



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

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PRAY FOR US**

YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE TO

FRANCE

September 23 - October 4, 2024



A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages all over the world for more than 25 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 throughout France, and walking in the footsteps of numerous saints, we hope your faith will be reinvigorated and renewed by this pilgrimage. Daily Mass and time for prayerful reflection are the cornerstones 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.

great significance for Indiana and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis as the home of Holy Cross congregation (who founded Notre Dame) and the Sisters of Providence and their founding of St Mary of the Woods, as well as the home for St. Theodore Guerin before being sent to Indiana. We will pray at the Cathedral of St. Julien and have Mass at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence beneath a beautiful stained-glass window display. Continue to Tours for dinner and overnight.

(B, D) Overnight Tours



Rue de Bac

• Day 1 - Monday, September 23

Depart USA

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

• Day 2 - Tuesday, September 24

Paris / Lisieux

Upon arrival in Paris this morning we will be met at the airport by our guide. This morning we drive to Lisieux, the home of St. Therese the "Little Flower of Jesus" to visit the home where she lived as a child, the Carmelite Convent where she was a nun, the Basilica of St. Theresa for Mass, and Cathedral of St. Peter. *(D) Overnight Lisieux*



Basilica of St. Theresa

• Day 3 - Wednesday, September 25

Lisieux

This morning will be dedicated to exploring the sites associated with the heroic events of D-Day - June 6, 1944. After Mass in Lisieux we will drive along the Normandy coast to St. Laurent to visit the National Cemetery and Omaha Beach, one of the sites where the Allies came ashore on D-Day. Continue to Bayeux, the first town to be liberated by the Allies in 1944. Here we will visit the former seminary, now a museum housing the world-famous Bayeux tapestry depicting the epic story of William the Conqueror. Afterwards, we return to Lisieux for dinner and overnight. *(B, D) Overnight Lisieux*

• Day 4 - Thursday, September 26

Lisieux / Le Mans / Tours

This morning we depart Lisieux and head to Le Mans, which has

• Day 5 - Friday, September 27

Tours / Nevers

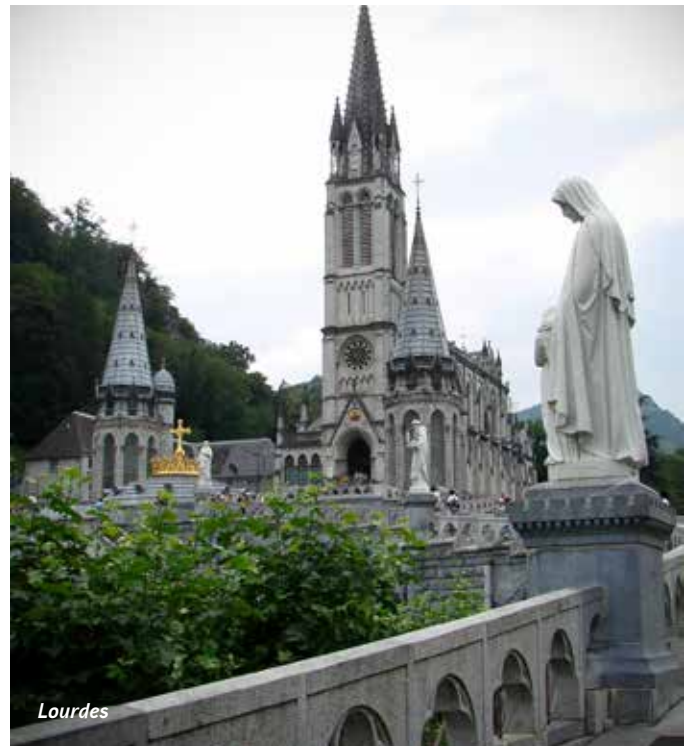
This morning we visit the Basilica of St. Martin before departing for Nevers. Spend the afternoon in Nevers where we will visit the Convent of St. Gildard to view the incorrupt body of St. Bernadette. Here the Saint spent her life in prayer and solitude following the apparitions of the Blessed Mother to her in Lourdes.

(B, D) Overnight Nevers

• Day 6 - Saturday, September 28

Nevers / Chartres / Paris

After breakfast we proceed to Chartres, home to what most believe to be the greatest Gothic cathedral in Europe. The stained-glass windows of this Cathedral are world-renowned. Over 150 windows



Lourdes

illustrate biblical stories and daily life in the 13th century. After plenty of prayerful time exploring the cathedral, we continue to Paris, our home for the next three nights. Enjoy a brief overview of the city before checking into our hotel for dinner and overnight. *(B, D) Overnight Paris*

• **Day 7 - Sunday, September 29**
Paris

Our first pilgrim stop today will be to the Shrine of Saint Vincent de Paul where the saint's body is on display in a reliquary. We will celebrate Mass here and consecrate the rest of our pilgrimage to his intercession. From there we go to the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal at Rue de Bac where Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830 and where she is buried and end our day at the imposing Saint-Sulpice. The remainder of the day free, including time for dinner on our own. *(B) Overnight Paris*



• **Day 8 - Monday, September 30**
Paris

Today we begin at Notre Dame Cathedral, in the spiritual heart of Paris. Just a few blocks away on the same little island in the Seine is Sainte-Chapelle, built in 1248 to house the Crown of Thorns, and is one of the world's most captivating array of stained-glass windows. After lunch, we will see Saint-Etienne du Mont which still contains a rarely seen medieval Rood Screen that marked the separation between the sanctuary and the nave much like an Eastern Orthodox Iconostasis. Across the street, we will tour the French Pantheon, modeled after the one in Rome. Originally a church in honor of St. Genevieve, this massive structure now serves as a mausoleum where honored Franks are buried including Voltaire, Rousseau, Victor Hugo, Marie Curie, and Alexander Dumas. Our final stop today is La Madeleine, a neo-classical church built in honor of Mary Magdalene. *(B, D) Overnight Paris*



• **Day 9 - Tuesday, October 1**
Paris / Lourdes

After breakfast, we will board the high-speed train to Lourdes, one of the great pilgrimage shrines in the world. On the train, we will

have some time for some group discussion and processing, enjoying the passing countryside, or catching up on sleep. It was in Lourdes, where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858 proclaiming herself the "Immaculate Conception". This peaceful village is also known for its healing waters. This evening, 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) Overnight Lourdes*

• **Day 10 - Wednesday, October 2**
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 again the candlelight procession with thousands of other pilgrims in prayer and song. *(B, D) Overnight Lourdes*

• **Day 11 - Thursday, October 3**
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. Enjoy a farewell dinner together before we participate one last time in the evening pilgrim activities. *(B, D) Overnight Lourdes*

• **Day 12 - Friday, October 4**
Lourdes / Pau / Paris / 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



FRANCE PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy w/base airfare **\$4,865.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES (applied to final invoice)

• **Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges** **\$556.30**
(subject to change until final ticketing)

• **Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff** **\$170.00**
(estimated)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST **\$5,591.30**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add **\$1,136**
- Land-only option: **\$3,841** (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
- 10 nights' accommodation, including taxes and service charges
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Land transportation by private deluxe motorcoach
- Knowledgeable, friendly, Catholic/Christian guides; whisper headsets; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner (excluding drinks)
- Farewell dinner on day 11

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 27 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. 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 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 \$556.30 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 estab-

lishing 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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