



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 17 - 27, 2021



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 - Sunday, October 17**
Depart USA

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

- **Day 2 - Monday, October 18**
Arrive Florence

After our arrival in Florence, we will be met at the airport by our local tour manager, who will accompany us throughout the duration of our pilgrimage. We will spend the rest of the day acquainting ourselves with the beautiful city of Florence, our home for the next two nights. (D, Mass)

- **Day 3 - Tuesday, October 19**
Florence

We'll enjoy a full city tour of this magnificent Renaissance city today. Stroll the same streets Michelangelo, Leonardo Da Vinci, and Botticelli walked. Gaze at artwork so divine it is still moving hearts centuries after its creation. See the famous dome on Florence's cathedral, stare in awe at Michelangelo's statue of David, and walk along the Ponte Vecchio, the famous bridge designed by a Dominican friar. Visit the Baptistry chapel, with its bronze Gates of Paradise showcasing fabulous castings of the Old Testament. Continue onto Santa Maria Novella Church whose religious artwork is prized throughout the world. Enter the Santa Croce Church with its 16 chapels of superb frescoes by Giotto and see where Italy's most famous Italians are buried. The rest of the afternoon is free for your own discoveries until our farewell dinner later this evening. (B, D, Mass)



Basilica of Santa Maria Novella



Basilica of St. Dominic

- **Day 4 - Wednesday, October 20**
Florence / Siena / Assisi

This morning we depart Florence and journey to Siena, home of St. Catherine. Our first stop, and a highlight of our tour, will be the Basilica of St. Francis where we'll venerate the Eucharistic miracle of Siena: Hosts which have remained incorrupt since 1730. Then we'll celebrate Mass at 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 visit and see the cell where she fasted and prayed. Afterwards, we stroll the ancient Gothic streets which converge on the Piazza del Campo, one of the most beautiful squares in the world. Enjoy some free time in this mystical walled city before journeying to Assisi, a town that welcomes us in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare into its peaceful interior, and our home for the next three nights. (B, D, Mass)

- **Day 5 - Thursday, October 21**
Assisi

Our day begins with a visit to 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 was consecrated. Continue to the Convent of San Damiano where the miracle of the Eucharist of 1211 took place and visit the chapel where Jesus spoke to St. Francis from the crucifix, and the Basilica of St. Francis. Finally, proceed to the Basilica of St. Clare to venerate her incorrupt body and see the Gothic Crucifix that spoke to St. Francis, asking him to "Rebuild my Church." Return to our hotel for our second night in this peaceful medieval town. (B, D, Mass)



Basilica of St. Francis - Assisi

- **Day 6 - Friday, October 22**
Assisi

Today will be a day of prayer and reflection, as we head up Monte Subasio this morning 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. The remainder of the day will be free for personal activities in this retreat-like setting, before descending once again into Assisi. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 7 - Saturday, October 23**

Assisi / Orvieto / Rome

Today we depart Assisi and drive south, stopping in Orvieto to venerate the sacred Eucharistic miracle of Bolsena. In 1263, a priest in Bolsena doubted the Eucharistic Presence during Mass and the host turned to real flesh and the wine to real blood during the consecration. The priest brought the blood-stained Corporal to Pope Urban in nearby Orvieto, and it is now kept in a special reliquary for the faithful to view. It was also in Orvieto where Pope Urban IV called for a world-wide Feast of Corpus Christi. There will be time for both prayer and adoration in the magnificent cathedral, before proceeding to Rome, our home for the next four nights. (B, D, Mass)

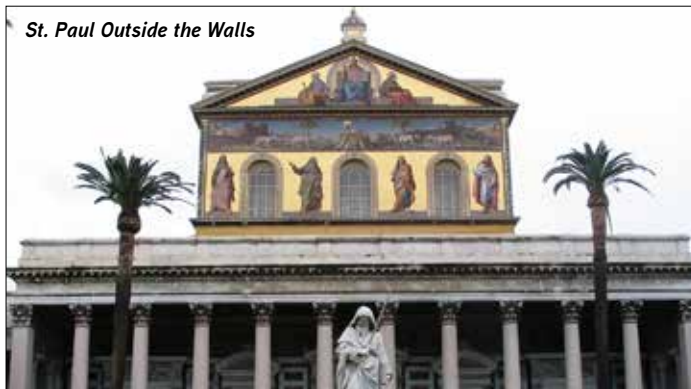
● **Day 8 - Sunday, October 24**

Rome

Today is the highlight of our pilgrimage experience – witnessing the canonization of Charles de Foucauld.* Gather with thousands of other pilgrims in St. Peter's Square for Mass and the canonization ceremony, both celebrated by Pope Francis. This afternoon, we'll visit the Mamertime Prison, where St. Paul was held captive. Walk by the Forum, an ancient Roman marketplace, and the Coliseum, as we head to St. Peter in Chains. In this Renaissance basilica, we see the actual chains that held St. Peter when he was imprisoned in Rome and view Michelangelo's magnificent statue of Moses. Afterwards, we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D, Mass)

*NOTE: if this is not the canonization of Bl Charles de Foucauld, we will attend the Papal Angelus and proceed with the rest of the day as scheduled.

inside the Sistine Chapel. In the afternoon we'll journey to see the Holy Stairs and the Basilica of St. John Lateran, and end our day with a visit to St. Mary Major. Here we venerate the crib of Christ, view the famous icon painting attributed to St. Luke, and see inestimable artwork that makes Rome renowned throughout the world. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D, Mass)



● **Day 9 - Monday, October 25**

Rome

This morning we travel to St. Paul's Outside the Walls, originally built by Constantine in the fourth century over the site of St. Paul's tomb. Afterwards, we'll proceed to the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain, then visit the Pantheon, an ancient Roman structure rebuilt into a Church, where the famous painter Raphael is buried. Continue on to the Piazza Navona and then you will be free for the remainder of the day for shopping or visiting another of Rome's famous churches or piazzas. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 10 - Tuesday, October 26**

Rome

We begin our day today with an early Mass in St. Peter's Basilica where we contemplate centuries of history of the Catholic Church. Here we see the life-like Pieta statue by Michelangelo, stunning paintings, and the importance of Eucharistic Adoration at the chapel renovated under the direction of St. John Paul II. We then tour the Vatican Museum that hosts artifacts from around the world, some of the greatest depictions of the Eucharist in art, papal apartments, hand-woven intricate tapestries, and the stunning hallway of maps from the 1500s. The most famous ceiling in the world awaits us

● **Day 11 - Wednesday, October 27**

Rome / USA

Today we say Ciao to Italia and return home, cherishing all of the wonderful memories and graces of this pilgrimage. (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 (LAND ONLY)

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy	\$2,940.00
Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff	\$140.00
TOTAL LAND ONLY COST	\$3,080.00

Estimated airfare from Chicago \$1,000 - 1,500.00

Note: We will look into purchasing group seats once we have the minimum number of registered pilgrims.

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$728

Final Payment Due

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BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- 9 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 per itinerary (excluding drinks)

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

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 \$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.

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: Airfare is not included in this pilgrimage pricing.

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, 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.

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