



TEKTON MINISTRIES

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

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***YOU'RE INVITED YOU ON A PILGRIMAGE TO
THE EUCCHARISTIC SHRINES
AND SAINTS OF***

ITALY

January 1 - 10, 2024



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.

In the afternoon travel to St. Paul's Outside the Walls, originally built by Constantine in the fourth century over the site of St. Paul's tomb. We then descend into the lives of the martyrs as we visit the Catacombs. Here Christians celebrated the Mass in secret and buried the martyrs, including several popes. The remainder of the day will be free for personal activities. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Rome



St. John Lateran

● Day 1 - Monday, January 1 *Depart USA*

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

● Day 2 - Tuesday, January 2 *Arrive Rome*

Upon arrival in the "Eternal City", we will be met at the airport by our local tour manager who will be with us for the duration of our pilgrimage in Italy. For our first activity, we pray up the Scala Santa, or Holy Stairs, traditionally by climbing them on our knees because they are so sacred. Christ walked on these 28 marble stairs at the home of Pontius Pilate to be condemned to death. For those who cannot climb the stairs on their knees there are other stairs available for walking up that also lead to the chapel at the top. Our prayerful experience continues with a visit to St. John Lateran, followed by St. Mary Major, another of the four major basilicas of Rome. After venerating the relics of Our Lord's birth, we check-in at our hotel with the remainder of the day free for personal exploration or relaxation. (D) Overnight Rome



Basilica of St. Francis

● Day 3 - Wednesday, January 3 *Rome*

Join thousands of pilgrims from around the world to be with the Holy Father at his Papal Audience at St. Peter's Basilica. Always subject to the Holy Father's schedule, this unique event lets us listen to the Holy Father's words and receive his blessing in person.

● Day 4 - Thursday, January 4 *Rome*

Our day today is filled with wonder and awe as we steep ourselves in the beauty of St. Peter's Basilica that takes us to Michelangelo's Pieta statue made of marble that almost seems fluid. A quick stop to rub the foot of St. Peter's statue like thousands of pilgrims before us, takes us to pray at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel renovated by St. John Paul II. Afterwards, we walk through the Vatican Museums which house artifacts from the 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. Later this afternoon, we visit the Spanish Steps, a favorite people watching site in Rome and throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain with hopes to return to this glorious city. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Rome



Cathedral of Orvieto

- **Day 5 - Friday, January 5**

- Rome / Orvieto / Assisi**

Depart Rome this morning, stopping in 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. The Cathedral of Orvieto has striking similarities to the beautiful Duomo in Florence with its unique exterior. Inside is the Signorelli Chapel that holds some of the greatest artistic masterpieces in the world. There will be ample time for both prayer and adoration in these majestic surroundings. Afterwards, continue on to Assisi, a town that welcomes us in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare into its peaceful interior. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Assisi*

- **Day 6 - Saturday, January 6**

- Assisi**

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. Afterwards is the Basilica of St. Francis and the Basilica of St. Clare, where we can view her incorrupt body. Then for those with the stamina, take a walk up Monte Subasio 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. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Assisi*



- **Day 7 - Sunday, January 7**

- Assisi / Lanciano / San Giovanni Rotondo**

Depart Assisi this morning, heading towards the Adriatic coast. We'll visit the sanctuary of the 8th century Eucharistic miracle of Lanciano. There will be time for adoration as well as a tour of the museum detailing the history of the miracle. We then continue along the coast to San Giovanni Rotondo, the home of St Padre Pio. We will spend the rest of the afternoon becoming acquainted with this grace-filled village. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight San Giovanni Rotondo*

- **Day 8 - Monday, January 8**

- San Giovanni Rotondo**

Spend a full day in San Giovanni Rotondo, praying where St. Padre Pio prayed and learning about his saintly life. Visit his tomb and tour the sanctuary of the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, where this famous Saint said Mass. After visiting this mystical Saint's cell and the parlor where he greeted the faithful, we may have time for personal prayer before dinner. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight San Giovanni Rotondo*

- **Day 9 - Tuesday, January 9**

- San Giovanni Rotondo / Manoppello / Rome**

After breakfast, we drive a short distance to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, and visit the church built above the cave consecrated to the Lord by St. Michael himself. After time for prayer in this sacred site, begin our journey to Rome. We will stop for lunch in Manoppello and visit the church housing the Holy Veil of Manoppello, traditionally believed to be the sudarium of Christ, or the Veil of Veronica. Venerate this sacred icon and continue to Rome, checking into our hotel for dinner and our final night in Italy. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Rome*

- **Day 10 - Wednesday, January 10**

- Return to USA**

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

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



ITALY PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare	\$3,730.00
Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges	\$545.45

(subject to change until final ticketing)

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff	\$140.00
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(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	\$4415.45
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OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$702
- Land-only option: \$3,171 (no flights included)

Final Payment Due

October 2023

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Omaha to Rome on Delta Airlines/Air France
- 8 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

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 - 46 days prior to departure, \$300.00 will be charged. If canceled 45 - 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 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 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 \$545.45 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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