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Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



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YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE TO **FÁTIMA & LOURDES**

October 6-16, 2027

***Journey into the
heart of Mary***



A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages all over the world 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 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 – Wednesday, October 6 *Depart Grand Rapids*

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our overnight flight to Lisbon. Meals and drinks served aloft.

• Day 2 – Thursday, October 7 *Arrive Lisbon*

Upon arrival in Lisbon, we will be met by our pilgrimage manager, who will be with us throughout our stay. We start off by enjoying a driving tour of Lisbon on our way to our hotel. Stop at the Church of Saint Anthony of Lisbon before we move on to the Monastery of Jeronimos, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for a panoramic view of the city, including the Tagus River. Also known as the Royal Monastery of Saint Mary of Belem, the 16th-century church was built in the Manueline style (named for King Manuel I – ruler during the initial development of the monastery). Check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. *(D, Mass) Overnight Lisbon*

• Day 3 – Friday, October 8 *Lisbon / Santarem / Fatima*

After breakfast, we journey north to Santarém and the Church of the Holy Miracle, where we will venerate the miraculous "Bleeding Host," one of Portugal's great Eucharistic treasures. After time for Eucharistic adoration, we continue to Fátima and begin settling into the quiet rhythm of this sacred place. During our stay in Fátima, we will be accompanied and spiritually guided by the Sisters of the Aliança de Santa Maria (Alliance of Holy Mary), a Portuguese congregation devoted to helping others encounter and live the message of Our Lady of Fátima. Their presence will help us move beyond simply seeing the places of the apparitions and begin entering more deeply

into Our Lady's invitation to prayer, conversion, reparation, and trust in God. This evening, we will have the opportunity to join pilgrims from around the world in the candlelight Rosary procession at the Shrine. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Fatima*

• Day 4 – Saturday, October 9 *Fatima*

Today we experience Fátima through the eyes of the Sisters of the Aliança de Santa Maria. One of the sisters will accompany our group, share the story of the apparitions, and help us understand more deeply the lives and witness of Francisco, Jacinta, and Lúcia. Our pilgrimage will take us to the places at the heart of their story, including the Shrine of Fátima, the village of Aljustrel where the three shepherd children lived, and Valinhos, where Our Lady appeared to them following their imprisonment. Along the way, the sisters will help place what we see within the larger spiritual message entrusted to the children. One of the sisters will also offer a conference for our group, inviting us to consider not only what happened at Fátima, but what Our Lady's message asks of us today. We will visit the Sanctuary Museum which houses the bullet removed from St. John Paul II. Time will be left for Eucharistic adoration so that this day remains an encounter rather than simply a tour. This evening offers another opportunity to participate in the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacra or the candlelight rosary procession in the heart of the shrine. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Fatima*

• Day 5 – Sunday, October 10 *Fatima*

Today we intentionally slow down and allow the message of Fátima to become something more than a story we have heard or places we have visited. We will participate in the international Mass and then one of the Sisters of the Aliança de Santa Maria will help lead us into this retreat day, drawing upon the spirituality that lies at the heart of their own religious life: prayer and contemplation, love for Jesus in the Eucharist, devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Our Lady's call to conversion and holiness. Our time with the sisters will include a spiritual conference designed not simply to explain the message of Fátima, but to help us consider how that message is meant to be lived in our own lives. Depending upon arrangements for our group, part of our retreat may take place with the sisters at their Fátima convent. The remainder of the day will be intentionally unstructured, giving each pilgrim time for silence and personal prayer. With the sisters helping us enter more deeply into the spirituality of Fátima, this day is an invitation to listen, to pray, and to allow the graces of our pilgrimage to take root. This evening we will join pilgrims from around the world in the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacra. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Fatima*

• Day 6 – Monday, October 11 *Fatima / Salamanca*

We depart Fatima this morning and travel across the border and through the Spanish countryside to Salamanca, home of some of

Lourdes Candlelight Procession



Spain's most ornate architecture made of golden sandstone, and home to the third oldest university in Europe. We will 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). The cathedrals have numerous chapels inside, an elaborate high altar panel, and a mixture of architectural design unique to Spain. Christopher Columbus brought his maps here for discussion. Overnight tonight in this majestic city.

(B, D, Mass) Overnight Salamanca



Burgos Cathedral

• **Day 7 – Tuesday, October 12**
Salamanca / Burgos

This morning we will make our way to Burgos. Enjoy a tour of the city 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, explore the Miraflores Charterhouse, the Carthusian monastery housing the tombs of Spanish kings and queens, along with other treasures of the church. The rest of the day will be free to explore and enjoy dinner on our own.

(B, Mass) Overnight Burgos

• **Day 8 – Wednesday, October 13**
Burgos / Loyola / Lourdes

This morning we depart Burgos for 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. Afterwards we cross the border into France on our way to Lourdes, known for its healing waters after the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858. It is also where the Blessed Mother announced she was the Immaculate Conception. Join hundreds of other pilgrims in the Blessed Sacrament Procession and Candlelight Procession that has endured since 1863. Lourdes will be our home for the next three nights. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Lourdes*

• **Day 9 – Thursday, October 14**
Lourdes

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 begin this morning with Our Lady of the Rosary Basilica and then on to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. We will take the Footsteps of St. Bernadette tour through the streets of Lourdes she knew as a poor miller's daughter. Visit the Boly Mill where she was born, the parish church that still holds her baptismal font, and the Cachot, the cramped former jail

cell where her family lived in poverty during the apparitions. Tonight, we join the eucharistic procession with other pilgrims in prayer and song. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Lourdes*

• **Day 10 – Friday, October 15**
Lourdes

This is a day the slower pace of this pilgrimage was built for, spend time in Eucharistic adoration, take your time in the confessional lines, or simply rest. We will participate in the Stations of the Cross then spend some time at the spring. We will have the opportunity to drink at the springs and wash ourselves there. We will all gather this evening for a farewell dinner before participating one last time in the evening pilgrim activities. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Lourdes*

• **Day 11 – Saturday, October 16**
Lourdes / Paris / U.S.

This morning say goodbye to western Europe as we make our way to the airport in Pau for our return flight back to the U.S..

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



Grotto of Massabielle in Lourdes



MARIAN SHRINES PILGRIMAGE

Please note all the pricing below is currently estimated

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare \$5,200.00

Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges \$400.00

(subject to change until final ticketing)

ESTIMATED COST \$5,600.00

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

(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)

Final pricing and pilgrimage details are expected to be available early 2027

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: TBD
- Land-only option: TBD *(no flights or gratuities included)*

Final Payment Due

July 2027

BASE RATE WILL INCLUDE:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Grand Rapids, MI to Lisbon
- 9 nights' accommodation, including taxes and service charges
- Portage 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 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 22 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 TBD. 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 estimated at \$400 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

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