



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

WITNESS THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

You're invited

**ON A PILGRIMAGE TO THE
SAINTS AND SHRINES OF**

ITALY

March 13 - 21, 2020



A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages for more than 20 years. Working closely with your priest to create thoughtfully planned itineraries, we help make the Catholic faith more tangible to your daily life by taking you to the heart of our Mother Church today. Although we visit more than 50 sites in this holy and historic region, daily Mass and time for prayerful reflection are important parts of each day's experience.

We use only experienced Christian or Catholic guides, so you receive truthful explanations of scripture and the places we encounter. When the disciple Philip asked the Eunuch (who was reading Isaiah) if he understood what he was reading, the man responded, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:35) Just as Philip guided the Eunuch with "the good news of Jesus," your Tekton pilgrimage will guide you into a deeper understanding of the Scriptures. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

● Day 1 – Depart Denver

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

● Day 2 – Arrival, Rome / Assisi

After our afternoon arrival in Rome, Italy we will transfer by private motor coach to the Umbrian village of Assisi, known worldwide as the home of Saints Francis and Clare. We'll check into our hotel, our home for the next two nights, and have some time to explore this peaceful setting. (D)

● Day 3 – Assisi

We take an invigorating 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 walk to the Plaza del Comune (city square) for lunch on our own and then 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. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore other areas of this quaint village. (B/D, Mass)

● Day 4 – Assisi / Orvieto / Rome

This morning we will spend time at the Basilica of St. Clare to venerate her tomb and see the Gothic Crucifix that spoke to St. Francis, "Rebuild my Church". Afterwards, depart for Orvieto, site of an 800-year-old



Eucharistic Miracle. At that time, 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 corporal. The miracle was verified by the Pope and the corporal is still on display for veneration. We will visit the Signorelli Chapel in the Cathedral and venerate this 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, continue to Rome to check into our hotel, our home for the next five nights. The rest of the afternoon/evening will be free for personal exploration of the "Eternal City." (B/D, Mass)



● Day 5 – Rome – St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major

This morning we begin at St. Paul Outside the Walls, one of the four major basilicas of Rome, followed by a visit to the Catacombs. We'll proceed to the recently re-opened Holy Stairs to venerate this sacred space before lunch on our own. In the afternoon, we'll reconvene to begin a short walking pilgrimage starting at St. John Lateran - the Pope's Cathedral and another of the major basilicas, then to Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Mass and veneration of the original icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and finally to St. Mary Major, our third major basilica of the day. We will then journey just outside the inner city of Rome to San Sabina on Aventine Hill and to the Priory of the Knights of Malta where we will see the famed keyhole view of the Vatican. (B/D, Mass)





Papal Audience

• Day 6 – Rome – St. Peter’s Basilica, Papal Audience, Vatican Museums

This morning we will attend the weekly Papal audience given by His Holiness, Pope Francis (depending upon the Holy Father’s schedule). We’ll then visit the Vatican Museums, including the awe-inspiring frescoes of the Sistine Chapel. We will conclude our day with a visit of St. Peter’s Basilica including the Pieta and Adoration Chapel. (B/D, Mass)

• Day 7 – Rome – free day

Free Day... Go on your own! Have fun exploring for the day. (B/D, Mass)



Santa Maria in Trastevere

• Day 8 – Rome – Trastevere, Piazza del Popolo

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 of this section of the city. In the afternoon, we will go to Piazza del Popolo for lunch (on our own), and visit 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, or another section of Rome. Tonight, we’ll have a group dinner out to celebrate the conclusion of our pilgrimage. (B/D, Mass)

• Day 9 – Return to Denver

Transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home. (B)

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



Santa Maria della Concezione



ITALY PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare **\$2,695.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES (applied to final invoice)

Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges **\$492.00**

(subject to change until final ticketing)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST \$3,187.00

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$120.00**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$353
- Land-only option: \$2,117 (no flights included)

Final Payment Due

December 11, 2019

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Denver on British Airways
- 7 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Knowledgeable, friendly, Catholic/Christian guides; whisper headsets; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner daily (excluding drinks)
- Dinner at a local restaurant in Rome on day 8

Rates do not include: lunches, drinks with meals, gratuities

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 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 in base price: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$492.00 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.

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 in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records estab-

lishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

Trust Account Disclosure: California law requires certain sellers of travel to have a trust account or bond. George's International Tours has such a trust account.

Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"): George's International Tours is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if George's International Tours was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale and the passenger is located in California at the time of payment. Please be advised that passengers purchasing from outside of California are not covered by the TCRC. Eligible passengers may file a claim with TCRC if the passenger is owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which George's International Tours failed to forward to a proper provider or if such money was not refunded to you when required. The maximum amount, which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to George's International Tours, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating Seller of Travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale. You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 6001, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001; or by faxing a request to 415-927-7698.

Responsibility Clause: Tekton Ministries, George's International Tours and/or their co-operating selling agents and/or their suppliers of services offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public, and are not responsible therefore, either directly or indirectly, for any loss, accident, or injury which may result from any act, omission, negligence in or responsible for performing or providing these component services. The transportation companies concerned take no responsibility for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not aboard their conveyances. The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. Tour operator reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries. Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.



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