



**TEKTON MINISTRIES**

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

**WITNESS  
THE LIVES  
OF THE  
SAINTS**  
*ON A PILGRIMAGE*

**YOU'RE INVITED ON  
A PILGRIMAGE TO**

**ITALY**

**March 4 - 15, 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 U.S.A.

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

## • Day 2 – Arrive Rome – Overview of the City

After our noon arrival in Rome we will spend the rest of the day acquainting ourselves with the Eternal City and begin to discover the importance of this city to our Catholic Faith. We will gain an understanding of the basic street plan and pass by places we will be visiting in depth during this pilgrimage, including St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major. We will familiarize ourselves with the transportation system and settle into our hotel, which will be our home base for the duration of our pilgrimage. (B,D, Mass)

## • Day 3 – Classical Rome Part 1 Roman Forum, Colosseum, Pantheon

Today we will learn about the beginnings of Rome and how Rome put the Roman in Roman Catholicism! We will visit the heart of ancient Roman government and see the remains of the Forum, including the basilica of Sts. Cosmas and Damian built over the site of a pagan temple, then tour the Colosseum. This afternoon visit two important sites that began as pagan temples and are now consecrated to our Lord: the Pantheon and the Basilica of San Clemente. Here we will 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. (B,D, Mass)



The Pantheon

## • Day 4 – Classical Rome Part 2 Palazzo Massimo and Ostia Antica

Today we will continue our pilgrimage through Roman history as we tour the Palazzo Massimo, or Massimo Museum, one of the four buildings of the National Roman Museum. We will enter Santa Maria degli Angeli to see the remains of the baths of Diocletian. This afternoon we will visit St. Paul Outside the Walls, and then take an excursion outside of Rome to the ancient Roman port city of Ostia Antica which became an episcopal see as early as the 3rd century. Explore the well-preserved ruins of the town with its shops, houses, apartment buildings, temples, and forum. The peaceful ruins contrast with the vivacity of the city that it used to be and that is still there for us to perceive. After dinner at a local seaside restaurant, we will return to Rome. (B, Mass)



Papal Audience

## • Day 5 – Papal Blessing and Early Christian Rome

This morning, join thousands of pilgrims from throughout the world as we walk to St. Peter's Square to listen to the words of the Holy Father, pray the Angelus with him, and receive his Apostolic Blessing. Then we will travel to Aventine Hill, one of the seven hills upon which Rome was founded. We will visit the church of Saint Prisca, 1st century martyr, built over her family residence. The earliest Christian churches were houses, as the church was under persecution and in hiding. It is said that Saints Peter and Paul both visited the home church of St. Prisca and we will see the remains of the home. We will also visit the 3rd century Sant' Bonifacio e Sant' Alessio and the 5th century basilica of Santa Sabina. (B,D, Mass)

## • Day 6 – Medieval Rome – day trip to Assisi

Today we will take a tour of the peaceful Umbrian city 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. 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. Later, we will drive 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. Balance of the day free for personal prayer until our return to Rome. (B,D, Mass)

## • Day 7 – Renaissance Rome and the Vatican Museum

This morning begins with Mass at St. Peter's Basilica followed by a tour including the Pieta and Adoration Chapel. Our guide then takes us through the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel with its awe-inspiring frescoes painted by Michelangelo. The balance of the afternoon will be free for personal reflection and activities. (B, Mass)



St. John Lateran Basilica

● **Day 8 – Papal Audience and Jesuit archives**

This morning we will experience a highlight of our Roman stay, 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. This afternoon, we will visit the basilicas of Saint John Lateran and St. Mary Major, followed by a tour of the catacombs of San Callistus. (B,D, Mass)

● **Day 9 – Jesuit Rome**

This morning, we will enjoy an in-depth tour of the Church of the Gesu, the Mother Church of the Jesuits, founded by St. Ignatius himself. We will venerate the relics of the saints and take in the intricate frescoes and paintings in all of the side chapels. Lastly, we will visit the tomb of St. Ignatius. This afternoon, we will pilgrimage to other important Roman Jesuit sites, including the Chiesa di Sant’Ignazio di Loyola with its beautiful frescoes celebrating the life of St. Ignatius and the Society of Jesus. We will see the churches of Santa Maria Maddalena, Sant’Andrea al Quirinale, and the Chiesa Nuova (Santa Maria in Vallicella) where St. Philip Neri is buried. (B,D, Mass)



Trevi Fountain

● **Day 10 – Baroque Rome**

Today we will enjoy a tour through Baroque Rome including visits to Piazza Navona with Bernini’s famous fountains, Sant’Agnese in Agone, the Palazzo Farnese, Campo dei Fiori, San Andrea della Valle, San Carlo alle Quattro Fontane, Santa Maria della Vittoria, Piazza di Spagna, and the Trevi Fountain. (B,D, Mass)

● **Day 11 – Neoclassical Rome**

Our last day in Rome begins with visits to the Church of the 12 Apostles, the column of the Immaculate Conception, and the Piazza del Popolo with its neoclassical plan. The balance of the afternoon will be free for personal time and last-minute shopping opportunities. This evening, we will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Trastevere. (B,D, Mass)

● **Day 12 – Rome / U.S.A.**

Transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

*B=Breakfast D=Dinner*



Chiesa di Sant’Ignazio



# ITALY PILGRIMAGE DETAILS (LAND ONLY)

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
TektonMinistries.org

## BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy w/ airfare **\$2,895.00**

## ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES (applied to final invoice)

• Gratuities to tour manager, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$140.00**

**ESTIMATED TOTAL COST \$3,035.00**

## OPTIONS:

• For a single room: add \$404

Final Payment Due

December 4, 2019

## BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- 10 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Knowledgeable, friendly tour manager; whisper headsets; all entrance fees listed on itinerary
- Arrival and departure transportation
- Deluxe motor coach transportation on day trips
- Weekly ticket for public transportation
- Breakfast and dinner per itinerary (excluding drinks)
- Farewell dinner in Rome

*Rates do not include: airfare, local guides, lunches, drinks with meals*

**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 10 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 not included in this package.

**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:** Airfare, local guides, gratuities to tour manager, 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 establishing 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.

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