. Theresa spent much of her life, before continuing onto Segovia for our overnight.

● Day 6 – Sep. 14: Segovia / Zaragoza

Today we will spend time in Segovia devoting time to another great Carmelite, St. John of the Cross, who served as spiritual director to St. Theresa of Avila. We will have Mass at the tomb of St. John in the Convent named after him, also where he lived near the end of his life. We will also have time for prayer at the Gothic Cathedral and the Monastery of St. Joseph. Every corner of this old town sparkles with Romanesque churches and fine old houses. Then depart Segovia for Zaragoza for our final pilgrimage site of the day, the Shrine of Our Lady of Pilar, where the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. James in 40 AD.

● Day 7 – Sep. 15: Zaragoza / Lourdes

This morning we will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar. We will then depart Zaragoza and drive to Huesca where we will visit its Cathedral which was built in 1273 on the ruined foundations of a mosque and is now considered to be one of the architectural gems of northern Spain. Then cross the Spanish-French border and continue to Lourdes, one of the great pilgrimage shrines in the world. It was here where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette in 1858 proclaiming herself the "Immaculate Conception." This evening we will participate in the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the Candlelight Procession.

● Day 8 – Sep. 16: Lourdes

You have all day to experience the special atmosphere of this beautiful town. Attend Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, visit the Basilica of St. Pius X, see the house where Bernadette lived during the Apparitions, and visit several of the sites where miraculous cures have taken place. After dinner, join the candlelight procession.

● **Day 9 – Sep. 17: Lourdes / Montserrat**

This morning we will depart Lourdes for Montserrat where we will celebrate Mass at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Montserrat, the spiritual heart of Catalonia and home to a dramatically set Benedictine monastery. For 700 years this Marian shrine has attracted thousands of pilgrims from around the world. We will also visit the Black Madonna of Montserrat, one of Spain's most fervent devotions to the Blessed Mother. The remainder of the day will be free for exploring this spiritual site.

● **Day 10 – Sep. 18: Montserrat / Barcelona**

This morning after breakfast we will spend time in prayer in a Holy Hour before departing from the country retreat of Montserrat for Barcelona to have lunch and to visit Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia: a magnificent, unfinished Roman Catholic basilica of impressive proportions, one of the largest and most extravagant churches in the world, where we will celebrate Mass and then have the rest of the day free to explore this liturgical and architectural masterpiece.

● **Day 11 – Sep. 19: Barcelona**

Today we begin with Mass at Sacred Heart, a magnificent neo-Renaissance Church built on the outskirts of Barcelona on a hill. Down by the coast we will have time for prayer at Santa Maria del Mar and the Barcelona Cathedral before exploring the colorful markets of Las Ramblas. The rest of the day will be for free time before returning to our hotel and our final night in Spain and a celebratory farewell dinner.

● **Day 12 – Sep. 20: Barcelona / U.S.A.**

After a morning at leisure we will transfer to the airport to catch our afternoon return flight home.



PILGRIMAGE PRICE: \$4,285.00

per person/double occupancy
For a single occupancy please add \$773.00
For land only, please subtract \$1,333

These rates include:

- Arrangements for daily Mass
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Omaha on American Airlines
- 10 nights accommodation
- All hotel taxes and service charges as currently levied
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Professional tour manager from arrival until departure
- Comprehensive sightseeing with professional local guides
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Land transportation by deluxe motor coach
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Whisper headsets

These rates do not include:

- Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$102.53 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

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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 France, Spain, or Portugal. 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: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$102.53 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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