



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

WITNESS THE LIVES *OF THE* SAINTS

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

SPAIN & ITALY

September 16-26, 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.

- **Day 1 - Monday, September 16**
Depart USA

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

- **Day 2 - Tuesday, September 17**
Arrive Barcelona

Upon arrival in Barcelona, we will be welcomed by our local tour manager and enjoy an overview tour of this Mediterranean city. This afternoon we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (D) Overnight Barcelona

- **Day 3 - Wednesday, September 18**
Barcelona

We begin this morning at Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia: a magnificent, unfinished Roman Catholic Basilica of impressive proportions, one of the largest and most extravagant churches in the world. Continue to Sacred Heart, a magnificent neo-Renaissance Church built on the outskirts of Barcelona on a hill. Down by the coast we will have time for prayer at Santa Maria del Mar and the Barcelona Cathedral before exploring the colorful markets of Las Ramblas. The rest of the day will be for free time before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B/D, Mass) Overnight Barcelona



- **Day 4 - Thursday, September 19**
Barcelona (Montserrat)

This morning we will take an excursion to Montserrat where we will visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Montserrat, the spiritual heart of Catalonia and home to a dramatically set Benedictine monastery.

For 700 years this Marian shrine has attracted thousands of pilgrims from around the world. We will also visit the Black Madonna of Montserrat, one of Spain's most fervent devotions to the Blessed Mother. Return to Barcelona with the balance of the day free.

(B/D, Mass) Overnight Barcelona

- **Day 5 - Friday, September 20**
Barcelona / Venice

Depart Barcelona and fly to Venice. Upon arrival in Venice we will transfer to our hotel, our home for the next 2 nights.

(B/D, Mass) Overnight Venice

- **Day 6 - Saturday, September 21**
Venice

We journey to the spectacular epicenter of Venice – St. Mark's Square – around which Venetian life revolves. Called the "drawing room of Europe," by Napoleon, the square gets its name from St. Mark's Basilica, the stunning church where the body of St. Mark the Evangelist is buried. We have ample time to visit and pray in this intricately designed cathedral of 85,000 square feet, five domes, and beautiful golden mosaics. The famous Doges Palace awaits us next. Pure Venetian and built for the rulers of Venice, we wander its opulent halls before crossing the famous Bridge of Sighs. Dinner tonight will be on our own in one of the charming restaurants around the city.

(B, Mass) Overnight Venice

- **Day 7 - Sunday, September 22**
Venice / Rome

Depart Venice today on the high-speed train to Rome. Upon arrival, we will check in at our hotel and enjoy a walking tour of some of Rome's most famous cultural sites, including the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain, and the Spanish Steps. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B/D, Mass) Overnight Rome



- **Day 8 - Monday, September 23**
Rome

We begin our first full day in Rome with a tour through the peaceful Vatican Gardens. Then we enter the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica for Mass, followed by a tour of St. Peter's including the Pieta and Adoration Chapel. 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 has one of the most famous ceilings in the world under which popes are chosen to lead the faithful. One is always looking up at the masterwork of art that explains the theology of God. This is followed by free time to relax or explore other sections of the city.

(B/D, Mass) Overnight Rome

● **Day 9 - Tuesday, September 24**

Rome

Today we start in Santa Croce in Gerusalemme where we get a little piece of Jerusalem thanks to Constantine's mother, St. Helena, who brought back relics of the True Cross and the inscription part of the cross. At one time, soil from Jerusalem covered the Basilica's floor, so it truly was part of the Holy Land. After venerating these relics of Our Lord's crucifixion, 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. 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. Lastly, 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/D, Mass) Overnight Rome

celebrated the Mass in secret and buried the martyrs, including several popes. Afterwards, it's on to Rome's lovely Trastevere District with medieval cobblestone streets and religious shrines decorating doorways. The main square is dominated by the 12th century Basilica di Santa Maria, a church full of classical wonders from glittering mosaics to the relics of the Holy Sponge and St. Apollonia. Our day continues with a visit to the Basilica di Santa Cecilia built atop her former home. One of the earliest martyrs of Rome, St. Cecilia survived a near-decapitation for three days and was the first saint whose body was found to be incorrupt. Tonight we will celebrate our farewell dinner. *(B/D, Mass) Overnight Rome*



St. John Lateran



St. Mary Major

● **Day 11 - Thursday, September 26**

Rome / U.S.A.

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)*

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



St. Paul Outside the Walls

● **Day 10 - Wednesday, September 25**

Rome

This morning, we travel to the last 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. We then journey into the lives of the martyrs as we visit the Catacombs. Here Christians



ITALY PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare \$4,195.00
Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges \$525.00

(subject to change until final ticketing)

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff \$150.00
(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST \$4,870.00

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$726
- Land-only option: \$3,614 (no intercontinental flights or gratuities included)

Final Payment Due

June 2024

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Indianapolis on American Airlines
- One way airfare from Barcelona to Venice on Vueling
- 9 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
- Farewell dinner on day 10
- 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. Late payments may be subject to a late fee and/or possible removal from the pilgrimage. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 31 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 Spain or 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 American Airlines and Vueling. 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 \$525.00 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.

Responsibility Clause: Tekton Ministries, George's International Tours and/or their co-operating selling agents and/or their suppliers of services offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public, and are not responsible therefore, either directly or indirectly, for any loss, accident, or injury which may result from any act, omission, negligence in or responsible for performing or providing these component services. The transportation companies concerned take no responsibility for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not aboard their conveyances. The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. Tour operator reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries. Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.



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