



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE TO
THE SHRINES AND STEINS OF
**BELGIUM, GERMANY
& AUSTRIA**



June 8-19, 2026

Basilica of the Holy Blood, Bruges | own work, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages to the Holy Land 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 taking you where the seeds of Catholicism were first planted to be spread across the world. Although we visit more than 50 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, June 8

Depart USA

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

• Day 2 - Tuesday, June 9

Arrive Brussels

After our midday arrival in Brussels we will be met at the airport by our local pilgrimage manager, who will accompany us throughout our pilgrimage. We will then enjoy a half day visit of Brussels including the Grand Place, the central square of the city; the magnificent St. Michael's Cathedral; and the National Basilica of Koekelberg, one of the most impressive churches in Europe. We then proceed to our hotel to check-in to our home for the next 3 nights.

(D) Overnight Brussels

• Day 3 - Wednesday, June 10

Brussels

Today we will take an excursion to Ghent and St. Bavo's Cathedral. Home of the famous Altar Piece depicting the Adoration of the Mystic Lamb created in the 15th century. Then on to the scenic town of Bruges. Here we will visit the famous Church of Our Lady, featuring Michelangelo's masterpiece, Madonna and Child. We proceed to the Basilica of the Holy Blood which houses a revered vial containing cloth

stained with the actual blood of Christ. After Mass, we will visit the De Halve Maan Brewery and see the two-mile underground beer pipeline. Then, depart Bruges and return to Brussels for overnight.

(B, D) Overnight Brussels

• Day 4 - Thursday, June 11

Brussels

Following breakfast, we journey to the Shrine of Our Lady of Beauraing, the Virgin with the Golden Heart where, in 1932-1933, the Blessed Mother appeared to a group of 5 young children 33 times. After Mass at the shrine, we will proceed to Scourmont Abbey, another Trappist monastery, settled in 1850. Now famous for its Chimay beers and cheeses, the Abbey is integral to the village life on the Scourmont plateau. After visiting portions of the abbey and tasting some of its famous beer we will return to Brussels for overnight.

(B, D) Overnight Brussels

• Day 5 - Friday, June 12

Brussels / Banneux / Aachen / Cologne

This morning, we will depart Brussels and drive to Banneux where we will visit the Shrine of the Virgin of the Poor. It was here in 1933 where the Virgin appeared to 11-year-old Mariette Beco eight times. After celebrating Mass, we proceed to the Abbey of Val-Dieu, a Cistercian – not Trappist – Abbey founded in 1216 and famous for its beer, now the only Belgian abbey beer still 100% brewed in a living abbey. After enjoying some beer tasting we continue across the border into Germany and on to Aachen, where we visit the Cathedral and the Gothic Marian Shrine housing the swaddling clothes of Jesus, the loin cloth of the Lord, the cloth for John the Baptist's head, and the Blessed Virgin's Cloak. We will finish our day by journeying to Cologne and checking-in at our hotel, our home for the next two nights. (B, D) Overnight Cologne



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• Day 6 - Saturday, June 13

Cologne

This morning, we will enjoy a full day tour of the city of Cologne (Köln in German). We will begin our day with a visit to the magnificent Cathedral which holds the relics of the three Magi and the staff belonging to St. Peter. We will admire some of the Romanesque churches that survived World War II including the Church of St. Andreas containing the remains of the St. Albert the Great, teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas; and the Church of St. Ursula which houses the remains of St. Ursula and 11,000 martyrs, all killed in Cologne at the hands of the Huns in the 2nd century. Our day's sightseeing also includes visits to Cologne City Hall, the Old Town district, bustling Roncallplatz, and the historic Alter Markt square. While in the city,



High Altarpiece - St. Bavo's Cathedral
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we should be sure to try the local specialty – Kölsch Bier – brewed only in this region. (B, D) *Overnight Cologne*

