



TEKTON MINISTRIES

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

WITNESS THE LIVES *OF THE* SAINTS



YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE TO
THE SAINTS AND SHRINES OF

ITALY

March 19-29, 2027



A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages for more than 30 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 to the heart of our Mother Church today. Although we visit numerous 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 - Friday, March 19 *Depart USA*

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart on our overnight flight to Italy. Lenten friendly meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

• Day 2 - Saturday, March 20 *Arrive Turin*

Upon arrival, we are met by our pilgrimage manager who will be with us for the duration of the pilgrimage. This morning, we journey to the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales. This is where St. Dominic Savio attended Mass and where he consecrated himself to our Blessed Mother. Proceed to the Basilica di Maria Ausiliatrice (Mary, Help of Christians). This church houses the body of St. John Bosco (and was originally part of the home for boys he founded), St. Mary Mazzarello, St. Dominic Savio, and relics of over 6,000 other saints. Next door is the Casa Don Bosco, the home and museum telling the story of this saint's life. We continue to our hotel where we check in for dinner and overnight. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Turin



Birthplace of our patron, St. Dominic Savio

• Day 3 - Sunday, March 21 *Turin*

We begin this morning in the Duomo, the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, housing the reliquary containing the Shroud of Turin. After time for prayer here, we can visit other side chapels of the Cathedral, including the resting place of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati. This afternoon, we journey to Colle Don Bosco. This is where St. John Bosco was born and grew up before he moved into the city of Turin. Spend some time in prayer in the Basilica of Don Bosco before visiting Mondonio, where St. Dominic Savio died. Afterwards, we return to our hotel in Turin for dinner and overnight. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Turin

• Day 4 - Monday, March 22 *Turin*

Today we begin in the Basilica Corpus Domini, built to commemorate the Miracle of the Eucharist of 1453. Afterwards, we visit the students at the Oratory school, followed by free time in the neighborhood of Valdocco. We will return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Turin

• Day 5 - Tuesday, March 23 *Turin / Assisi*

This morning we depart Turin for Assisi. Along the way, we will stop in Pisa for lunch (on our own) and a visit to the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Upon arrival in Assisi, we will visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, site of the Porziuncola, the tiny church in the woods where St. Francis began his ministry and where St. Clare began her religious life, before checking into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Assisi



Basilica of St. Francis

• Day 6 - Wednesday, March 24 *Assisi*

We begin our day in the heart of Assisi in the Shrine of Renunciation within St. Mary Major church. This shrine was built to commemorate the spot where St. Francis renounced his wealth and family and began his life of poverty and service to the Lord. It is now where the tomb of St. Carlo Acutis lies. St. Carlo, the first millennial saint, dedicated part of his short life to cataloging Eucharistic Miracles from around the world. After venerating his resting place, journey to the Basilica of St. Francis to venerate this saint's burial place. Afterwards is the Basilica of St. Clare, which holds the famous San Damiano Crucifix that spoke to St. Francis, and where the golden locks of St. Clare's hair and St. Francis' poor patched tunic are kept. The remainder of the day will be free for personal prayer and activities, including dinner on our own. (B, Mass) Overnight Assisi

- **Day 7 - Holy Thursday, March 25**
Assisi / Rome

After breakfast this morning we depart Assisi for Rome. Our first stop after arriving in the Holy City will be Santa Croce in Gerusalemme where we get a little piece of Jerusalem thanks to Constantine's mother, St. Helena, who brought relics of the True Cross and the inscription part of the cross that stated Jesus was King of the Jews. At one time, soil from Jerusalem covered the Basilica's floor, so it truly was part of the Holy Land. Next, we climb the Scala Santa (Holy Stairs), which our Lord climbed on His way to His condemnation. Our last visit be the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the seat of the Bishop of Rome. Here we will celebrate Holy Thursday Mass. Afterward we have a late check-in to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

(B, D, Mass) Overnight Rome



Recreation time

- **Day 8 - Good Friday, March 26**
Rome

Today we visit St. Peter's Basilica where we enjoy a full tour, including time to marvel at Michelangelo's Pieta and pray at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel renovated by St. John Paul II. Next, we will pass through the Vatican Museums on the way to the Sistine Chapel. Painted by Michelangelo, it is the most famous ceiling in the world under which popes are chosen to lead the faithful. Depending on ticket availability, we will celebrate Good Friday services at St. Peter's Basilica. Then back to our hotel for dinner and overnight. *(B, D, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion) Overnight Rome*



St. Peter's Basilica

- **Day 9 - Holy Saturday, March 27**
Rome

We begin early this morning with some free time for prayer before we walk to the NAC for a unique view of the city. Then we make our way to the basilica of St. Mary Major. There we will have time to venerate the crib of Christ, view the famous icon attributed to St. Luke, and see inestimable artwork that makes Rome renowned

throughout the world. Then we explore the city on our own with a walking tour of some of our spiritual director's favorite Roman sites including Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon and Piazza Navona. We will then enjoy dinner out on our own. *(B) Holy Hour. Overnight Rome*



Praying together in the Catacombs

- **Day 10 - Easter Sunday, March 28**
Rome

Happy Easter! He is Risen! This morning we will have the privilege of celebrating Easter Mass with the pope in St. Peter's square. After Mass we will stay for the pope's Urbi et Orbi blessing. Following Mass we will stop by the Colosseum on our way to another of the four major basilicas of Rome, St. Paul Outside the Walls. Though it was destroyed by a fire in 1823, it was originally built by Constantine in the fourth century over the site of St. Paul's tomb and was rebuilt in the 19th century exactly as it was before the fire. We then journey into the lives of the martyrs as we visit the Catacombs. Here Christians celebrated the Mass in secret and buried the martyrs, including several popes. This evening we celebrate our farewell dinner out together. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Rome*

- **Day 11 - Monday, March 29**
Rome / USA

Today we say "Ciao" to Italia and transfer to the airport for our return flight home, cherishing all the wonderful memories and graces of this pilgrimage.

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



ITALY PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

ESTIMATED PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare	\$4,625.00
Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges	\$725.33

(subject to change until final ticketing)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST **\$5,350.33**

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$180.00**

(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$1,087
- Land-only option: \$3,793 *(no flights included)*

Final Payment Due

March 2027

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Louisville on United Airlines
- 9 nights' accommodation, including taxes and service charges
- Portage of one piece of luggage at hotels
- Knowledgeable, friendly, Catholic/Christian guides; whisper headsets; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Rome on day 10
- Breakfast and dinner per itinerary (excluding drinks)

Rates do not include: 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. 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 for Italy. 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 \$725.33 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.

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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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