



Tekton Ministries

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

Pilgrimage to the **SHRINES & SAINTS** *of SPAIN and PORTUGAL*



April 18th - April 27th, 2015

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Bishop's Commission on Women

✧ PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY ✧



✧ Day 1 - April 18: Depart U.S.A.

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our flight to Madrid, Spain.

✧ Day 2 - April 19: Arrive Madrid / Segovia / Avila

After a morning arrival in Madrid, we will be met by our local tour manager who will be with us throughout our stay. Drive to Segovia where we will celebrate Mass at the tomb of Saint John of the Cross in the Convent named after him, in which he had lived near the end of his life. We will discover the treasures of Segovia such as the great



- house nearby lived St. John of the Cross who was
- the confessor to the nuns. In the Monastery is his
- famous three-inch drawing of Christ Crucified. We
- will visit the Monastery of St. Joseph, the first of
- seventeen monasteries which she founded for the
- new Discalced Carmelites. Overnight in Avila.

✧ Day 3 - April 20: Avila / Santiago de Compostela

- This morning we will depart Avila and pass by
- Fontiveros, the birthplace of St. John of the Cross,
- as we drive on to Alba de Tormes. There we
- visit the Monastery of the Annunciation which



Gothic Cathedral, the Monastery of St. Joseph, the extraordinary Alcazar fortress, and the splendid Roman Aqueduct. Every corner of this old town sparkles with Romanesque churches and fine old houses. In the afternoon we will drive to Avila, where St. Teresa of Jesus began the great reform of the Carmelite Order in 1561. We will see many religious buildings connected with Ávila's revered heroine, Saint Teresa of Jesus. She was born here in 1515, and is considered one of the Catholic Church's greatest mystics. We will visit the saint's relics in the Convent of St. Teresa built on the site of her birthplace. We will visit the Monastery of the Incarnation where she became a Carmelite nun and where her cell can be seen. In a small



- St. Teresa of Jesus also founded. We will see the
- room in which she died on October 4, 1582, and the
- relics of her incorrupt arm and heart. We journey
- on to Santiago de Compostela passing through
- Salamanca. Tradition tells us that St. James the
- Apostle journeyed to Spain in 40 A.D. to spread the
- Gospel as far as possible. He died a martyr's death
- after returning to Jerusalem and his remains were
- eventually returned to Spain and buried in this city.

✧ Day 4 - April 21: Santiago de Compostela

- This morning we will enjoy a complete tour of
- Santiago de Compostela. Visit the impressive
- Cathedral which is considered to be one of the
- finest pieces of architecture in Europe. After Mass,

climb up the stairs behind the altar to visit the crypt, where a silver urn contains the relics of St. James. See the Portico de la Gloria (Gateway to Heaven), an unparalleled masterpiece. Walk to the top of the Cathedral for a panoramic view of this glorious city. We will also visit the museum in the cloister adjoining the Cathedral.

✧ **Day 5 - April 22: Santiago de Compostela / Fatima**

Depart Santiago de Compostela and drive south to Braga which contains over 300 churches and is the



religious center of Portugal. Our sightseeing here will include visits to Braga's Sé Cathedral which is the oldest in Portugal and the Bom Jesus do Monte which is an important pilgrimage shrine. Then proceed on to Porto where we will visit the soaring Cathedral and admire the richly decorated Church of Sao Francisco. Continue on to Fatima.

✧ **Day 6 - April 23: Fatima**

Today we will celebrate Mass on the spot where Our Lady appeared at the Chapel of Apparitions. Visit the Basilica to see the site of Francisco and Jacinta's graves and then on to the hamlet of Aljustrel where the three children lived during the Apparitions. Continue to Valinhos, the site where Our Lady appeared following the children's release from prison. This evening participate in the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacre, site of the first Apparition.

✧ **Day 7 - April 24: Fatima**

Today we will celebrate Mass and then have a free Day to enjoy Fatima on your own.

✧ **Day 8 - April 25: Fatima / Cascais**

This morning we will depart Fatima and drive south to Santarem where we will visit the Church of St. Stephen (Church of the Holy Miracle) which contains the oldest recorded Eucharistic Miracle which has been on continuous display since 1269.

• While in Santarem we will also visit the Church of Saint John of Alporão, the Church of the Grace, the Church of the Marvila, and the Cathedral of Santarém. Then continue on to the seaside resort town of Cascais for overnight.

✧ **Day 9 - April 26: Cascais**

• Today we will enjoy a day at leisure on the coast.

✧ **Day 10 - April 27: Cascais / Lisbon / U.S.A.**

• This morning we will transfer to the airport in Lisbon to catch our return flight home.

Pilgrimage Price: \$3,090.00

*Per Person, Double Occupancy
Single room, please add: \$407.00
Land only, please subtract \$791.00*

These rates include:

- * Arrangements for daily Mass
- * Roundtrip economy class airfare from Chicago
- * Airline fuel surcharges
- * 8 nights accommodation
- * All hotel taxes, parking fees, road tolls and other taxes as currently levied
- * Breakfast and dinner daily
- * Professional tour manager
- * Comprehensive sightseeing with professional local guides
- * All entrance fees as per itinerary
- * Land transportation by private deluxe motorcoach
- * Arrival and departure transfers
- * Portage of one piece of luggage
- * Gratuities to tour manager, local guides, drivers, and hotel/restaurant staff

These rates do not include:

- * Airline taxes (currently \$105.69 per person but are 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.

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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 Spain or Portugal. 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 Iberia. 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: All pilgrims are strongly recommended to purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

Not Included: Airline taxes (\$105.69 per person subject to change until the time of ticketing), passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance (recommended for every traveler), 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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