



Tekton Ministries

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

Pilgrimage to **ITALY**



March 19th - March 29th, 2015
Newman Center - University of Nebraska

✧ PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY ✧



✧ Day 1 - March 19: 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 - March 20: Arrive Rome / Assisi

Upon arrival in the "Eternal City" of Rome we will be met by our local driver 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 St. Stefano Basilica with the balance of the day free for personal activities.



✧ Day 3 - March 21: Assisi

This morning we will proceed to the Basilica of St. Francis where the saint lies in rest where we will celebrate Mass at the Tomb of St. Francis. Then visit the Basilica of St. Clare and the Convent of San Damiano. In the afternoon 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 those with the stamina, take a walk up Monte Subasio to Eremo delle Corceri, the Saint's favorite retreat. Overnight in Assisi.

✧ Day 4 - March 22: 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 5 - March 23: Assisi / Lancia

- This morning we will depart Assisi and drive to Lancia, the site of the 8th century Miracle of the Eucharist, where bread and wine became real Flesh and Blood. After Mass we will continue on to San Giovanni Rotondo, the birthplace and home of St. Padre Pio.

✧ Day 6 - March 24: San Giovanni Rotondo

- Spend the morning touring this quaint 11th century town where the famous Padre spent most of his life. We will begin the day with mass at the Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church. Then we will have



- the opportunity to visit the Shrine for Mitigating Suffering which he founded, the Capuchin Monastery where he lived, the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, the Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church which was completed in 2004 and Padre Pio's Tomb. We will then depart San Giovanni Rotondo and proceed to the 'Eternal City' of Rome. This evening we will break up into smaller groups and enjoy dinner at local restaurants.

✧ Day 7 - March 25: Rome

- This morning we will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of San Lorenzo and have some time for adoration. We will then 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. After the Papal Audience we will have a picnic lunch (self-arranged) at the park near Castel Sant' Angelo. In the afternoon we will visit the Holy Stairs and the Basilicas of St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major. This evening we will break up into smaller groups and enjoy dinner at local restaurants.

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✧ Day 11 - March 29: Rome / U.S.A.

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



✧ Day 8 - March 26: Rome

This morning we will visit the Pantheon, an ancient Roman structure rebuilt into a Church, where the famous painter Raphael is buried. Continue on to the Piazza Navona. After that we will see the Chiesa Nuova where St. Philip Neri is buried, the Chiesa del Gesù, headquarters of the Jesuit Order, and the Basilica of San Andrea del Fratte. We will then visit the Church of San Sebastian, the Old Appian Way and the Church of Quo Vadis. Later in the afternoon celebrate Mass in the San Callistus Catacombs. This evening we will break up into smaller groups and enjoy dinner at local restaurants.

✧ Day 9 - March 27: Rome

We'll begin our day in Rome with Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, followed by a tour including the Pieta and Adoration Chapel which our Holy Father opened in 1981. We will then climb up to the Cupola of St. Peter's Basilica for a breathtaking view of Rome. Then enjoy a walking tour of nearby churches followed by lunch on our own. After lunch we will have a tour of the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican Museum, focusing especially on Eucharistic art and artifacts. This evening we will break up into smaller groups and enjoy dinner at local restaurants.

✧ Day 10 - March 28: Rome / Manoppello / Rome

This morning we'll take an excursion outside of Rome to Manoppello where we will visit the Basilica of Volto Santo which contains an image on a thin veil which is known as the Holy Face of Manoppello and has been reputed to be the veil that covered Christ's face during His burial and resurrection. Following Mass and a visit to the shrine we will have some free time for lunch and a visit to the nearby beach before returning

Pilgrimage Price: \$2,490.00

Price is per person/double occupancy

Supplement for a single room: \$395.00

For land only, please subtract \$711.00

Registration Deadlines:

Upperclassmen – Thanksgiving Day

Underclassmen – Dec. 19th

**Priority given to Upperclassmen*

These rates include:

- * Arrangements for daily Mass
- * Roundtrip economy class airfare from Omaha on United Airlines
- * 9 nights accommodation
- * All municipal hotel taxes, VAT tax (21%), parking fees, road tolls and other taxes as currently levied
- * Buffet breakfast daily at each hotel
- * 4 dinners at the hotels in Assisi and San Giovanni Rotondo (3 course meal-drinks NOT included)
- * 1 farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Rome
- * All entrance fees as per itinerary
- * Land transportation by private deluxe motorcoach
- * Minibus to Eremo & St. Damiano in Assisi day 2
- * Funicular in Orvieto
- * Porterage of one piece of luggage

These rates do not include:

- * Entrance fees to St. Clemente (5.00 EUR / person) and Cupola of St. Peter's Basilica (7.00 EUR / person)
- * Airline taxes/fuel surcharges of \$678.60 (subject to change until the time of ticketing)
- * Gratuities to tour managers for arrival/departure transfers, drivers, and hotel/restaurant staff
- * Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature

Departures from other cities 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 convenience fee. 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 42 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 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 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/Lufthansa. 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 required to purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip through the University of Nebraska. Please contact Fr. Holdren for more information.

Not Included: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (\$678.60 per person subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities, passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance (required for every traveler), entrance fees to St. Clemente and the Cupola of St. Peter's Basilica, laundry, local guides, 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

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