



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



PILGRIMAGE TO THE
SHRINES OF **ITALY**

July 15th - 26th, 2019

PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

● Day 1 – July 15: 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 – July 16: Arrive Venice

After arrival in the Venice, we will be met by our local tour manager and transfer to our local hotel in Venice-Mestre, our home for the next two nights. The city of Venice was built on 118 islands crisscrossed by 160 canals and linked by 400 footbridges. There are no roads, only canals; no traffic, only water taxis and gondolas.

● Day 3 – July 17: Venice

This morning we'll enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of Venice by foot, first visiting St. Mark's Square and then St. Mark's Basilica which was built to house the remains of St. Mark. After Mass at St. Mark's Basilica we will visit the famous Doges' Palace and the "Bridge of Sighs". The remainder of the afternoon will be free for personal activities.

● Day 4 – July 18: Venice / Padua / Florence

Depart Venice this morning and drive south to Padua visit the Basilica of St. Anthony where we will celebrate Mass, the Duomo and Baptistery, and the Capella degli Scrovegni with its beautiful frescoes painted by Giotto. Then continue south to Florence, the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance", for overnight.

● Day 5 – July 19: Florence

Our tour of Florence this morning is an artful experience as we take in the Ponte Vecchio, the majestic Duomo, or Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, presides with its famous cupola or dome by Brunelleschi, the Baptistery with its bronze Gates of Paradise and Giotto's bell tower from which you can admire an incredible view of the city. See the replica of the famous statue of David



The Duomo - Florence

by Michelangelo outside the Palazzo Vecchio, headquarters of the city government as well as museum. To the right of Palazzo Vecchio, you can admire the beautiful Loggia dei Lanzi where wonderful statues such as the Perseus by Benvenuto Cellini are on display. We will end with visits to the Santa Maria Novella Church and Santa Croce Church, where many great Florentines and Tuscans have their final resting place, including Michelangelo and Galileo. The remainder of the afternoon is free to discover this fascinating city on our own.

● Day 6 – July 20: Florence

Today will be a free day during which time you may wish to visit one of Florence's world famous museums or just walk the beautiful streets and do some shopping.

● Day 7 – July 21: Florence / Assisi / Rome

This morning we will depart Florence and drive south to Assisi, a town that welcomes us in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare into its peaceful interior. Upon arrival in Assisi 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. Then proceed to the Basilica of St. Francis where the saint lies in rest and the Basilica of St. Clare. We will then continue our drive south to the "Eternal City" of Rome and check-in at our hotel for overnight.

● Day 8 – July 22: Rome

This morning we'll head to the Forum (outside visit) and Coliseum and stop at St. Clement's, to see the second century dwelling of Pope St. Clement, the third successor of St. Peter, and the original fresco depicting St. Clement celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This fresco gives us a picture of Eucharistic worship at the end of the first century or beginning of the second. Proceed to St. Peter in Chains featuring Michelangelo's "Moses", St. Paul Outside the Walls which was



Basilica of St. Francis - Assisi

originally built by Constantine in the fourth century over the site of St. Paul's tomb where Mass will be celebrated, and St. Lawrence Outside the Walls which contains the tomb of St. Lawrence who was one of the first seven deacons of Rome martyred in 258. After lunch we will continue our exploration of Rome with a visit to the Renaissance section of the city. We will see the Basilica of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, Pantheon, Piazza Navona with Bernini's famous fountains and Campo de' Fiori which is one of the most colorful street markets in Rome.

● Day 9 – July 23: Rome

This morning we will drive to Tivoli to visit Villa d'Este which was built in 1560 by Cardinal Ippolito d'Este who narrowly failed to become pope. The villa is famous for its magnificent views, gardens and fountains. We will then proceed to the Apostolic Palace of Castel Gandolfo where we will visit the summer residence of the Pope and the Papal Farms. Return to Rome.

● Day 10 – July 24: 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. In the afternoon, we will visit the Church of Santa Maria del Popolo and the Church of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme which contains relics of the Crucifixion. We will conclude the day with a visit to the Church of Santa Sabina all'Aventino which is the headquarters of the Dominican order.

● Day 11 – July 25: Rome

This morning we'll celebrate Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, followed by a tour including the Pieta and Adoration Chapel which St. John Paul II opened in 1981. Our guide will then take us through the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel with its awesome frescoes painted by Michelangelo focusing especially on Eucharistic art and artifacts. In the afternoon we will visit the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain, where a coin thrown over your shoulder will guarantee you another visit to Rome. The remainder of the day will be free for shopping or sightseeing. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

● Day 12 – July 26: Rome / U.S.A.

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



PILGRIMAGE PRICE: \$4,365.00

per person/double occupancy

For a single occupancy please add \$630.00

For land only, please subtract: \$1,355.00

These rates include:

- Arrangements for daily Mass
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Chicago O'Hare on American Airlines
- 10 nights accommodation
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Rome on day 11
- 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 \$111.83 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

**added to your final invoice*

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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 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 \$111.83 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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