

#### 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.

### Day 1 - Tuesday, September 1 Depart USA

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

### Day 2 - Wednesday, September 2 Arrive Paris / Rouen / Lisieux

Upon arrival in Paris this morning we will be met at the airport by our pilgrimage director who will be with us throughout our journey. We then drive to Rouen, where our walking tour will explore its magnificent Gothic cathedral depicting scenes from the life of St. Joan of Arc and the Church of St. Joan of Arc, built near where she was burned to death. Proceed to Lisieux, the home of St. Therese the "Little Flower of Jesus," where we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (D) - Overnight Lisieux

### Day 3 - Thursday, September 3 Lisieux

This morning, we spend the day in Lisieux, visiting the home where St. Therese lived as a child, the Carmelite Convent where she was a nun, and the Basilica of St. Theresa. Venerate her saintly parents while praying at their burial site. This afternoon we will take an excursion to the beautiful seaside town of Honfleur. Visit the stunning church of St. Catherine. After some free time, return to Lisieux. (B, D) - Overnight Lisieux



# Day 4 - Friday, September 4 Lisieux / Normandy / Mont St. Michel

After Mass, depart Lisieux and drive along the Normandy coast to see the beaches where the Allies landed on D-Day. Proceed to St. Laurent to visit the National Cemetery and Omaha Beach, one of the sites where the Americans came ashore that day. Continue to the Pointe du Hoc with its impressive bomb craters. Later this afternoon, continue to Mont-St.-Michel, the principal shrine of the Archangel Michael and one of the medieval wonders of Europe. (B, D) - Overnight Mont-St.-Michel vicinity



### Day 5 - Saturday, September 5 Mont St. Michel

Enjoy a full day visit to the majestic Mont-St.-Michel. Our visit here will include the Grande Rue and the Benedictine Abbey which is perched atop the rock island. Celebrate Mass in the Romanesque Church of St. Michael. The balance of the day is free to explore on your own, including dinner out at your leisure.

(B) - Overnight Mont-St.-Michel vicinity



## Day 6 - Sunday, September 6 Mont St. Michel / Le Mans / Orleans

Today we journey to Le Mans the home of Holy Cross congregation and the Sisters of Providence, as well as the home for St. Theodore Guerin. 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. Later this afternoon drive to Orleans and check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D) - Overnight Orleans

### Day 7 - Monday, September 7 Orleans

This morning, we visit sites connected with St. Joan of Arc, who fought her most famous battle against the English here. Visit the Hotel Jacques Boucher which now houses a museum but was where St. Joan once lived. Pray in the Cathedral of Saint Croix of Orleans, where stained-glass windows depict her story, and view her statue in the town square. The remainder of the afternoon is free to enjoy the town center on your own. (B, D) - Overnight Orleans

## Day 8 - Tuesday, September 8 Orleans / Chartres / Paris

Following breakfast drive through the scenic Loire Valley 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 illustrate biblical stories and daily life in the 13th century. After some free time in Chartres, journey to Paris, where we will check into our hotel with the balance of the afternoon and evening free. (B, D) - Overnight Paris

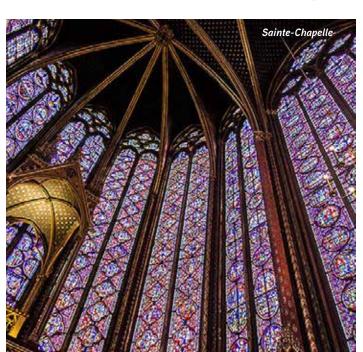


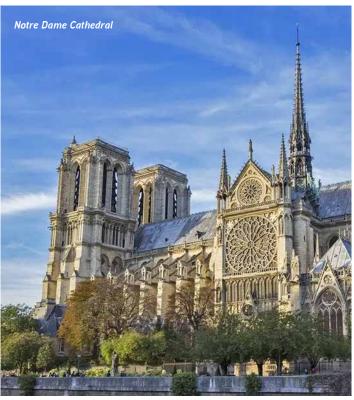
#### Day 9 - Wednesday, September 9 Paris

Today begins at Saint Etienne du Mont, housing the relic of St. Genevieve, the patron saint of Paris. This afternoon we cross to the lle de la Cité and visit Notre Dame Cathedral, that reopened at the end of 2024 after a devastating fire in 2019. Just a few blocks away on the same little island in the Seine we will visit Sainte-Chapelle, built in 1248 to house the Crown of Thorns and showcasing one of the world's most captivating array of stained-glass windows. Afterwards, enjoy some free time, including dinner on our own. (B) - Overnight Paris

#### Day 10 - Thursday, September 10 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. From there we go a short distance 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. This afternoon, we journey to the top of Montmartre and visit the Basilica du Sacre Coeur. Tonight, we celebrate our farewell dinner and nighttime cruise on the Seine River, passing under 25 bridges and marveling at the illuminated monuments of Paris. (B, D) - Overnight Paris

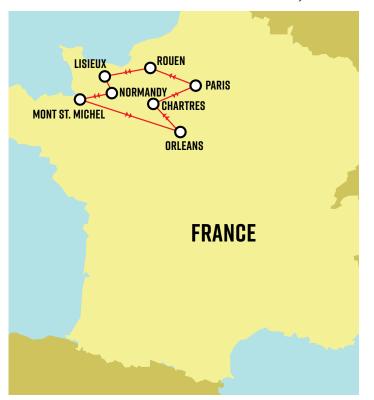




#### Day 11 - Friday, September 11 Depart Paris

Today marks the end of a marvelous experience as we transfer to the airport for our return trip home, filled with memories and graces of this pilgrimage that will last a lifetime. (B)

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



#### FRANCE PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

#### PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare \$4,525.00

Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges \$615.63

(subject to change until final ticketing)

**ESTIMATED COST** 

\$5,140.63

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

\$180.00

**OPTIONS:** 

For a single room: add \$1,132

• Land-only option: \$4,331 (no flights or gratuities included)

**Final Payment Due** 

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#### **BASE RATE INCLUDES:**

- · Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Chicago O'Hare on Air France
- 9 nights' accommodations, 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)
- Dinner cruise on the Seine on day 10

Rates do not include: airfare, lunches, drinks with meals

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 21 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 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 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 \$615.63 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

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