FOLLOW THE ANCIENT PILGRIM’S PATH ON THE WAY OF ST. JAMES

YOU’RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE ALONG THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO INCLUDING AVILA AND FATIMA

October 1-12, 2020
Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages all over the world 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 time to slow down and prayerfully walk the last 100kms of the Camino, we hope your faith will be reinvigorated and renewed by this pilgrimage. Although most of the days are filled with walking, daily Mass and visits to holy sites are an important part of each day’s experience.

We use only experienced Catholic or Christian 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 and Church history and tradition. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

- **Day 1 - Thursday, October 1**
  *Depart USA*
  Today you will depart on your overnight flight to Madrid, Spain.

- **Day 2 - Friday, October 2**
  *Arrive Madrid / Ávila*
  After our morning arrival in Madrid we will be met by our tour manager who will be with us on our entire pilgrimage. Start our journey to Ávila. Here St. Teresa of Jesus began the great reform of the Carmelite Order in 1561. We will see many religious buildings connected with Ávila’s revered heroine. She was born here in 1515 and is considered one of the Catholic Church’s greatest mystics. We will visit the saint’s relics in the Convent of St. Teresa built on the site of her birthplace. The afternoon will be free and then we will check in to our hotel. Overnight in Ávila. *(D, Mass)*

- **Day 3 - Saturday, October 3**
  *Ávila / Sarria*
  This morning, we will visit the Monastery of the Incarnation where Teresa became a Carmelite nun and where her cell can be seen. In a small house nearby lived St. John of the Cross who was the confessor to the nuns. In the Monastery is his famous three-inch drawing of Christ Crucified. We will visit the Monastery of St. Joseph, the first of seventeen monasteries which she founded for the new Discalced Carmelites. Continue west to Sarria, which is a popular pilgrims’ starting point for the Camino de Santiago. Stay overnight in Sarria. *(B, D, Mass)*

- **Day 4 - Sunday, October 4**
  *Sarria / Portomarin (14 mi)*
  Today we will begin our walk along the Camino de Santiago. Today’s walk is spread equally between quiet country roads and natural pathways, passing through many small hamlets that seem to blend seamlessly one into the next. Overnight in Portomarin. *(B, D, Mass)*

- **Day 5 - Monday, October 5**
  *Portomarin / Palas de Rei (16 mi)*
  A day of varied terrain as you start skirting Belesar reservoir and climbing up through woodland before a further gentle climb to Alto do Rosario (Rosary Heights). A short descent takes you to your accommodation in Palas de Rei. *(B, D, Mass)*
Day 8 - Thursday, October 8
Arzua / O Pedrouzo (12 mi)
Walk on natural pathways with good shade offered by trees. The Camino now becomes busier with pilgrims as we near the fabled city of Santiago. (B, D, Mass)

Day 9 - Friday, October 9
O Pedrouzo / Santiago de Compostela (12 mi)
The first part of your final stage into Santiago is through dense woodland. Enjoy the shade and peace - as you approach the city, asphalt roads take over. After leaving the town of Lavacolla, the Way approaches the Monte do Gozo (The Mount of Joy), a small hillock from which the pilgrim was able to see, for the first time, in the distance, the towers of the Cathedral of Santiago, hence the name of this spot. (B, D, Mass)

Day 10 - Saturday, October 10
Santiago / Fatima
This morning we will enjoy a complete tour of Santiago de Compostela. Visit the impressive Cathedral which is considered to be one of the finest pieces of architecture in Europe. After Mass, climb up the stairs behind the altar to visit the crypt, where a silver urn contains the relics of St. James. See the Portico de la Gloria (Gateway to Heaven), an unparalleled masterpiece. Walk to the top of the Cathedral for a panoramic view of this glorious city. We will also visit the museum in the cloister adjoining the Cathedral. In the afternoon we will depart Santiago de Compostela and drive south to Fatima, where the Blessed Virgin appeared to three shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, in 1917. (B, D, Mass)

Day 11 - Sunday, October 11
Fatima
Today we will celebrate Mass on the spot where Our Lady appeared at the Chapel of Apparitions. Visit the Basilica to see the site of Francisco and Jacinta’s graves and then on to the hamlet of Aljustrel where the three children lived during the Apparitions. Continue to Valinhos, the site where Our Lady appeared following the children’s release from prison. This evening participate in the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacre, site of the first Apparition. (B, D, Mass)

Day 12 - Monday, October 12
Fatima / Lisbon / U.S.A.
Transfer to the airport in Lisbon to catch our return flight home.
**SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA PILGRIMAGE DETAILS**

**BASE PRICE PER PERSON**
- Double occupancy with airfare: **$3,790.00**

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES** (applied to final invoice)
- Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff: **$155.00**

**ESTIMATED TOTAL COST**: **$3,945.00**

**OPTIONS**:
- For a single room: add **$363**
- Land-only option: **$2,901** (no flights included)

**Final Payment Due**: July 2020

**Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff**
- Estimated additional expenses

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