



**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

June 19 - 30, 2023





# 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, June 19**  
**Depart USA**

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

- **Day 2 - Tuesday, June 20**  
**Arrive Rome**

Upon arrival in Rome, we will be met by our tour manager and begin our adventure in Rome, the "Eternal City." Travel to one of the four major basilicas of Rome - St. Paul Outside the Walls. Though it was destroyed by a fire in 1823, it was originally built by Constantine in the fourth century over the site of St. Paul's tomb and was rebuilt in the 19th century exactly as it was before the fire. After some time for prayer here, we visit the Tre Fontane, site of three fountains and three churches, where St. Paul was beheaded. Next, we proceed to the Catacombs of St. Callistus and venerate the martyrs and early saints of the Church. Afterwards, head to our hotel to check in before our dinner and overnight. (D)



- **Day 3 - Wednesday, June 21**  
**Rome: Scavi / St. Clement's / St. John Lateran**

*Pending confirmation, this morning we will split into smaller groups to tour the Scavi, venerating the burial place of St. Peter. We then cross the Tiber to venerate the site of our patroness's martyrdom. On the edge of the Piazza Navona stands the Baroque church of Sant'Agnese in Agone (St. Agnes in Agony), rebuilt in the 17th century on the site of an ancient church of the same name. Afterwards, we continue to St. Clement Basilica, which houses an original fresco depicting St. Clement celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, giving us a picture of Eucharistic worship at the end*

of the first century or the beginning of the second. Finally, we climb the Scala Santa (Holy Stairs), which our Lord climbed on His way to His condemnation, followed by the Basilica of St. John Lateran. (B, D, Mass)

- **Day 4 - Thursday, June 22**  
**Rome: St. Peter's Basilica / Vatican Museums / St. Peter in Chains / St. Mary Major**

We begin our day in Rome with morning Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, followed by a tour of St. Peter's 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. Walk through the Vatican Museums which house artifacts from around the world and Eucharistic art to prepare ourselves for the greatest masterpiece yet: The Sistine Chapel. Painted by Michelangelo, it is the most famous ceiling in the world under which popes are chosen to lead the faithful. Afterwards, we'll admire Michaelangelo's magnificent statue of Moses inside St. Peter in Chains. Finally, we proceed to St. Mary Major where we venerate the crib of Christ, view the famous icon attributed to St. Luke, and see inestimable artwork that makes Rome renowned throughout the world. (B)

- **Day 5 - Friday, June 23**



- **Rome: Church of the Gesu / Santa Maria Sopra Minerva / St. Agnes**

This morning, we will enjoy a tour of the Church of the Gesu, the Mother Church of the Jesuits, founded by St. Ignatius himself. We will venerate the relics of the saints and take in the intricate frescoes and paintings in all the side chapels, including the tomb of St. Ignatius. Afterwards we will pilgrimage to the Chiesa di Sant'Ignazio di Loyola with its beautiful frescoes celebrating the life of St. Ignatius and the Society of Jesus. We then travel to Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, once the headquarters of the Dominican Order, where we can marvel at the Gothic interior and the New-Gothic restoration. We then proceed to the Piazza Navona and visit the Baroque church of Sant'Agnese in Agone (St. Agnes in Agony), rebuilt in the 17th century on the site of an ancient church of the same name. (B, D)

- **Day 6 - Saturday, June 24**  
**Rome / Orvieto / Assisi**

Depart Rome, driving north to the walled town of Orvieto. In the 13th century, in nearby Bolsena, a priest 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 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. After venerating the sacred Eucharistic miracle, 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, and our home for the next two nights. Upon arrival 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. We will then proceed to our hotel for check-in and dinner. (B, D)

