



# Tekton Ministries

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

## *Pilgrimage to* **ITALY**



September 21<sup>th</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

## ✧ PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY ✧



### ✧ Day 1 - Sep. 21: Depart USA

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

### ✧ Day 2 - Sep. 22: Arrive Venice

Upon arrival in Venice, Italy's most colorful city, we will be met by our local tour director and transfer to our hotel. The balance of the day is free.



### ✧ Day 3 - Sep. 23: Venice

This morning we'll enjoy a walking tour of Venice, first visiting St. Mark's Square (Piazza San Marco) and St. Mark's Basilica (Basilica di San Marco) which was built to house the remains of St. Mark. Also visit the famous Doges' Palace and "Bridge of Sighs." The balance of the day is free to explore this fascinating city of islands on our own.

### ✧ Day 4 - Sep. 24: Venice / Padua / Florence

We will depart Venice this morning and drive south to Padua, where we will visit the Basilica of St. Anthony for Mass. Then continue on to Florence where we will enjoy an afternoon

- sightseeing tour including visits to the Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, the Baptistery with its renowned bronze doors, Santa Maria Novella Church and Santa Croce Church.

### ✧ Day 5 - Sep. 25: Florence / Assisi

- We will then continue our drive south to Assisi, a town which welcomes us in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare into its peaceful interior. This morning we'll visit the Basilica of St.



- Francis where the saint lies in rest, the Basilica of St. Clare, and the Convent of San Damiano where the miracle of the Eucharist of 1211 took place. Then 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 for Mass and the Eremo delle Carceri where St. Francis lived in a cave.

### ✧ Day 6 - Sep. 26: Assisi / Orvieto / Rome

- This morning we will depart Assisi and drive south to Orvieto, home to Italy's most stunning Gothic Cathedral, where the Feast of Corpus Christi began. We will have mass in the Chapel



of the Corporal in Orvieto. After a brief visit of the town we will continue on to Rome for overnight.

### ☞ Day 7 - Sep. 27: Rome

Today our sightseeing includes visits to St. Mary Major Basilica, the Santa Pressede Basilica which contains a piece of the column where Christ was scourged, St. John Lateran Basilica,



the Holy Stairs (Scala Santa) and the St. Callisto Catacombs.

### ☞ Day 8 - Sep. 28: 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 our sightseeing includes visits to the Roman Forum (outside visit), the Colosseum (outside visit), St. Peter in Chains featuring Michelangelo's "Moses" and St. Paul Outside the Walls. (B)

### ☞ Day 9 - Sep. 29: Rome

This morning we will visit the Scavi Excavations underneath St. Peter's (subject to confirmation). Then we will see the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps and the Pantheon. The remainder of the day is free for personal activities. (B)

### ☞ Day 10 - Sep. 30: Rome

This morning we will experience a highlight of our Roman stay, 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. The remainder

of the day is free for personal activities. This evening we will have a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

### ☞ Day 11 - Oct. 1: Rome / U.S.A.

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

### Pilgrimage Price: \$3,995.00

*Price is per person based on double occupancy*

*Supplement for a single room: \$698.00*

*For a land only reduction, subtract \$687.00*

#### These rates include:

- \* Arrangements for daily Mass
- \* Roundtrip economy class airfare from Indianapolis
- \* 9 nights accommodation
- \* All municipal hotel taxes as currently levied, VAT tax (22%), parking fees, road tolls and other taxes as currently levied
- \* Breakfast and dinner daily (as per itinerary)
- \* Farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Rome
- \* Professional tour manager from arrival until departure
- \* 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 at airports and hotels
- \* Gratuities to tour manager, local guides, drivers, and hotel/restaurant staff

#### These rates do not include:

- \* Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$638.30 but subject to change until the time of ticketing)
- \* Scavi Excavations entrance fee (has to be booked by group directly with the Vatican)
- \* 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 22 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 United 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. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

**Not Included:** Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (\$638.30 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.

**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/

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