



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 21 - 31, 2022



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 - Monday, March 21

Depart USA

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

• Day 2 - Tuesday, March 22

Rome

After our morning arriving in the "Eternal City," we will be met at the airport by our tour manager, who will be accompanying us throughout the duration of our pilgrimage. We will have a leisurely afternoon with Mass and free time to relax or explore part of the city. Transfer to our hotel for check-in and dinner. (D, Mass)

• Day 3 - Wednesday, March 23

Rome - Papal Audience, Mamertine Prison, St. Clement's, St. Peter in Chains

On our first full day in Rome, we will attend the weekly Papal audience given by His Holiness, Pope Francis (depending upon the Holy Father's schedule). Then we'll head to the Mamertine Prison where St. Paul was kept in chains, view the Forum and Coliseum from the outside, and stop at St. Clement's to 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 or the beginning of the second. A stop at St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's magnificent Moses will round out our day. (B, D, Mass)

• Day 4 - Thursday, March 24

Rome - St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican Museum, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major

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 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. (B, D, Mass)

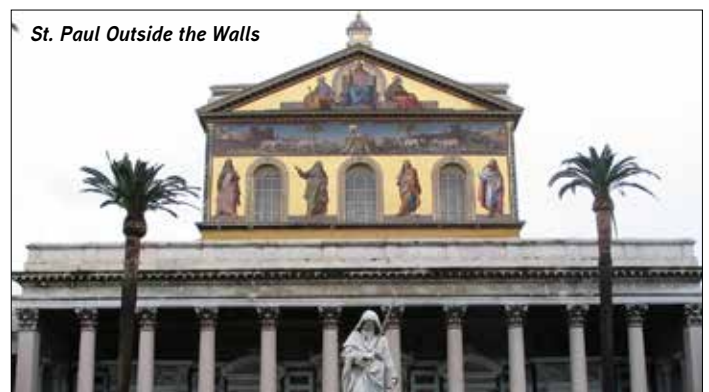


St. John Lateran

• Day 5 - Friday, March 25

Rome - St. Paul Outside the Walls, Pantheon, Piazza Navona

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)



St. Paul Outside the Walls

• Day 6 - Saturday, March 26

Rome / Orvieto / Assisi

Today we depart Rome and drive north, 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. Afterwards, we continue on 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 7 - Sunday, March 27

Assisi - Porziuncola, San Damiano, Basilicas of Francis and Clare

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

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 continuing to Florence, our home for the next two nights. (B, D, Mass)



Basilica of St. Dominic

Day 8 - Monday, March 28
Assisi - Monte Subasio and retreat day

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)



L'Eremo delle Carceri

Day 10 - Wednesday, March 30
Florence - Ponte Vecchio, Duomo, Santa Croce

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

Day 11 - Thursday, March 31
Florence / USA

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

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.

Day 9 - Tuesday, March 29
Assisi / Siena / Florence

This morning we depart Assisi 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



ITALY PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare **\$3,440.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES (applied to final invoice)

Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges **\$526.48**

(subject to change until final ticketing)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST \$3,966.48

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$140.00**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: **add \$595**
- Land-only option: **\$2,903** (no flights or gratuities included)

Final Payment Due **December 2021**

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Cincinnati Delta/Air France
- 9 nights' accommodation, including taxes and service charges
- Portage 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, airtaxes/fuel surcharges

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 90 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 89 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 16 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 11, 2021 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/Air France. 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 120 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 \$526.48 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.

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