



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE TO THE

MARIAN SHRINES *of* FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL

September 9 - 19, 2024

*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 - Monday, September 9**
Depart USA

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

- **Day 2 - Tuesday, September 10**
Arrive Lisbon / Santarem / Fatima

Upon arrival in Lisbon, we will be met by our tour manager who will remain with us for the duration of our pilgrimage. Journey north to the Church of the Holy Miracle 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 two nights. (D, Mass) *Overnight Fatima*

- **Day 3 - Wednesday, September 11**
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. This evening, we participate in a beautiful Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacre or the candlelight rosary procession in the heart of the shrine. (B, D, Mass) *Overnight Fatima*

- **Day 4 - Thursday, September 12**
Fatima / Coimbra / Salamanca

This morning leave Portugal for Spain. En route we will visit Coimbra, a famous university town. It is here where you will visit the Convent of Santa Teresa where Sister Lucia lived, the final visionary who passed away in 2005. Continue across the Portuguese-Spanish border to Salamanca, one of Spain's foremost cultural centers, a great university city and a showcase of intricately sculpted Renaissance architecture in golden stone. Visit the Plaza Mayor, which is regarded as one of the most attractive squares in Spain, and the Cathedrals Vieja and Nueva. (B, D, Mass) *Overnight Salamanca*



- **Day 5 - Friday, September 13**
Salamanca / Alba de Tormes / Avila / Madrid

After breakfast, depart Salamanca for Alba de Tormes to visit the Carmelite Convent which contains St. Teresa of Avila's incorrupt arm and heart. Continue to the walled city of Avila, the birthplace of St. Teresa. Then visit the Convent of St. Teresa which was built after her canonization over the house where she was born. Visit the Monastery of the Incarnation where St. Teresa spent many years of her life, then the Monastery of St. Joseph, her first foundation. Proceed to Madrid to check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D, Mass) *Overnight Madrid*

- **Day 6 - Saturday, September 14**
Madrid - day trip to Segovia

This morning, visit Segovia where we will pay our respects to another great Carmelite, St. John of the Cross, who served as spiritual director to St. Theresa of Avila. Celebrate Mass at his tomb in the Convent named after him, in which he had lived near the end of his life. We will discover the treasures of Segovia such

Fatima Shrine



as the great Gothic Cathedral, the Monastery of St. Joseph, the extraordinary Alcazar fortress, and the splendid Roman Aqueduct. Every corner of this old town sparkles with Romanesque churches and fine old houses. Return to Madrid. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Madrid*



A.D. This is the only known instance of the Virgin Mary appearing to someone while she was still alive—bilocating from Jerusalem—to encourage St. James in his preaching of the Gospel in Spain. We then cross the border into France on our way to Lourdes, known for its healing waters after the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858. It is also where the Blessed Mother announced she was the Immaculate Conception. Join hundreds of other pilgrims in the Blessed Sacrament Procession and Candlelight Procession that has endured since 1863. Lourdes will be our home for the next two nights. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Lourdes*



● **Day 7 - Sunday, September 15**
Madrid – day trip to Toledo

Today we enjoy another day trip from Madrid – this time to the former capital of Spain: Toledo. Known as the “City of Three Cultures,” Toledo’s history and architecture blend Catholicism, Judaism, and Islam throughout the city. Marvel at the Gothic Cathedral – seat of the bishop of all of Spain – and El Greco’s masterpiece The Burial of the Count of Orgaz in the Iglesia de Santo Tome. Our tour through the historic center – a World Heritage Site – includes the former Synagogue of Santa Maria la Blanca, the oldest-standing European synagogue (later a Catholic church, and now a historical monument), the Monastery of San Juan de los Reyes, and the former Mosque of Cristo de la Luz, the oldest monument in Toledo – built in 999. Before returning to Madrid, we view the Alcazar and learn about its importance for the defense of the city, along with the walls and gates. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Madrid*

● **Day 10 - Wednesday, September 18**
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 also visit the humble home where St. Bernadette lived during the apparitions. Tonight, we join the candlelight procession with thousands of other pilgrims in prayer and song. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Lourdes*



● **Day 11 - Thursday, September 19**
Lourdes / USA

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

● **Day 8 - Monday, September 16**
Madrid / Zaragoza

Today begins in the spiritual heart of Madrid. The Cathedral de Santa Maria la Real de la Almudena was only completed and consecrated in 1993, though construction began in the late 1800s. Across the way is the Royal Palace of Madrid, the largest in Western Europe. The current palace was constructed in the 18th century but was built on top of the remains of a medieval fortress. This afternoon, we depart for Zaragoza, the capital of Spain’s Aragon region, where we will check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Zaragoza*

● **Day 9 - Tuesday, September 17**
Zaragoza / Lourdes

This morning, we visit the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar. It was here the Blessed Mother appeared to St. James the Greater in 40



MARIAN SHRINES PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy w/base airfare **\$4,370.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES *(applied to final invoice)*

• **Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges** **\$639.20**
(subject to change until final ticketing)

• **Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff** **\$155.00**
(estimated)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST **\$5,164.20**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add **\$720**
- Land-only option: **\$3,345** *(no flights or gratuities included)*

Final Payment Due

June 2024

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Indianapolis on Delta Airlines/Air France
- 9 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. Late payments may be subject to a late fee and/or possible removal from the pilgrimage. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 22 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 - 14 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 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 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 \$639.20 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.

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