



TEKTON MINISTRIES

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

**YOU'RE INVITED ON
A PILGRIMAGE TO**

SPAIN

June 5 - 15, 2026

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SACRED ENCOUNTERS

A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

How can people of faith shine a light upon a world foraging for answers in darkness? Through the centuries, the answer from the Catholic Church has often been to turn to Beauty. Our Church has raised and nourished some of the greatest artists, creative writers, and musicians the world has ever seen.

Such is the vision of Gothic, Grape and Gratitude Spain, 2026, offered by Tekton Ministries, a leader in developing Catholic pilgrimages all over the world for more than 25 years. This 'Encounter with the Divine' will not only touch hearts, but also expand knowledge and appreciation of how God communicates to us through sacred art and architecture, liturgy and music, food and wine, and the witness of the saints. This journey that winds through churches and shrines, museums and vineyards, grand cities and historic villages, will change the way people read the gospels and the way they pray, the way they appreciate the contributions of the Church and those who have given us the Prado and La Rambla, Montserrat and Sagrada Familia, Piella and Tempranillo, and the way they understand God and life.

• Day 4 - Monday, June 8 *Barcelona and The Soldier Saint*

Spain has and continues to be a fertile land not just for its food and wine, but also for the saints who have illuminated the life of the Church. Today we follow one such giant, Ignatius of Loyola, as we visit sacred sites key to his story. From soldier to mystic to founder of the Society of Jesus, the fortress-like monastery of Montserrat, where Ignatius gave up his sword after an all-night vigil, to a hidden cave at Manresa, where Ignatius had mystical visions, offer the pilgrim an insight how to God works with us, from our sins and egos to our talents and desires. Following Mass at Montserrat, pilgrims are invited to picnic or eat in one of the cafes located at the monastery. In the evening we will gather for a festive dinner in one of the many vibrant neighborhoods of Barcelona.



Mentrida Wine

• Day 5 - Tuesday, June 9 *Viaje a Valencia*

This morning we leave the bounty, bustle and beauty of Barcelona and head south along the picturesque Mediterranean coast. Our first stop will be the ancient wine region of Utiel-Requena. Dating some 2700 years, we will tour a local winery and savor a multi-course lunch with wine pairings. Next we head to the historical and cultural gem of Valencia. Known as the birthplace of paella, the city features a rich and varied blending of religious and cultural traditions that put their stamp on cuisine, architecture and self-understanding. After checking in, pilgrims are invited to visit many of the churches sprinkled throughout the central area, and later to gather at the hotel for some sip and share.

• Day 6 - Wednesday, June 10 *Valencia: Beauty and History*

This day is devoted to an immersion into the religious and cultural history of Valencia. Our focus will be two particular sacred sites: the Cathedral, home of the 'Holy Grail' relic, and next door, the baroque Basilica of Our Lady of the Forsaken. After our visits and Mass, we will explore the charming La Sue neighborhood, the oldest in the city and center of its social, religious, political, and military life. A special treat of paella and wine pairings will follow. Pilgrims then have the rest of the day to further encounter this beautiful and historic city. One option is to visit the futuristic City of Art and Sciences. In the evening we will gather at the hotel for conversation and sangria.

• Day 7 - Thursday, June 11 *Valencia: A Day of Encounter*

Today pilgrims have an opportunity to create special memories through a free day encountering the region through a special outing, such as taking a paella cooking course, exploring the coast by motor bike, golfing at a nearby resort, or deep sea fishing. More information about the various offerings will be made available prior to the trip. We will close our time in Valencia with a multi-course dinner at a local restaurant.

• Day 1 - Friday, June 5 *Depart USA*

Pilgrims depart from the USA to Barcelona, arriving the next morning.

• Day 2 - Saturday, June 6 *Arrive in Barcelona*

After settling in at the hotel, followed by a light lunch and orientation, our first sojourn will be to stretch our legs and open our eyes as we embark to the 14th century Spanish Gothic Cathedral of the Holy Cross and Saint Eulalia for Mass, followed by a walk through the historic La Rambla, where pilgrims can engage in a 'tapas walk' and sample the various fares of neighborhood eateries. Later in the evening all are invited at the hotel for dessert and a nightcap.

• Day 3 - Sunday, June 7 *Gaudi, Glory and Grape*

If there is any single person who transformed a city and gifted the Church with a stunning vision of the place of architecture to inspire and evangelize, it is Antonio Gaudi and his Sagrada Familia. Today we will experience his stunning masterpiece of stone and symbol, glass and grandeur, mystery and marvel, as we attend the international Mass and tour the basilica. Afterwards, we will fix our gaze on a different scale at the soaring Tibidabo Shrine, dedicated to the Sacred Heart, who opens wide Christ's arms of love in an expansive and embracing view of the city. Our main meal of the day will be a multi-course fare at a restaurant overlooking the wide expanse, like a landscape painting revealing endless beauty. In the evening we will gather for some 'sip and share,' where we can enjoy each other's stories about their encounters with beauty, culture, and tradition.



