



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

WITNESS THE LIVES *OF THE* SAINTS

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

ITALY

March 27- April 7, 2025



A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages 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 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 - Thursday, March 27**
Depart USA

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

- **Day 2 - Friday, March 28**
Arrive Milan

Upon arrival in Milan, we will be met by our tour manager who will be with us for the duration of our pilgrimage. Afterwards we will check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (D) *Overnight Milan*

- **Day 3 - Saturday, March 29**
Milan

We depart Milan for a day trip to Turin. Here we begin in the Duomo – the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist – housing the reliquary containing the Shroud of Turin. Here we can visit other side chapels of the Cathedral, including the resting place of Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati (soon to be canonized). This afternoon we 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



Milan Cathedral

home for boys he founded), St. Mary Mazzarello, St. Dominic Savio, and relics of over 6,000 other saints. After time for prayer here we return to our hotel in Milan for dinner and overnight.

(B, D) *Overnight Milan*



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- **Day 4 - Sunday, March 30**
Milan / Pavia / Bologna

We begin this morning in the Milan Duomo, one of the world's largest Gothic Cathedrals. The Duomo houses the tomb of St. Charles Borromeo, known for his leadership during the counter-reformation, as well as the baptistry where St. Augustine was baptized by St. Ambrose. Afterwards, travel a short distance outside of Milan to Pavia. The remains of St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church, lie here in the Basilica of San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro. The relics of St. Augustine are kept in a marble reliquary on the upper floor of the church. One of the chapels is also dedicated to St. Monica, St. Augustine's mother. We will also visit the Certosa, or Charterhouse, of Pavia, originally home to Carthusian monks and now housing a Cistercian community. This complex houses a Renaissance façade and Gothic interior, with impressive artwork and a peaceful cloister. After time for veneration, we continue our travels east to Bologna. (B, D) *Overnight Bologna*

- **Day 5 - Monday, March 31**
Bologna

Today we visit Piazza Maggiore, the main square of Bologna, the Palazzo Comunale, and the Basilica di San Petronio. This afternoon we journey to the Basilica di San Domenico, a significant religious site in Bologna. Admire its Gothic architecture and visit the Chapel of Saint Dominic, which houses his tomb and stunning artwork. Afterwards, the balance of the day is free, including dinner on our own. (B) *Overnight Bologna*

● **Day 6 - Tuesday, April 1**
Bologna – regional day trip

After Mass this morning we explore the culinary world of Emilia Romagna – home to some of the most iconic Italian foods. Enjoy a tour encompassing the history of the region, including tastings of Parma ham, Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, and balsamic vinegar of Modena. Return to Bologna for dinner on our own and overnight.
 (B) Overnight Bologna



Holy House

● **Day 9 - Friday, April 4**
San Giovanni Rotondo

Spend the morning in San Giovanni Rotondo, praying where St. Padre Pio prayed and relaxing in this grace-filled village. We will visit his tomb and tour the sanctuary of the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, where this famous Saint said Mass. This afternoon, we drive a short distance to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, and visit the church built above the cave consecrated to the Lord by St. Michael himself. After time for prayer in this sacred site, return to San Giovanni for dinner and overnight.
 (B, D) Overnight San Giovanni Rotondo

● **Day 10 - Saturday, April 5**
San Giovanni Rotondo- day trip to Corato

Today we journey to the small town of Corato, the birthplace of Luisa Piccarreta, known for spreading the message of living within the Divine Will. After time for prayer here, we return to San Giovanni for one final night here. (B, D) Overnight San Giovanni Rotondo

● **Day 11 - Sunday, April 6**
San Giovanni Rotondo / Naples

This morning, we depart San Giovanni and cross Italy to the region of Naples. Here we visit the ruined city of Pompeii that was dug out from the ashes rained on it by Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Pray at the shrine of the Virgin of the Rosary of Pompeii, built by Blessed Bartolo Longo who was once a fallen-away Catholic. After his reversion to the faith, he developed a great devotion to Our Lady and took the religious name of Brother Rosario upon becoming a Third Order Dominican. We'll check into our hotel before having a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D) Overnight Naples

● **Day 12 - Monday, April 7**
Naples / USA

Transfer to the airport this morning where we will check in for our return flights home, taking with us all the graces and blessings of this pilgrimage. (B)

● **Day 7 - Wednesday, April 2**
Bologna / Loreto

Today we journey south to Loreto. Here we visit the Shrine of the Holy House, said to be the same house in which the Virgin Mary was born and raised in Nazareth. This is where she received the visitation of the angel announcing that she was the mother of Jesus and according to tradition the home was transported by four angels from Nazareth to its present resting place in Loreto. After time for prayer and exploration, we continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.
 (B, D) Overnight Loreto

● **Day 8 - Thursday, April 3**
Loreto / Lanciano / San Giovanni Rotondo

After breakfast, we depart Loreto to continue our journey along the Adriatic to Lanciano, site of the oldest miracle of the Eucharist, still preserved after twelve centuries. Here we'll visit the sanctuary of the 8th century Eucharistic miracle of Lanciano. There will be time for adoration as well as a tour of the museum detailing the history of the miracle. After time for prayer and reflection, we will then drive along the coast to San Giovanni Rotondo, the home of St Padre Pio and proceed to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D) Overnight San Giovanni Rotondo



San Giovanni Rotondo

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



ITALY PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare \$5,370.00
Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges \$614.31

(subject to change until final ticketing)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST \$5,984.31

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

(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$997
- Land-only option: \$4,680 (no flights included)

Final Payment Due

December 2025

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Spokane 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
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant on day 11
- Breakfast and dinner per itinerary (excluding drinks)

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 11 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 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 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 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 \$614.31 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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