



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

SAINTS AND CELLARS

YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE TO

FRANCE



September 18-29, 2023

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 - Monday, September 18

Depart USA

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

• Day 2 - Tuesday, September 19

Arrive Marseille

Upon our early afternoon arrival in Marseille, we will be greeted by our professional tour manager who will accompany us for the duration of our pilgrimage through France. We'll visit the Basilique Notre-Dame de la Garde for Mass. After Mass, transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (D) Mass

• Day 3 - Wednesday, September 20

Marseille

Today we begin the day with a short boat ride to Chateau d'If. Then visit the Cathedrale la Major to marvel at the impressive mosaic floor. Proceed to Sainte-Maximin-la-Saint Baume to visit the Basilica of St. Mary Magdalene. Afterwards, continue to Aix-en-Provence to visit the Aix Cathedral. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Marseille. (B, D) Mass

• Day 4 - Thursday, September 21

Marseille

Today we embark on a day trip to Avignon, home to seven popes during the 14th-century period known as the Avignon Papacy. We will visit the Palace of the Popes and Basilique St. Pierre, then drive by Pont du Gard. This afternoon we'll enjoy a winery tour in Chateauneuf-du-Pape, a designation of French wine grown in the region around the southern Rhone valley and named for the Avignon papacy. This evening we return to Marseille for dinner and overnight. (B, D) Mass



• Day 5 - Friday, September 22

Marseille / Arles / Montpellier

After breakfast, journey to Arles, a coastal city and former Roman provincial capital. Visit the Roman amphitheater and main city square, featuring a 4th century obelisk. Afterwards, explore the church and cloister of St. Trophime, built in the Romanesque style of the Middle Ages. We'll also visit the Benedictine Montmajour Abbey and the first-century Grecian Cryptoporticus. This afternoon, visit some of the sites connected with Van Gogh, who lived and painted here during the late 1880s. Proceed to Montpellier for our overnight in this beautiful city. (B, D) Mass



• **Day 6 - Saturday, September 23**
Montpellier / Carcassone / Toulouse

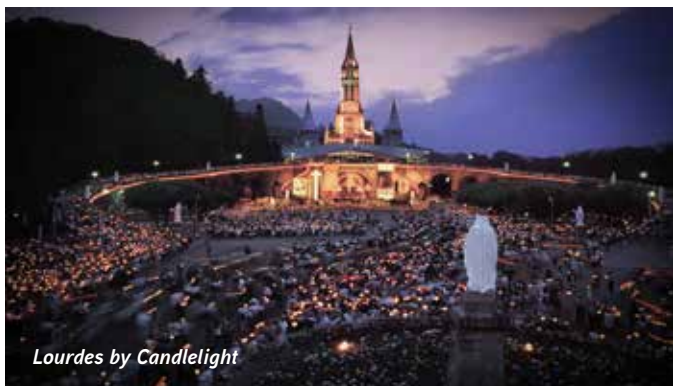
This morning we will view the outside of the 14th century Gothic Cathedrale Saint-Pierre. Proceed to Carcassone for a walking tour inside the walls of this medieval citadel, featuring the Basilica of Saints Nazaire and Celse and the 13th- century Carcassone Cathedral. End our day in nearby Toulouse, where we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D) Mass



Bordeaux Vineyards

• **Day 7 - Sunday, September 24**
Toulouse / Lourdes

We will begin our day at the Eglise des Jacobins, the burial site of St. Thomas Aquinas. After Mass at the Toulouse Cathedral, journey to the peaceful mountain village of 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



Lourdes by Candlelight

• **Day 8 - Monday, September 25**
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 also visit the humble home where St. Bernadette lived during the apparitions. Tonight, we join again the candlelight procession with thousands of other pilgrims in prayer and song. (B, D) Mass

• **Day 9 - Tuesday, September 26**
Lourdes

Enjoy a full day on your own in the peaceful setting of Lourdes. Visit a place we saw yesterday, explore somewhere new, or just sit in awe and wonder and contemplate the events that happened here and the miracles that still occur. Participate one last time in the evening pilgrim activities. (B, D) Mass

• **Day 10 - Wednesday, September 27**
Lourdes / Bordeaux

Depart Lourdes this morning for Bordeaux. Half of Bordeaux is a UNESCO-listed Heritage Site, mainly due to its impressive concentration of historic churches and cathedrals. This afternoon we will take a walking tour of the historic center, visiting the Basilique Saint Seurin, Eglise Notre-Dame, Eglise Saint-Pierre, Cathedrale Saint-Andre, and the Basilique Saint-Michel. Afterwards, check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D) Mass

• **Day 11 - Thursday, September 28**
Bordeaux

Spend the day in and around Bordeaux including a visit to Saint-Emilion, one of the most beautiful villages of France. Here we will visit the Monolithic Church dug out of the surrounding rock. It is the largest underground church in all of Europe. Our activities in Saint-Emilion will also include a visit to a local winery. This evening we will celebrate a farewell dinner at a local restaurant to celebrate the culmination of our pilgrimage. (B, D) Mass

• **Day 12 - Friday, September 29**
Bordeaux / Charlotte

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

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



FRANCE PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy w/ airfare **\$4,175.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES *(applied to final invoice)*

• **Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges** **\$471.58**
(subject to change until final ticketing)

ESTIMATED COST **\$4,646.58**

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$155.00**
(estimated)

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add **\$986**
- Land-only option: **\$3,540** *(no flights or gratuities included)*

Final Payment Due

June 2023

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Charlotte on Delta Airlines/Air France
- 10 nights' accommodation, 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 *(excluding drinks)*
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant on day 11

Rates do not include: lunches, drinks with meals

Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 90 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 89 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 31 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. 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, a \$150.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$300.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$1000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 14 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 Delta Airlines/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 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 \$471.58 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.

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.

Responsibility Clause: Tekton Ministries, George's International Tours and/or their co-operating selling agents and/or their suppliers of services offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public, and are not responsible therefore, either directly or indirectly, for any loss, accident, or injury which may result from any act, omission, negligence in or responsible for performing or providing these component services. The transportation companies concerned take no responsibility for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not aboard their conveyances. The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. Tour operator reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries. Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.



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