Sagrada Familia

• Day 8 - Friday, June 12

Toledo and Madrid

As we grow in appreciation for and understanding of the transforming power of beauty through encounters with sacred art and architecture, music and museums, culinary delights and fruits of the earth, and the stories and sites that touch our hearts, this morning we transition to the final part of our pilgrimage. As we transition from the coast to the interior highlands, our first stop is the cultural, historical and architectural showcase of Toledo, where we will gaze upon the high gothic grandeur of the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, followed by a tour, tasting and multi-course lunch at a nearby vineyard featuring the regional speciality Garnacha Tinta. Later in the afternoon the capital city of Madrid welcomes pilgrims to glimpse, sample and savor some of the best that the Church and culture offers. As with previous days, all are invited to gather at the hotel in the evening for some sip and sharing.

• Day 9 - Saturday, June 13

The Magic of Madrid

In Madrid, Saturday mornings are often associated with El Rastro, a bustling flea market, and the Unpacking Antiques Fair, offering a mix of vintage and antique items in Plaza del General Vara del Rey. Saturday afternoons might find people enjoying aperitivos (pre-lunch snacks) and later indulging in Madrid's vibrant night life. Our Saturday will be simpler and more focused. It begins with a walking tour of some great churches of central Madrid: Los Jeronimos, St. Anthony, and Ermita de San Antonio de Florida.' Each in its own way speaks to the prominent place of the Church in the ethos of Spain and its continuing impact in the daily lives of its people. Afterwards, we will indulge in a special lunch in the central area.



Madrid Paseo

• Day 10 - Saturday, June 14

Madrid: Immersed in Beauty and Bounty

On this special Sunday we continue our exploration of a Church woven into the fabric of a people: in architecture, art, music, food, and everyday life. Our encounter with splendor, magnificence and history begins at the Prado Museum, featuring some of the greatest treasures of sacred art. Pilgrims will then be free to explore the Paseo del Prado, known for its concentration of world-class museums and home to Retiro Park, the Botanical Garden, and various historical landmarks. In the evening we will gather for Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Mary the Royal of the Almudena. Formally consecrated in 1993, it may lack the grandeur of a gothic Cathedral or 'wow' of a Sagrada Familia, yet it is a fitting icon for our reflection on beauty and culture. Representing a harmonious blend of neoclassical style, contemporary art and simple finishes, the edifice offers a window into the heritage of faith that dates to the 2nd century, while its setting adjacent to the Royal Palace testifies to the complex role of the Church in forming a national identity from kings to commoners.' Dinner follows, where we will savor a multi-course fare of regional cuisine and be invited to share our experiences of the 'Wine and the Divine'

• Day 11 - Sunday, June 15

The Return: A look back and a journey forward

Today we say goodbye to 10 glorious days of our encounter with beauty as we return to our homes. What will we take back? Pictures and souvenirs, or snapshots and reflections of the master mason inspiring and guiding the skilled hands and creative genius of the artisans who have given us cathedrals and masterpieces, rioja and garnacha, Salchichón and tapas, rococo and reredos. We sat in the stalls of medieval monks, stood among the spiritual treasures of the Prado, and prayed in the newest and most celebrated Basilica and a 21st century icon of beauty and magnificence. We gazed in awe at gothic masterpieces, and savored heavenly foods and wines. We walked among the saints, traversed a land of vines and shrines, explored cities steeped in history and overflowing with grandeur, and we pondered how God gave us all this. We encountered a world bursting with beauty, and we asked what it means to live with gratitude? We depart gladdened, overflowing with appreciation and commitment to see with new lenses, act with greater purpose, and seek ways to bring beauty and goodness into our worlds.

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



"The Annunciation" by Fra Angelico



SPAIN PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

ESTIMATED LAND-ONLY PRICE PER PERSON

\$4,495.00

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$120.00**
(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)

ESTIMATED OPTIONS:

- For a single room: \$850

Final Payment Due

March 2026

Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms part of your final payment which is due 90 days prior to departure - after receiving the final invoice. All pilgrimage registrations must be made online through our website. Reservations made within 89 days of departure (or after the final invoices are sent) must be accompanied by payment in full. Any credit card payments other than the deposit 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. Pilgrimage prices are based upon a minimum number of 34 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for smaller group sizes.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be received in writing (email or letter). 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, \$300 will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days prior to departure, \$1000.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days prior to departure, \$2000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 30 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. 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 not provided.

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: Each person is required to purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

Not Included in base price: International airfare, 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

BASE RATE WILL INCLUDE:

- 9 nights' accommodation at 4 star hotels, including taxes and service charges
- Daily breakfast and main meal (including wine at the main meal)
- Winery tours, tastings and on-site meals per the itinerary
- Deluxe motor coach transportation to all venues outside of Barcelona and Madrid
- Masses at historical churches, including Sunday High Mass at Sagrada Familia and the Madrid Cathedral
- Entrance fees to museums, churches and other venues listed on itinerary
- Hosted evening events and reflection per the itinerary

Rates do not include: airfare, airport transport, taxi, tips, optional side

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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