● **Day 7 - Sunday, June 25**

**Assisi: Convent of San Damiano / Basilicas of Sts. Francis and Clare**

Today we will witness where the power of the Eucharist turned away an army. The invading Saracen army was about to attack the Convent of San Damiano where St. Clare lived with her nuns in 1241. Even though bed-ridden, St. Clare got up and held the Blessed Sacrament in the air and saw the advancing army flee in terror establishing "The Miracle of the Eucharist of Assisi." Also in the convent, we will visit the chapel where Jesus spoke to St. Francis from the crucifix, then visit the Basilica of St. Francis to venerate his burial place. Afterwards is the Basilica of St. Clare, which holds the famous San Damiano Crucifix that spoke to St. Francis, and where the golden locks of St. Clare's hair and St. Francis' poor patched tunic are kept. The remainder of the



St. John Lateran

day will be free for personal prayer and activities. (B, D)

● **Day 8 - Monday, June 26**

**Assisi: Day Trip to Siena**

Make a day trip from Assisi to Siena, where we visit St. Dominic's, St. Catherine of Siena's parish church where she attended daily Mass and went into ecstasy. The townspeople wanted St. Catherine to be buried in her home church, but they were only able to procure her head, which is preserved for veneration in a reliquary in St. Dominic's. Adjacent to the church is her birthplace and childhood home, which has been renovated throughout the centuries into a museum, including several chapels and a cloister. Visit the cell where she fasted and prayed, then experience a highlight of our day in the Basilica of St. Francis: venerating the Eucharistic miracle of Siena. Explore the majestic Gothic Cathedral of Siena, also known as the Duomo di Siena, built in the 13th and 14th centuries and dedicated to the Assumption of Mary before returning to Assisi. (B, D, Mass)



Orvieto Cathedral

● **Day 9 - Tuesday, June 27**

**Assisi / Castello / Loreto**

This morning we will depart Assisi and journey to Citta di Castello, home of St. Margaret of Castello. Venerate her final resting place in the imposing Gothic Church of San Domenico. After ample time for prayer, we continue to Loreto, to visit the Shrine of the Holy House, said to be the same house in which the Virgin Mary was born and raised in Nazareth. This is where she received the visitation of the angel announcing that she was the mother of Jesus and according to tradition the home was transported by four angels from Nazareth to its present resting place in Loreto. Check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

● **Day 10 - Wednesday, June 28**

**Loreto / San Giovanni Rotondo**

Journey south along the Adriatic coast to San Giovanni Rotondo, where we will enjoy a tour of this quaint 11th century town where Padre Pio spent most of his life. Visit his tomb and tour the sanctuary of the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, where this mystical Saint said Mass. Visit the Capuchin Monastery where he lived to view his cell and the parlor where he greeted the faithful. Afterwards, proceed to our hotel for the night. (B, D)

● **Day 11 - Thursday, June 29**

**San Giovanni Rotondo / Monte Sant'Angelo / Manoppello / Rome**

Depart San Giovanni and drive up to Monte Sant' Angelo for a breathtaking view of the Gargano Peninsula and a visit to the Grotto of Michael the Archangel. Then drive to Manoppello where we will visit the Basilica of Volto Santo which contains an image on a thin veil which is known as the Holy Face of Manoppello and has been reputed to be the veil that covered Christ's face during His burial and resurrection. After a brief visit of Manoppello we will continue to Rome for our farewell dinner at a local restaurant and overnight. (B, D)

● **Day 12 - Friday, June 30**

**Rome / USA**

Today we say "Ciao" to Italia and transfer to the airport for our return flight home, cherishing all the wonderful memories and graces of this pilgrimage. (B)

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



# ITALY PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[TektonMinistries.org](http://TektonMinistries.org)

## BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare **\$4,140.00**

## ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES (applied to final invoice)

Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges **\$428.48**

(subject to change until final ticketing)

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$155.00**

(estimated)

**ESTIMATED TOTAL COST \$4,723.48**

## OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$784
- Land-only option: \$3,121 (no flights or gratuities included)

Final Payment Due

March 2023

## BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Washington IAD on United Airlines
- 10 nights' accommodations, 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 as per itinerary (excluding drinks)
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Rome on day 11

**Base rates do not include:** lunches, drinks with meals, gratuities, COVID-19 testing (if required)

**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 26 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, \$1,000.00 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:** Air travel is in economy class on United 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 or cancellations 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 \$428.48 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 estab-

lishing 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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