



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

October 8 - 16, 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 numerous 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 - Thursday, October 8**
Depart USA

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

- **Day 2 - Friday, October 9**
Arrive Rome / Orvieto / Assisi

After our morning arrival in Rome we will drive north to Orvieto where we'll visit the Signorelli Chapel in the Cathedral of Orvieto and venerate the 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 we will continue our drive through the beautiful Umbrian countryside to Assisi, a town which welcomes us in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare into its peaceful interior. Enjoy a bit of free time in Assisi before dinner. (D, Mass)

- **Day 3 - Saturday, October 10**
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 enjoy a tour of Assisi including visits to the Convent of San Damiano where the miracle of the Eucharist in 1211 took place, the Basilica of St. Francis where Mass will be celebrated, and the Basilica of St. Clare. Then for those with the stamina, take a walk 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. Overnight in Assisi. (B, D, Mass)



- **Day 4 - Sunday, October 11**
Assisi / Cascia / Greccio / Rome

This morning we will depart Assisi and drive to Cascia where we will visit the Shrine of St. Rita. We will then proceed to the medieval town of Greccio. Greccio itself, set on a beautiful mountaintop, is famous for its cool summer climate and its mineral springs. However, it is even more renowned for its connections with St. Francis of Assisi and as the birthplace of the Christmas crèche. On Christmas Night 1223, St. Francis led shepherds to the top of a nearby hill where they gathered together in a stable sheltering an ox and a donkey. According to legend, the Baby Jesus miraculously appeared in the manger. On this spot the Franciscan convent of Greccio was built, and the Chapel of the Crib was erected in 1228, the year St. Francis was canonized. Continue on to Rome, our home for the next 5 nights. (B, D, Mass)



- **Day 5 - Monday, October 12**
Rome

This morning we will visit the first of the major basilicas of Rome - St. Paul Outside the Walls, originally built by Constantine in the fourth century over the site of St. Paul's tomb. After our Holy Hour, we will visit the Church of St. Cecilia and celebrate Mass and then visit the Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere, a titular minor basilica, and one of the oldest churches of Rome. In the evening, you may visit the Trevi Fountain where a coin thrown over your shoulder will guarantee you another visit to Rome; the Pantheon; Piazza Navona with the famous Bernini's fountains. Enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants in Rome. (B, Mass)



● **Day 6 - Tuesday, October 13**

Rome

We'll begin today with Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, followed by a tour including the Pieta and Adoration Chapel. Those who want can climb up to the Cupola of St. Peter's Basilica for a breathtaking view of Rome. Afterwards we will tour the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican Museum, focusing especially on Eucharistic art and artifacts. After lunch we'll visit the Holy Stairs and the Basilica of St. John Lateran. Enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants in Rome. (B, Mass)



● **Day 7 - Wednesday, October 14**

Rome

This morning we will attend the weekly Papal audience given by His Holiness, Pope Francis (depending upon the Holy Father's schedule). Join thousands of pilgrims from throughout the world to listen to the Holy Father and receive his blessing (only possible if reinstated). This afternoon, we'll head to the Mamertine Prison where St. Paul was kept in chains. Proceed to St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's magnificent Moses followed by a visit to St. Mary Major where we will celebrate Mass. (B, D, Mass)



● **Day 8 - Thursday, October 15**

Rome

This morning we will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of San Lorenzo and have some time for adoration. We will then visit the Forum and Coliseum and walk by St. Clement's Basilica. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 9 - Friday, October 16**

Rome / U.S.A.

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

B=Breakfast D=Dinner

* Please note that all rates and services are subject to availability and confirmation. We cannot be responsible for any increase in these rates or changes in services or flight and land arrangements in the event that government regulations change due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



ITALY PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare **\$2,785.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES (applied to final invoice)

Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges **\$526.18**

(subject to change until final ticketing)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST **\$3,311.18**

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$115.00**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: **add \$397**
- Land-only option: **\$2,269** (no flights or gratuities included)

Final Payment Due

July 24, 2020

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Indianapolis on Delta Airlines
- 7 nights' accommodation, 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 as per itinerary (excluding drinks)

Rates do not include: 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 21 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

Cancellations from NEW registrations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply to any NEW registrations received after June 26, 2020 in addition to any airline penalties and charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$150.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$300.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$1000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 14 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.

Cancellations by those registered on the previously scheduled group: All cancellations must be in writing. Cancellation penalties will be based upon restrictions in effect at the time of initial postponement. Some refunds will be in the form of credit for future travel.

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 in Base Price: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$526.18 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 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.

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 cooperating 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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