



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

DISCOVER OUR HERITAGE

YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE IN THE

UNITED STATES

June 22 - 30, 2025

*Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
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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 - Sunday, June 22**
Peoria / Washington / Baltimore

Depart on our flight into Washington DC. We then proceed to our hotel where we will check in for overnight. *Overnight Baltimore*

- **Day 2 - Monday, June 23**
Baltimore

This morning, we will visit the Inner Harbor and Fort McHenry. Fort McHenry is best known for its role in the War of 1812, when it successfully defended Baltimore Harbor from an attack by the British navy. It was during the bombardment of the fort that Francis Scott Key was inspired to write "The Star-Spangled Banner," which would eventually become the national anthem of the United States. Continue to the Cathedral of Mary our Queen, the current cathedral



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of Baltimore. Enjoy a tour here before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D) *Overnight Baltimore*

- **Day 3 - Tuesday, June 24**
Baltimore

We will begin today at the Basilica of the Assumption, also known as the Baltimore Basilica, the first Catholic Cathedral in United States. Continue to St. Mary's Spiritual Center and Historic Site, home to the first Catholic Seminary in the nation as well Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born Saint. We will visit both the Mother Seton House as well as the Historic Seminary Chapel. We then journey to the nearby church of St. Alphonsus before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D) *Overnight Baltimore*



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- **Day 4 - Wednesday, June 25**
Baltimore / Emmitsburg / Gettysburg

This morning, we will check out of our hotel and drive to Emmitsburg, where we visit the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. This site is also a minor basilica and pays tribute to the life and mission of Elizabeth Ann Seton. Nearby is the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes located on the campus of Mount St. Mary's University. We will have time for prayer here at the grotto and a chance to visit the university campus. Afterwards, proceed to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D) *Overnight Gettysburg*



- **Day 5 - Thursday, June 26**
Gettysburg / Washington DC

Visit the site of the decisive Civil War battle in Gettysburg. Enjoy a tour of the battlefield and adjoining museum. Journey to St. Francis Xavier Church, which served as a field hospital for those injured in battle. Afterwards depart for Washington DC. Upon arrival, we will check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

(B, D) *Overnight Washington DC*

● **Day 6 - Friday, June 27**
Washington DC

Today we visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception which is the largest Roman Catholic Church in the United States and North America and is one of the ten largest churches in the world. Designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as a National Sanctuary of Prayer and Pilgrimage, the Basilica is the nation's preeminent Marian shrine, dedicated to the patroness of the United States—the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. Afterwards we will visit the White House (pending confirmation) with a self-guided tour of the spaces available to the public both inside and on the grounds.

(B, D) Overnight Washington DC



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● **Day 7 - Saturday, June 28**
Washington DC

Our day begins at the US Capitol with a guided tour (pending confirmation). This afternoon we will enjoy an afternoon touring many of the National Monuments of Washington including the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, the Washington Monument, and various monuments commemorating those we have lost in war.

(B, D) Overnight Washington DC

● **Day 8 - Sunday, June 29**
Washington DC

This morning, we will visit the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land which has been a place of worship and pilgrimage for thousands of visitors since its dedication in 1899. During our visit here we will celebrate Mass and visit the Monastery grounds including its Memorial Church and its replicas of the major shrines in the Holy Land. We will also learn about the Franciscan Order and its historical mission of being the major Christian shrines in the Holy Land. This afternoon, we'll have free time to explore other areas of the city, including the National Mall with the various buildings of the Smithsonian Museums.

(B, D) Overnight Washington DC



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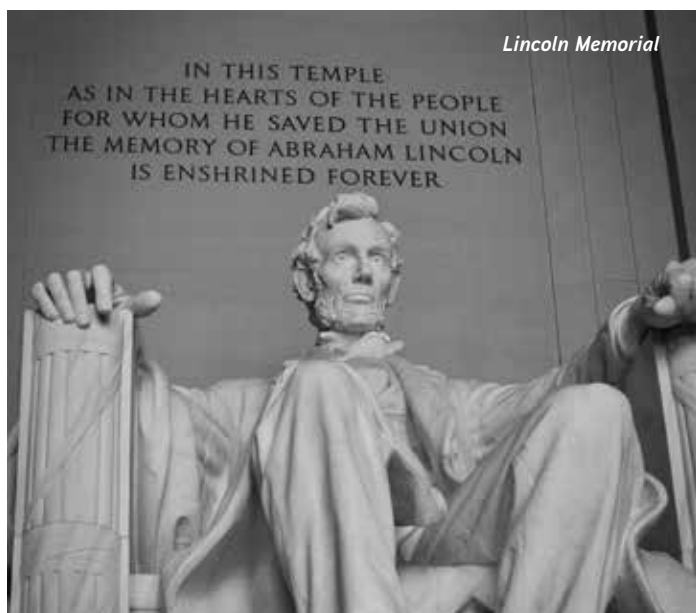


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● **Day 9 - Monday, June 30**
Washington DC / Peoria

Following breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our return flights home.

B=Breakfast D=Dinner

UNITED STATES PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare **\$3,720.00**
Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges **\$136.95**

(subject to change until final ticketing)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST **\$3,856.95**

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$135.00**

(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$975
- Land-only option: \$3,083 *(no flights or gratuities included)*

Final Payment Due

March 2025

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Peoria to Washington DCA on American Airlines
- 8 nights' accommodation, including taxes and service charges
- 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, checked bag fees

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 Real ID or other acceptable form of identification (such as a passport) is required of all U.S. citizens. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please check the requirements necessary for you to travel within the U.S. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual identification document requirements.

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 American 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 carry-on and one personal item. Checked bag fees are not included in the economy ticket price. Check bag fees range from \$40-\$45 and are the responsibility of each individual.

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 \$136.95 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 de-

fault 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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