

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 - Saturday, September 6 Depart USA

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

Day 2 - Sunday, September 7 Arrive Paris / Rouen / Lisieux

Upon arrival in Paris this morning we will be met at the airport by our guide (those arriving early will return to the airport to connect with the group). We then drive to Rouen, where our walking tour will explore its magnificent Gothic cathedral depicting scenes from the life of St. Joan of Arc and the Church of St. Joan of Arc, built near where she was burned to death. Proceed to Lisieux, the home of St. Therese the "Little Flower of Jesus," where we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (D) - Overnight Lisieux



Day 3 - Monday, September 8 Lisieux

This morning, we spend the day in Lisieux, visiting the home where St. Therese lived as a child, the Carmelite Convent where she was a nun, the Basilica of St. Theresa, and the Cathedral of St. Peter. (B, D) - Overnight Lisieux

Day 4 - Tuesday, September 9 Lisieux / Normandy / St. Malo

After Mass, depart Lisieux and will drive along the Normandy coast to see the beaches where the Allies landed on D-Day. Proceed to

St. Laurent to visit the National Cemetery and Omaha Beach, one of the sites where the Americans came ashore that day. Continue to the Pointe du Hoc with its impressive bomb craters. Later this afternoon, continue to the lovely seaside town of St. Malo for overnight. (B, D) - Overnight St. Malo



Day 5 - Wednesday, September 10 St. Malo / Mont St. Michel / St. Malo

This morning we will drive to Mont-St.-Michel, the principal shrine of the Archangel Michael and one of the medieval wonders of Europe. Our tour here will include the Grande Rue, and the Benedictine Abbey which is perched atop the rock island. Visit the Romanesque Church of St. Michael for prayer time and Mass (pending confirmation). The balance of the day is free to explore on your own, including dinner out at your leisure.

(B) - Overnight St. Malo



Day 6 - Thursday, September 11 St. Malo / Chartres / Orleans

Following breakfast we will depart St. Malo and drive 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. We continue to Orleans to check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D) - Overnight Orleans

Day 7 - Friday, September 12 Orleans / Paris

This morning, we visit sites connected with St. Joan of Arc, who fought her most famous battle against the English here. Visit the Hotel Jacques Boucher which now houses a museum but was where St. Joan once lived. Pray in the Cathedral of Saint Croix of Orleans, where stained-glass windows depict her story, and view her statue in the town square. This afternoon we journey to Paris, where we will check into our hotel with the balance of the afternoon and evening free. (B, D) - Overnight Paris



Day 8 - Saturday, September 13 Paris

Today begins under the city, in the Catacombs of Paris (pending confirmation). We emerge from underground and travel to Saint Etienne du Mont, housing the relic of St. Genevieve, the patron saint of Paris. This afternoon we cross to the lle de la Cité and visit Notre Dame Cathedral, due to reopen at the end of 2024 after a devastating fire in 2019. 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 showcasing one of the world's most captivating array of stained-glass windows. Afterwards, enjoy some free time, including dinner on our own. (B) - Overnight Paris



Day 9 - Sunday, September 14 Paris

Our first pilgrim stop today will be to the Shrine of Saint Vincent de Paul where the saint's body is on display in a reliquary. From there we go a short distance to the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal at Rue de Bac where Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830 and where she is buried. This afternoon, we journey to the top of Montmartre and visit the Basilica du Sacre Coeur. Tonight, we celebrate our farewell dinner at a local restaurant, followed by a special nighttime cruise on the Seine River, passing under 25 bridges and marveling at the illuminated monuments of Paris. (B, D) - Overnight Paris

Day 10 - Monday, September 15 Depart Paris

Today marks the end of a marvelous experience as we transfer to the airport (on our own) for our return flights home, filled with memories and graces of this pilgrimage that will last a lifetime. (D)

B=Breakfast D=Dinner





FRANCE PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

LAND-ONLY PRICE PER PERSON (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

Estimated Total Cost

\$3,530.00

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff

\$150.00

(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)

\$4,801,58

OPTIONS:

• For a single room: add \$857

Final Payment Due

June 2025

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- 8 nights' accommodation, including taxes and service charges
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at hotels
- Knowledgeable, friendly, professional local guides; whisper headsets; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner as per itinerary (excluding drinks)

Rates do not include: airfare, 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 22 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancella- tion 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.

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: International airfare, 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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