



**TEKTON MINISTRIES**

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE TO  
**IGNATIAN SITES &  
MARIAN SHRINES**

September 16 - 26, 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 16**  
**Depart USA**

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our overnight flight to Barcelona. Meals and drinks 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, including a visit to Gaudí's La Sagrada Família: the magnificent, unfinished basilica of impressive proportions. This evening we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (D, Mass) *Overnight Barcelona*

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

We journey today outside of Barcelona, to the Ignatian Spirituality Center and the cave of St. Ignatius in Manresa. It is here where St. Ignatius spent nearly a year in prayer and where the beginnings of his Spiritual Exercises were born. There will be time to visit both the cave where St. Ignatius stayed as well as the church built over the cave. After ample time for prayer, we will return to Barcelona. 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 / Lourdes**

This morning we will depart Barcelona for 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. Continue to Lourdes, our home for the next two nights. Join hundreds of other pilgrims this evening in the Blessed Sacrament and Candlelight Procession, which has been a devotional staple here since 1863. (B, D) *Overnight Lourdes*



- **Day 5 - Friday, September 20**

- **Lourdes: Grotto of Massabielle, Basilica, St. Bernadette's home**

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 visit the Basilica of St. Pius X, a massive underground concrete church. We also visit the humble home where St. Bernadette lived during the apparitions. Tonight, we join the candlelight procession in prayer and song once again. (B, D, Mass) *Overnight Lourdes*



Fatima Shrine





● **Day 6 - Saturday, September 21**  
**Lourdes / Loyola / Burgos**

After breakfast, we depart Lourdes, crossing the border into Spain and arriving in Loyola, the birthplace of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. Here, we will see the 17th-century Basilica dedicated to St. Ignatius and his family home behind the sanctuary. Pray in the venerated room where Ignatius, at age 30, was brought following his serious wounding at the Battle of Pamplona and experienced his great conversion. This afternoon, we journey to Burgos, the historic capital of Old Castile, where we will check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Burgos*

● **Day 7 - Sunday, September 22**  
**Burgos / Salamanca**

Today we will enjoy a morning tour of Burgos including visits to the 14th century city gate known as the Arco de Santa Maria and the Monasterio de las Huelgas founded in 1180 with renovations and additions from nearly every major European architectural style. Pray in the vast limestone cathedral dedicated to our Blessed Mother – Spain's only cathedral to have received the UNESCO World Heritage designation. Explore the Miraflores Charterhouse, the Carthusian monastery housing the tombs of Spanish kings and queens, along with other treasures of the church. Journey to Salamanca, home of some of Spain's most ornate architecture. Walk through the bustling Plaza Mayor with its sweeping arches and enjoy a taste of Spanish culture before praying in the Cathedrals Vieja (Old) and Nueva (New). Overnight tonight in this majestic city. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Salamanca*

● **Day 8 - Monday, September 23**  
**Salamanca / Coimbra / Fatima**

Depart Salamanca this morning for our last journey through the Spanish countryside. Cross the border into Portugal and make our way to the charming riverfront city of Coimbra, Spain. We will stop at the Convent of Santa Clara La Nova where Sister Lucia – one of the visionaries in Fatima – lived until her death in 2005. Later this afternoon, we arrive in Fatima, our home for the next 3 nights. Time permitting, participate in the evening Rosary procession. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Fatima*



Parish Church of Fatima and of the Little Shepherds

● **Day 9 - Tuesday, September 24**  
**Fatima - Chapel of Apparitions, graves of the visionaries, Valinhos, and Via Sacre**

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 10 - Wednesday, September 25**  
**Fatima - Santarem**

Today we will take an excursion outside of Fatima to the Church of St. Stephen 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, return to Fatima, where we can participate one final time in the evening prayer activities. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Fatima*



Church of St. Stephen

● **Day 11 - Thursday, September 26**  
**Fatima / Lisbon / 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=Breakfast D=Dinner*



# MARIAN SHRINES PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[TektonMinistries.org](http://TektonMinistries.org)

## **BASE PRICE PER PERSON**

Double occupancy w/ airfare **\$4,095.00**

## **ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES** *(applied to final invoice)*

• **Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges** **\$434.70**  
*(subject to change until final ticketing)*

• **Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff** **\$150.00**  
*(estimated)*

**ESTIMATED TOTAL COST** **\$4,679.70**

## **OPTIONS:**

- For a single room: add **\$834**
- Land-only option: **\$3,700** *(no flights or gratuities included)*

**Final Payment Due**

**June 2024**

## **BASE RATE INCLUDES:**

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Newark on United Airlines. (Add-on flights from other US departure cities available for an additional cost)
- 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
- 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 United 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 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 \$434.70 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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