- **Day 7 - Sunday, June 14**

- Cologne / Munich**

After breakfast this morning we will depart Cologne by train for Munich, the capital of Bavaria, located in southern Germany and known for its annual Oktoberfest celebration and beer halls. Upon arrival in Munich we will be transferred to our hotel, our home for the next three nights, for check-in with the remainder of the day free to explore this historic city. (B, D) *Overnight Munich*



Neuschwanstein Castle

- **Day 8 - Monday, June 15**

- Munich**

Today we will enjoy a full day tour of Munich including visits to the Burgersaal, the Michaelskirche, the Frauenkirche, the Marienplatz and its famous Rathaus-Glockenspiel clock, and Nymphenburg Palace - the summer home of the Bavarian monarchs. We will round out our day with a visit to the Spaten-Franziskaner-Brau (Brewery) where we will enjoy a tour of the brewery followed by a beer tasting. (B, D) *Overnight Munich*

- **Day 9 - Tuesday, June 16**

- Munich**

Today we will take a full day tour outside of Munich. We travel first to Neuschwanstein Castle to see the most famous of the fairytale castles built by King Ludwig II, and the inspiration for Cinderella's castle. Next, we will visit the Wieskirche (Church in the Meadow) also known as the Church of Scourged Redeemer, considered to be the most beautiful Rococo church in Europe. Return to Munich for dinner at the festive Hofbrauhaus. (B, D) *Overnight Munich*

- **Day 10 - Wednesday, June 17**

- Munich / Erding / Altötting / Salzburg**

Early this morning we depart Munich and visit Erding, site of the famous Eucharistic miracle from 1417, dedicated to the Most Precious Blood. Then on to Altötting, which is Germany's most significant pilgrimage site for the veneration of Mary. In the Miraculous Image Chapel, the first recorded miracle occurred in 1489 when a desperate mother laid the dead body of her drowned child before the statue of Our Lady and the child became alive. Ever since, this little village has been growing as a spiritual shrine for millions of pilgrims. After Mass in Altötting we will continue across the Austrian-German border and stop in Maria Plain, which has been a famous pilgrimage site since the 17th century. Continue a short distance to Salzburg for the first of our two overnights. (B, D) *Overnight Salzburg*

- **Day 11 - Thursday, June 18**

- Salzburg**

Stroll through the heart of old Salzburg and see Mozart's birthplace, the famous Horse Fountain, the Hohen Salzburg Fortress, the Monastery, and the modern Festival Hall. Visit the religious heritage of this town including the 17th century Cathedral, Nonnberg Convent which was founded by St. Rupert in the 8th Century and is the oldest nunnery in existence, and the Benedictine Abbey of St. Peter which was also founded by St. Rupert. Later this afternoon visit Hellbrunn Palace, a 17th Century castle known primarily for its trick fountains which spray unsuspecting walkers with water. Tonight, we will enjoy a farewell dinner together at a local restaurant. (B, D) *Overnight Salzburg*

- **Day 12 - Friday, June 19**

- Salzburg / USA**

Following breakfast, we transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home, cherishing all of the wonderful memories and graces of this pilgrimage. (B)

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



BELGIUM, GERMANY & AUSTRIA PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare	\$5,570.00
Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges	\$691.92

(subject to change until final ticketing)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST **\$6,261.92**

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$170.00**

(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add **\$1,149**
- Land-only option: **\$4,448** (no flights or gratuities included)

Final Payment Due

March 2026

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Omaha on Lufthansa/Brussels Air/United Airlines (options available from Grand Rapids, MI)
- 10 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Comprehensive guiding by a Christian guide; whisper headsets; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner per itinerary (excluding drinks)
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant on day 11

Base rate does not include lunches, gratuities, air taxes/fuel surcharges*, drinks with meals (* added to final invoice)*

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 32 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. U.S. citizens may also be required to apply for ETIAS (start date TBD) to enter Europe. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please check 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 Lufthansa/Brussels Air/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 \$691.92 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.

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