



Tekton Ministries

"Serving God's people on their journey of faith"

Pilgrimage to **ITALY**



Catholic Center - University of Vermont
February 26th - March 7th, 2015

✧ PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY ✧



✧ Day 1 - Feb. 26 Depart U.S.A.

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

✧ Day 2 - Feb. 27: Arrive Rome / Assisi

Upon arrival in the "Eternal City" of Rome we will be met by our local tour director and transfer by coach north to Assisi, a town that welcomes us in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare into its peaceful



interior. After check-in at our hotel we will celebrate Mass at a local church with the balance of the day free for shopping and other personal activities.

✧ Day 3 - Feb. 28: Assisi

This morning we will visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, site of the Porziuncola, the tiny church in the woods where St. Francis began his ministry and where St. Clare began her religious life. Then proceed to the Basilica of St. Francis where the saint lies in rest where we will celebrate Mass. Then visit the Basilica of St. Clare and the Convent of San Damiano. For those with the stamina, take a

- walk up Monte Subasio to Eremo delle Corceri, the Saint's favorite retreat. Overnight in Assisi.

✧ Day 4 – Mar. 1: Assisi / Siena / Assisi

- This morning we will drive to Siena, home of St. Catherine. Our first stop this morning and a highlight of our tour will be the Basilica of St. Francis where we'll venerate the Eucharistic miracle of Siena: hosts which have remained incorrupt since 1730. Then we'll celebrate Mass at St. Dominic's,



- St. Catherine of Siena's parish church where she attended daily Mass and went into ecstasy. Adjacent to the church is her home, which we'll tour and see the cell where she fasted and prayed. Then we'll stroll the ancient Gothic streets which converge on the Piazza del Campo, one of the most beautiful squares in the world where we can stop for lunch. Return to Assisi.

✧ Day 5– Mar. 2: Assisi

- This morning we will celebrate Mass at St. Mary of the Angels Basilica. We will then return to our hotel for a private retreat day in Assisi.

☞ Day 6 – Mar. 3: Assisi / Orvieto / Rome

Depart Assisi this morning and drive south to Orvieto where we'll visit the Cathedral of Orvieto and celebrate Mass. There will be time for prayer and adoration. See the steps of the Papal summer residence where Pope Urban IV held up the blood-stained corporal and announced his intention to institute the Feast of Corpus Christi. Have some free time in the late afternoon to explore this beautiful town on your own. Proceed south to the "Eternal City" of Rome, out home for the next five nights.



☞ Day 7 – Mar. 4: Rome

This morning we will experience a highlight of our pilgrimage, attendance at the Papal Audience at St. Peter's (subject to the Holy Father's schedule). Join thousands of pilgrims from throughout the world to listen to the Holy Father and receive His Blessing. In the afternoon our sightseeing includes visits to St. Mary Major Basilica, St. John Lateran, and the Holy Stairs.

☞ Day 8 - Mar. 5: Rome

A full day of exploring Rome begins with Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. Our guide then takes us through the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel with its awesome frescoes painted by Michelangelo. In the afternoon we will continue our exploration of Rome with a visit to the Renaissance section of the city. See the Trevi Fountain where a coin thrown over your shoulder will guarantee you another visit to Rome; the Pantheon; Piazza Navona with Bernini's famous fountains; and Campo de' Fiori which is one of the most colorful street markets in Rome.

☞ Day 9 - Mar. 6: Rome

Today we will enjoy a full day sightseeing tour

of Rome including visits to the Roman Forum, the Colosseum, St. Peter in Chains featuring Michelangelo's "Moses", and St. Paul Outside the Walls where Mass will be celebrated. Then proceed to the San Callisto Catacombs for a visit before returning to our hotel. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

☞ Day 10 - Mar. 7: Rome / U.S.A.

Following breakfast, we will transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

Pilgrimage Price: \$2,893.00

*Price is per person/double occupancy
Supplement for a single room(based upon availability): \$339.00
For a land only reduction, subtract \$664.00*

These rates include:

- * Roundtrip economy class airfare from Montreal on Swiss Airlines
- * 8 nights accommodation in 3 star hotels
- * All municipal hotel taxes, VAT tax (22%), parking fees, road tolls and other taxes as currently levied
- * Breakfast and dinner daily (no dinner on two nights in Rome)
- * Farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Rome
- * Professional tour manager
- * Comprehensive sightseeing with professional local guides
- * Land transportation by private deluxe motorcoach
- * Porterage of one piece of luggage
- * Daily Mass
- * Gratuities to tour manager, local guides, drivers, and hotel/restaurant staff

These rates do not include:

- * Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$566.16 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing)
- * Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature

Departures from other airports available upon request.



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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 75 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 74 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a surcharge. 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 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 charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$150.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 14 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable.

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 Swiss Airlines. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

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. More information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

Not Included: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$566.16 per person subject to change until the time of ticketing), passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance (recommended for every traveler), Scavi Excavations Tour entrance fee, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

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