



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

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PRAY FOR US**

YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE

FRANCE

June 16 - 27, 2025



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, June 16

Depart USA

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

• Day 2 - Tuesday, June 17

Arrive Paris

Upon arrival at the airport in Paris, we will be met by our local pilgrimage manager. Due to our morning arrival time, we will proceed to the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal at Rue de Bac where Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830. Visit the Catacombs of Paris (pending confirmation) before transferring to our hotel for check-in and dinner. (D)



• Day 3 - Wednesday, June 18

Paris

Today we begin at Notre Dame Cathedral, still recovering from a massive fire that toppled the iconic wooden spire. It is scheduled to reopen at the end of 2024, so pending completion of the repairs, we may be able to tour the inside of this beautiful cathedral. 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 now showcasing one of the world's most captivating arrays of stained-glass windows. This afternoon, visit the Eiffel Tower and the basilica of Sacre Coeur atop the hill of Montmartre. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)



• Day 4 - Thursday, June 19

Paris / Rouen / Lisieux

Following breakfast, drive through the Normandy countryside to Rouen, where our walking tour will explore its magnificent Gothic cathedral and the Church of St. Joan of Arc. We will then proceed to Lisieux, home of St. Therese the "Little Flower of Jesus". Visit the home where she lived as a child and the Carmel Convent where she was a nun, the Basilica of St. Therese, its Crypt, and the 13th Century Gothic Cathedral of St. Peter. Venerate her saintly parents while praying at their burial site. Overnight in Lisieux. (B, D)



• Day 5 - Friday, June 20

Lisieux / Mont-St-Michel

After Mass depart Lisieux and drive along the Normandy coast drive to Bayeux, the first town to be liberated by the Allies in 1944. Continue to St. Laurent to visit the National Cemetery and Omaha Beach, one of the sites where the Allies came ashore on D-Day. Drive on to Mont-St.-Michel, the principal shrine of the Archangel Michael and one of the medieval wonders of Europe. Check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

• Day 6 - Saturday, June 21

Mont-St.-Michel

Our full day visit of Mont-St.-Michel will include the Grande Rue, St. Aubert's Chapel, 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. (B, D)



• **Day 7 - Sunday, June 22**

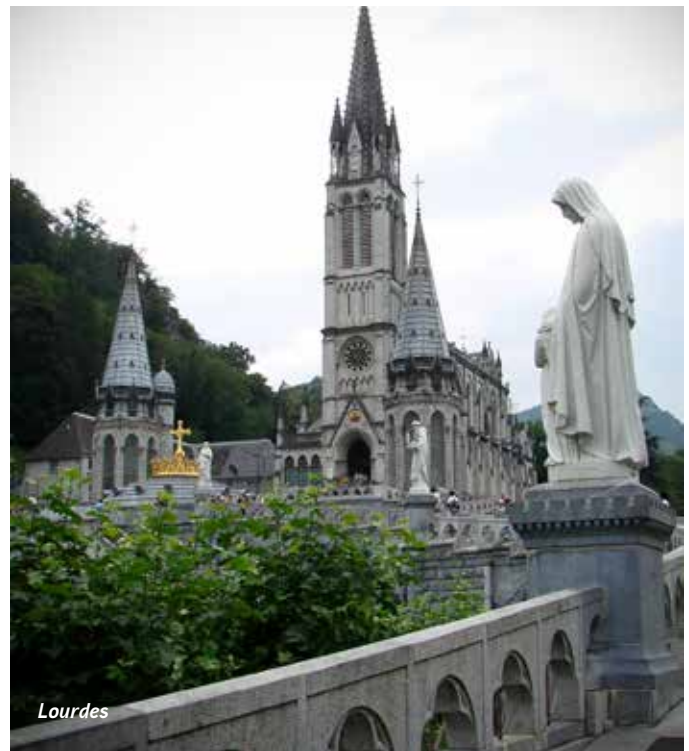
Mont St. Michel / Chartres / Orleans

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 Mass in Chartres, we will proceed to Orleans where Joan of Arc led French troops to victory over the English. Visit the old Cathedral of St. Croix and check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

• **Day 8 - Monday, June 23**

Orleans / Nevers / Paray-le-Monial / Lyon

Drive from Orleans to Nevers where we will visit the Convent of St. Guillard to view the incorrupt body of St. Bernadette. Here the Saint spent her life in prayer and solitude following the apparitions of the Blessed Mother to her in Lourdes. Proceed to Paray-le-Monial where Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary to promote devotions through His Most Sacred Heart. Following Mass at the Visitation Chapel and a visit to the Basilica to see the tomb of Blessed Claude de la Colombiere, continue to nearby Lyon for overnight. (B, D)



Lourdes

• **Day 12 - Friday, June 27**

Lourdes / Pau / U.S.A.

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport in Pau for our return flight home, bringing with us all the graces and blessings of this pilgrimage.

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



Lourdes by Candlelight

• **Day 9 - Tuesday, June 24**

Lyon / Toulouse / Lourdes

After breakfast drive to Ars for Mass at the Altar of St. John Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests. After a time for prayer, return to Lyon and board our train to Toulouse. Upon arrival in Toulouse, 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)

• **Day 10 - Wednesday, June 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)

• **Day 11 - Thursday, June 26**

Lourdes

Today will be a free day in Lourdes – pray the Stations of the Cross, spend time in the Adoration Chapel - have your own retreat day. There are also several activities in the town that may interest you. Tonight, we join again the candlelight procession with thousands of other pilgrims in prayer and song. (B, D)



FRANCE PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare \$5,225.00
Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges \$718.00

(subject to change until final ticketing)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST \$5,943.00

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

(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add **\$1,069**
- Land-only option: **\$4,232** *(no flights or gratuities included)*

Final Payment Due

March 2025

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Chicago O'Hare on Air France
- Bus transfer from/to the parish to Chicago O'Hare
- 10 nights' accommodation, including taxes and service charges
- Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Land transportation by private deluxe motorcoach
- 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 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. Late payments may be subject to a late fee and/or possible removal from the pilgrimage. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 21 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 - 46 days prior to departure, \$300.00 will be charged. If canceled 45 - 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 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 \$718.00 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 estab-

lishing 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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