



**TEKTON MINISTRIES**

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

PILGRIMAGE TO THE  
**MARIAN**  
**SHRINES** *of*

**FATIMA, LOURDES, AND MEDJUGORJE**

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May 24 - June 6, 2023

***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 - Wednesday, May 24**  
**Depart USA**

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our overnight flight to Europe. Meals and drinks served aloft.

- **Day 2 - Thursday, May 25**  
**Arrive Lisbon / Santarem / Fatima**

Upon arrival, we will be met by our guide and journey north 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, continue to Fatima, our home for the next three nights. (B, D, Mass)



- **Day 3 - Friday, May 26**  
**Fatima**

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. (B, D, Mass)



- **Day 4 - Saturday, May 27**  
**Fatima**

Today is free to continue our personal exploration and retreat time in Fatima. Spend time in the Adoration chapel in the new church, pray the stations of the Cross along the Via Sacra, or simply rest in the peace of Our Lady. This evening, participate for one final time in the Rosary procession around the sanctuary with hundreds of other pilgrims from around the world. (B, D, Mass)

- **Day 5 - Sunday, May 28**  
**Fatima / Lisbon / Lourdes**

Transfer to the airport in Lisbon where we depart for Toulouse, France. Upon arrival, transfer to Lourdes where we will check into our hotel and begin our stay in this peaceful town. Join hundreds of other pilgrims this evening in the Blessed Sacrament and Candlelight Procession, which has been a devotional staple here since 1863. (B, D, Mass)

- **Day 6 - Monday, May 29**  
**Lourdes**

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 7 - Tuesday, May 30**

**Lourdes**

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)



- Attending the Holy Mass in English every day at St. James church (usually at 10:00 am), with English speaking pilgrims from throughout the world.
- Participating in the international program of prayer each evening, which includes the Rosary, Sacrament of Reconciliation, international Mass for all pilgrims, prayers for healing, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Climbing Apparition Hill, site where Our Lady first appeared to the visionaries.
- Climbing Cross Mountain; praying the Stations of the Cross as we ascend to the summit.
- Visiting the Cenacolo Community, where young people with various addictions will share their testimonies about how they found freedom and a new life through prayer, work, and the Sacraments.
- Hearing talks by visionaries, priests and other locals, when possible.

● **Day 8 - Wednesday, May 31**

**Lourdes / Medjugorje**

Transfer to the airport in Toulouse for our flight to Split. Upon arrival in Split, we will travel to Medjugorje. Dinner will be waiting for us upon our arrival at our pansion.



● **Day 14 - Tuesday, June 6**

**Medjugorje / Split / USA**

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

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



● **Days 9-13 - (Thursday-Monday, June 1-5)**

**Medjugorje**

• On our first full day in Medjugorje, you will be provided with a comprehensive orientation about Medjugorje and the apparitions and will be given a brief tour of the area, so you are familiar with everything.

• We will have two meals each day at our pansion (breakfast every morning, and either lunch or dinner, depending on the events scheduled that day). There are many restaurants in Medjugorje for people who may wish to have a third meal each day.

• Many of the activities will be subject to availability and weather. You will always have the option of participating in group activities or spending time by yourself. These activities include:



# MARIAN SHRINES PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

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

## **BASE PRICE PER PERSON**

Double occupancy w/ airfare **\$4,995.00**

## **ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES** *(applied to final invoice)*

• Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$245.00**

**ESTIMATED TOTAL COST \$5,240.00**

## **OPTIONS:**

• For a single room: add **\$572**

**Final Payment Due**

**February 2023**

## **BASE RATE INCLUDES:**

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip international economy airfare from Omaha on United/Croatia Air
- One-way airfare from Lisbon to Toulouse and Toulouse to Split
- 12 nights' accommodation, including taxes and service charges
- Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Knowledgeable, friendly, Catholic/Christian guides; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary

*Base rates do not include: Covid 19 testing (if required), gratuities, Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels, taxis*

**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 12 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 Bosnia. 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/Croatia Air. 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 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:** 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 ac-

count or bond. George's International Tours has such a trust account.

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