



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



PILGRIMAGE TO THE
SHRINES OF **ITALY**

ST. PADRE PIO | ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA | ST. MARIA GORETTI | ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

October 14th - 27th, 2019

PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

● Day 1 – Oct. 14: 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 – Oct. 15: Arrive Rome

After our morning arrival in Rome we will be met at the airport by our local tour manager. We will then enjoy a half day tour of Rome and visit the Santa Maria in Vallicella where we will celebrate Mass, Church of St. Augustine, St. Agnes Church, Trevi Fountain, and Piazza Navona. We will then proceed to our hotel for check-in. (D)

● Day 3 – Oct. 16: Rome

This morning we will celebrate an early morning Mass at a local church before proceeding to the Vatican where 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 Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel. We will then have time at leisure at St. Peter's for prayer before returning to our hotel. (B)

● Day 4 – Oct. 17: Rome

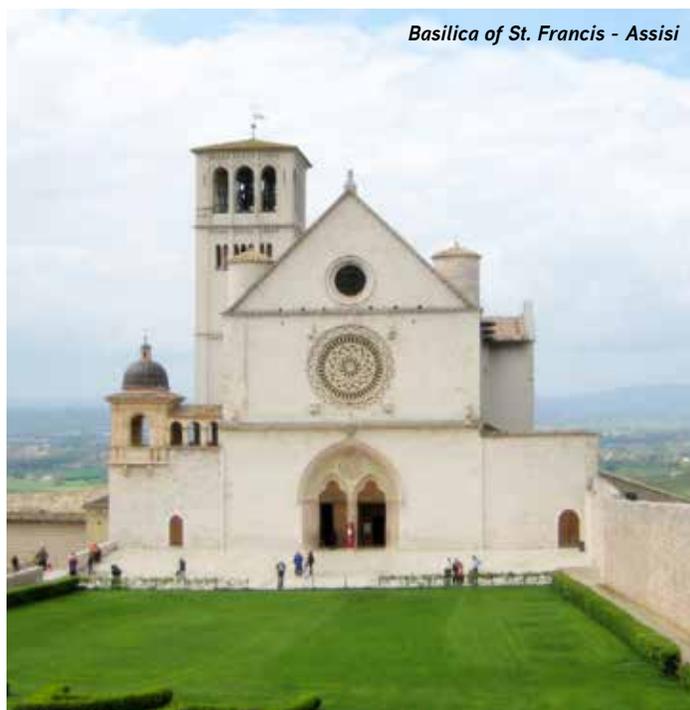
Today we will enjoy a full day tour of Rome including visits to Church of the Gesù, St. Mary above Minerva, the Pantheon, St. Louis of the French, and the Basilica of St. Mary Major where we will celebrate Mass. Last, we will have an inside visit of the Roman Coliseum before returning to our hotel. (B)

● Day 5 – Oct. 18: Rome

Today we will enjoy a full day tour of Rome including visits to the St. Sebastian Catacombs, Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran, the Holy Stairs, the Basilica of the Holy Cross and the Spanish Steps. (B)



Vatican Museum



Basilica of St. Francis - Assisi

● Day 6 – Oct. 19: Rome

This morning we will return to the Vatican and celebrate Mass at Saint Peter's Basilica. We will then enjoy a full day tour of Rome including visits to Santa Maria in Trastevere, St. Cecilia, St. Lawrence Outside the Walls and the Cemetery of Campo Verano. (B)

● Day 7 – Oct. 20: Rome / Nettuno / Rome

This morning we will drive to the town of Nettuno. Tour the Old Quarter and then celebrate Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Grace and St. Maria Goretti which contains the tomb of St. Maria Goretti. After lunch, we will return to Rome where the balance of the day is free. (B)

● Day 8 – Oct. 21: Rome / Cascia / Assisi

Depart Rome this morning and drive to Cascia to visit the shrine of St. Rita, see her incorrupt body, and celebrate Mass. We will then continue on to Assisi, a town that welcomes us in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare into its peaceful interior. This evening we will enjoy dinner at a local winery. (B/D)

● Day 9 – Oct. 22: Assisi / Siena / Assisi

This morning we will take an excursion north to Siena, home of St. Catherine. Our first stop this morning will be at the Basilica of St. Francis where we'll venerate the Eucharistic miracle of Siena. Then we'll visit 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. After visiting Siena we will return to Assisi for dinner and overnight. (B/D)

● **Day 10 – Oct. 23: Assisi**

This morning 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, the Basilica of St. Clare, the Convent of San Damiano, Chiesa Nuova and the Oratory of San Francesco Piccolino. For those with the stamina, take a walk up Mount Subasio to Hermitage of the Corceri, the Saint's favorite retreat. (B)

● **Day 11 – Oct. 24: Assisi / Loreto / Lanciano / San Giovanni Rotondo**

This morning we will depart Assisi and drive south to Loreto where we will see the Shrine of the Holy House which is said to be the same house in which the Virgin Mary was born and raised in Nazareth. This is where she received the visitation of the angel announcing that she was the mother of Jesus and according to tradition the home was transported by four angels from Nazareth to its present resting place in Loreto. We will then proceed to Lanciano, site of the 8th century Miracle of the Eucharist, where bread and wine became real flesh and blood - 1,200 years later, we will venerate this Body and Blood. After Mass in Lanciano we will proceed to San Giovanni Rotondo, the home of St. Padre Pio. (B/D)

● **Day 12 – Oct. 25: San Giovanni Rotondo**

This morning we will enjoy a tour of this quaint 11th century town where the famous Padre Pio spent most of his life. Visit the Capuchin Monastery where Padre Pio lived, the Church of Our Lady of Grace, and the Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church which was completed in 2004, and Padre Pio's tomb. Next drive up to Monte Sant' Angelo for a breathtaking view of the Gargano Peninsula and a visit to the Grotto of Michael the Archangel. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner back at our hotel. (B/D)

● **Day 13 – Oct. 26: San Giovanni Rotondo / Manoppello / Rome**

This morning we will depart San Giovanni Rotondo and drive to Manoppello where we will visit the Basilica of the Holy Face which contains an image on a thin veil which is known as the Holy Face of Manoppello and has been reputed to be the veil that covered Christ's face during His burial and resurrection. We will then return to Rome for overnight at a hotel close to the airport. (B/D)

● **Day 14 – Oct. 27: Rome / USA**

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



PILGRIMAGE PRICE: \$4,395.00

per person/double occupancy
For a single occupancy please add \$968.00
For land only, please subtract: \$1,130.00

These rates include:

- Arrangements for daily Mass
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Omaha on Delta Airlines
- 12 nights accommodation
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Meals as 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 \$476.28 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing)*
- Gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff*
- Lunches and other meals not specified in the itinerary, 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 33 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 \$476.28 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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