



TEKTON MINISTRIES

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

YOU'RE INVITED
ON A PILGRIMAGE TO THE

MARIAN SHRINES *of* FRANCE, SPAIN, & PORTUGAL

October 4 - 15, 2021

*Journey into the
heart of Mary*



A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

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 visiting holy sites and shrines where Our Lady has appeared through the centuries, we hope your faith and relationship with the Blessed Mother will be reinvigorated and renewed by this pilgrimage. Although we visit numerous sites and shrines, 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 - Friday, October 4**

Depart USA

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

- **Day 2 - Saturday, October 5**

Arrive Pau / Lourdes

Upon arrival in Pau we will be welcomed by our local tour manager and transfer to our hotel in Lourdes, one of the most famous Marian Shrines in the world, where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858. It is also where the Blessed Mother introduced herself as the "Immaculate Conception." Join hundreds of other pilgrims this evening in the Blessed Sacrament and Candlelight Procession, which has been a devotional staple here since 1863. Return to our hotel for the first of three nights in this peaceful setting. (D)

- **Day 3 - Sunday, October 6**

Lourdes - Grotto of Massabielle, Basilica, St. Bernadette's home

Bask in the grace of Lourdes all day as we have Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, where Our Lady first appeared to St. Bernadette and had her dig for the spring that is now known across the world for its many miracles of healing. We visit the Basilica of St. Pius X, a massive underground concrete church. We also visit the humble home where St. Bernadette lived during the apparitions. Tonight, we join the candlelight procession in prayer and song once again. (B, D, Mass)



- **Day 4 - Monday, October 7**

Lourdes - Free Day

Enjoy a full day on your own in the peaceful setting of Lourdes. Visit a place we saw yesterday, explore somewhere new, or just sit in awe and wonder and contemplate the events that happened here and the miracles that still occur. Participate one last time in the evening pilgrim activities. (B, D, Mass)

- **Day 5 - Tuesday, October 8**

Lourdes / Loyola / Burgos

After breakfast, we depart Lourdes, crossing the border into Spain and arriving in Loyola, the birthplace of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. Here, we will see the 17th-century Basilica dedicated to St. Ignatius and his family home behind the sanctuary. Pray in the venerated room where Ignatius, at age 30, was brought following his serious wounding at the Battle of Pamplona and experienced his great conversion. This afternoon, we journey to Burgos, the historic capital of Old Castile, where we will check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D, Mass)

- **Day 6 - Wednesday, October 9**

Burgos / Oviedo

Today we will enjoy a morning tour of Burgos including visits to the 14th century city gate known as the Arco de Santa Maria and the Monasterio de las Huelgas founded in 1180 with renovations and additions from nearly every major European architectural style. Pray in the vast limestone cathedral dedicated to our Blessed Mother - Spain's only cathedral to have received the UNESCO World Heritage designation. Explore the Miraflores Charterhouse, the Carthusian monastery housing the tombs of Spanish kings and queens, along with other treasures of the church. Journey to the historic city of Oviedo this afternoon for check in and dinner at our hotel. (B, D, Mass)



- **Day 7 - Thursday, October 10**

Oviedo / Monte de Gozo / Santiago de Compostela

This morning attend public Sunday Mass at the Cathedral of Oviedo - San Salvador - an important spot in the history of the Camino de Santiago. It was from here that the King of Asturias, Alfonso the Chaste, set out to venerate the relics of St. James in Santiago, thus becoming the first recorded pilgrim to do so and establishing the "Camino Primitivo," or "Original Way." The Cathedral is home to the sudarium, or burial face cloth of Jesus, and numerous other Catholic treasures. This afternoon, set off for Santiago de Compostela, stopping at the top of the Monte de Gozo (Mount of Joy) where pilgrims would catch their first glimpse of the spires of the cathedral. Upon arrival at Monte de Gozo, there will be an option for those with the stamina to walk the last three or so miles along the Camino to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 8 - Friday, October 11**

Santiago de Compostela

Today 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. Climb down the stairs behind the altar to visit the crypt, where a silver urn contains the relics of St. James, then climb up the other set of stairs to the statue of St. James, worn in places by the hugs of millions of pilgrims given in gratitude for a successful Camino. 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. Enjoy a second evening in this charming Galician city. (B, D, Mass)



Bom Jesus do Monte

● **Day 9 - Saturday, October 12**

Santiago de Compostela / Braga / Coimbra / Fatima

Depart Santiago de Compostela and drive south to cross the border into Portugal. Continue on to Braga which contains over 300 churches and is the religious center of Portugal. Our pilgrimage here will include visits to Braga's Sé Cathedral which is the oldest in Portugal and the Bom Jesus do Monte which is an important pilgrimage shrine. This afternoon, proceed to the charming riverfront city of Coimbra to visit the Convent of Santa Teresa where Sister Lucia – the eldest of the visionaries of Fatima – resided until her death in 2005. Finish our day in Fatima, our home for the next 3 nights. (B, D, Mass)



Alcobaca Monastery

● **Day 10 - Sunday, October 13**

Fatima - anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun

A full day is ours in Fatima, where in 1917 three young shepherd children were graced with apparitions of the Virgin Mary. The message of Fatima has inspired generations of Catholics to pray the

rosary daily for peace and reparation. Visit the Chapel of Apparitions before praying at the graves of Sts. Francisco and Jacinta, and Servant of God Lucia. Explore the tiny village where the three children lived and continue to Valinhos where Our Lady appeared to the children after they were unjustly imprisoned. It is here she encouraged them and told them they must still come every 13th of the month to see her. On October 13, 1917, during the final apparition, thousands of pilgrims witnessed the Miracle of the Sun – where the sun seemed to dance in the sky. This evening, we participate in a beautiful Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacre or the candlelight rosary procession in the heart of the shrine. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 11 - Monday, October 14**

Fatima - Alcobaca, Santarem

Today we will take an excursion outside of Fatima. Our first stop will be at Alcobaca to visit the 12th century Monastery of Alcobaca, the largest church in Portugal and one of the most prestigious monasteries in medieval Europe. This afternoon, continue to the Church of St. Stephen in Santarem to see one of the greatest Eucharistic Miracles, "The Bleeding Host." In the 13th century, a woman stole the host to take to a fortune-teller, but as she was taking it out of church the host began to bleed profusely. Afraid, she put it in a trunk at her home only to be awakened in the middle of the night to a bright light coming from the trunk. Taking the host back to the priest, he put it in a wax pyx. Another miracle happened the next morning when they found that the wax had turned into its own crystal pyx, where it can be venerated to this day. After time for prayer here, return to Fatima, where we can participate once again in the evening prayer activities. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 12 - Tuesday, October 15**

Fatima / Lisbon / USA

Today marks the end of a marvelous experience as we transfer to the airport for the return trip home, filled with memories and graces of this pilgrimage that will last a lifetime.

B=Breakfast D=Dinner

These rates are based upon an assumption that the situation in the countries being visited will be free of the government-imposed social distancing restrictions which are currently in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We cannot be held responsible for any increase in these quoted rates in the event that government regulations are not relaxed, or further restrictions are put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic that may result in increased operational costs.



MARIAN SHRINES PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy w/ airfare **\$3,190.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES *(applied to final invoice)*

- **Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges** **\$547.89**
(subject to change until final ticketing)
- **Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff** **\$155.00**

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST **\$3,892.89**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add **\$578**
- Land-only option: **\$2,900** *(no flights or gratuities included)*

Final Payment Due

August 2021

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Seattle on Delta Airlines/Air France
- 10 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

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 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 France, Spain, or Portugal. 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 \$547.65 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.

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