



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

**FOLLOW THE
ANCIENT
PILGRIM'S
PATH ON
THE WAY OF
ST. JAMES**

YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE ALONG

**CAMINO DE
SANTIAGO**

INCLUDING AVILA AND FATIMA

September 18-29, 2023



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 taking time to slow down and prayerfully walk the last 100kms of the Camino, we hope your faith will be reinvigorated and renewed by this pilgrimage. Although most of the days are filled with walking, daily Mass and visits to holy sites are an important part of each day's experience.

We use only experienced Catholic or Christian 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 and Church history and tradition. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

- **Day 1 - Monday, September 18**
Depart USA

Today you will depart on your overnight flight to Madrid, Spain.

- **Day 2 - Tuesday, September 19**
Arrive Madrid / Avila

After our morning arrival in Madrid, we will be met by our tour manager who will be with us on our entire pilgrimage. Start our journey to Avila. Here St. Teresa of Jesus began the great reform of the Carmelite Order in 1561. We will see many religious buildings connected with Ávila's revered heroine. She was born here in 1515 and is considered one of the Catholic Church's greatest mystics. We will visit the saint's relics in the Convent of St. Teresa built on the site of her birthplace. The afternoon will be free and then we will check in to our hotel. Overnight in Avila. (D)

- **Day 3 - Wednesday, September 20**
Avila / Sarria

This morning, we will visit the Monastery of the Incarnation where Teresa became a Carmelite nun and where her cell can be seen. In a small house nearby lived St. John of the Cross who was the confessor to the nuns. In the Monastery is his famous three-inch drawing of Christ Crucified. We will visit the Monastery of St. Joseph, the first of seventeen monasteries which she founded for the new Discalced Carmelites. Continue west to Sarria, which is a popular pilgrims' starting point for the Camino de Santiago. Stay overnight in Sarria. (B, D) Mass

Avila



- **Day 4 - Thursday, September 21**
Sarria / Portomarin (14 mi)

Today we will begin our walk along the Camino de Santiago. Today's walk is spread equally between quiet country roads and natural pathways, passing through many small hamlets that seem to blend seamlessly one into the next. Overnight in Portomarin. (B, D) Mass

- **Day 5 - Friday, September 22**
Portomarin / Palas de Rei (16 mi)

A day of varied terrain as you start skirting Belesar reservoir and climbing up through woodland before a further gentle climb to Alto do Rosario (Rosary Heights). A short descent takes you to your accommodation in Palas de Rei. (B, D) Mass



- **Day 6 - Saturday, September 23**
Palas de Rei / Melide (12 mi)

Today you will cross four river valleys mostly on pathways through woodland. In Melide, a medieval township with close links with the Jacobean pilgrimage, the French Way temporarily becomes an urban route. Visit the town's medieval center and churches and try Melide's local delicacy: pulpo (octopus). Overnight in Melide. (B, D) Mass

- **Day 7 - Sunday, September 24**
Melide / Arzua (9 mi)

Today's walk takes you through meadows, oak and eucalyptus woodland through countless small hamlets, some of which bear names that echo their historical connections with the Pilgrim's way. This is the county of Arzua, a land with a strong dairy production and known for its delicious cheeses. (B, D) Mass

● **Day 8 - Sunday, September 25**

Arzua / O Pedrouzo (12 mi)

Walk on natural pathways with good shade offered by trees. The Camino now becomes busier with pilgrims as we near the fabled city of Santiago. (B, D) Mass



● **Day 9 - Monday, September 26**

O Pedrouzo / Santiago de Compostela (12 mi)

The first part of your final stage into Santiago is through dense woodland. Enjoy the shade and peace - as you approach the city, asphalt roads take over. After leaving the town of Lavacolla, the Way approaches the Monte do Gozo (The Mount of Joy), a small hillock from which the pilgrim was able to see, for the first time, in the distance, the towers of the Cathedral of Santiago, hence the name of this spot. (B, D) Mass



Cathedral of Santiago

● **Day 10 - Tuesday, September 27**

Santiago / Fatima

This morning 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. After Mass, climb up the stairs behind the altar to visit the crypt, where a silver urn contains the relics of St. James. 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. In the afternoon we will depart Santiago de Compostela and drive south to Fatima, where the Blessed Virgin appeared to three shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, in 1917. (B, D) Mass

Fatima



● **Day 11 - Wednesday, September 28**

Fatima

Today we will celebrate Mass on the spot where Our Lady appeared at the Chapel of Apparitions. Visit the Basilica to see the site of Francisco and Jacinta's graves and then on to the hamlet of Aljustrel where the three children lived during the Apparitions. Continue to Valinhos, the site where Our Lady appeared following the children's release from prison. This evening participate in the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacre, site of the first Apparition. (B, D) Mass

● **Day 12 - Thursday, September 29**

Fatima / Lisbon / U.S.A.

Transfer to the airport in Lisbon to catch our return flight home.



B=Breakfast D=Dinner

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare	\$3,560.00
Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges	\$545.28

(subject to change until final ticketing)

ESTIMATED COST **\$4,105.28**

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff	\$155.00
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(pre-collected with final invoice)

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$472
- Land-only option: \$3,215 *(no flights included)*

Final Payment Due

June 2023

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Chicago O'Hare on American 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 daily *(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 16 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 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 American 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 made within 90 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 \$545.28 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

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