



Tekton Ministries

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

Pilgrimage to **ITALY**

October 9th - 20th, 2015



St. Mary Mother of God

Sesquicentennial Pilgrimage

✧ PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY ✧



✧ Day 1 - October 9: 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 - October 10: Arrive Rome

After arrival in the "Eternal City" of Rome, we will be met by our local tour manager and transfer to our centrally located hotel, our home for the next four nights. Following Mass at a local church the balance of the day will be free. (D)

✧ Day 3 - October 11: Rome

This morning we'll head to the Mamertine Prison where St. Paul was kept in chains, view the Forum (outside visit) and Coliseum (outside visit) and stop at St. Clement's, to see the second century dwelling of Pope St. Clement, the third successor of St. Peter, and the original fresco depicting St. Clement celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This fresco gives us a picture of Eucharistic worship at the end



of the first century or beginning of the second. Proceed to St. Peter in Chains featuring Michelangelo's "Moses" and St. Paul Outside the Walls which was originally built by Constantine in the fourth century over the site of St. Paul's tomb where Mass will be celebrated. After lunch we will continue our exploration of Rome with a visit to the Renaissance section of the city. We will 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. (B)

✧ Day 4 - October 12: 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 St. John Paul II opened in 1981.
- Our guide will then take us through the Vatican Museum
- and the Sistine Chapel with its awesome frescoes painted
- by Michelangelo focusing especially on Eucharistic art and
- artifacts. We will then explore the Vatican Gardens and
- visit the Scavi excavations underneath St. Peter's (subject
- to availability). (B)

✧ Day 5 - October 13: Rome

- Today our sightseeing includes visits to St. Mary Major
- Basilica where we will have Mass, Santa Prassede, Santo
- Croce in Gerusalemme, St. John Lateran, San Clemente,
- the Holy Stairs, the Old Appian Way and the St. Sebastian
- Catacombs. The remainder of the afternoon will be free. (B)



✧ Day 6 - October 14: Rome / Assisi

- 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 we will
- depart Rome and drive north to Orvieto where we'll visit
- Signorelli Chapel in the Cathedral of Orvieto and venerate
- the sacred Eucharistic miracle. 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. After Mass we will continue
- our drive through the beautiful Umbrian countryside to
- Assisi, a town which welcomes us in the spirit of St. Francis
- and St. Clare into its peaceful interior. (After the Papal

Audience the group returning to the U.S. will have the rest of the afternoon free to visit Rome.) (B/D)

☞ Day 7 - October 15: 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 enjoy a sightseeing tour of Assisi including visits to the Convent of San Damiano where the miracle of the Eucharist of 1211 took place, the Basilica of St. Francis where we will have Mass, and the Basilica of St. Clare. Continue on to the Rocca Maggiore, a castle which dominates the entire skyline with its impressive battlements. Then for those with the stamina, take a walk up Monte Subasio to L'Eremo delle Carceri (the Carceri Hermitage), the Saint's favorite retreat. There are many



caves here that St. Francis and his followers retreated to for seclusion and prayer. Overnight in Assisi. (The group departing for the U.S. will transfer to the airport for their flight home.) (B/D)

☞ Day 8 - October 16: Assisi / Siena / Florence

In the morning we will depart Assisi and drive north 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. 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. Continue our drive north to Florence, the regional capital of Tuscany. (B/D)

☞ Day 9 - October 17: Florence

Our tour of Florence this morning is an artful experience as we take in the Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, the Baptistery with its renowned bronze doors, the replica of the famous statue of David by Michelangelo outside the Palazzo Vecchio, Santa Maria Novella Church and Santa Croce Church. The remainder of the afternoon will be free during which time you may wish to visit one of Florence's world famous museums. (B)

☞ Day 10 - October 18: Florence / Padua / Venice

After morning Mass we will depart Florence and drive north to Padua to visit the Basilica of St. Anthony, the Duomo and Baptistery, and the Capella degli Scrovegni with its beautiful frescoes painted by Giotto. Afterwards will then continue on to Venice, Italy's most colorful city

with the remainder of the afternoon free for personal activities. (B/D)

☞ Day 11 - October 19: 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. After Mass, 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. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B/D)

☞ Day 12 - October 20: Venice / U.S.A.

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home. (B)



Pilgrimage Price:

\$3,870.00

per person/double occupancy

For a single occupancy please add \$590.00

For land only, please subtract: \$1287.00

These rates include:

- * Arrangements for daily Mass
- * Roundtrip economy class airfare from Columbus
- * Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (*currently \$657.73 but subject to change at time of final invoice*)
- * 10 night's 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 as per itinerary
- * Farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Venice
- * Professional tour manager
- * Comprehensive sightseeing with professional guides
- * Land transportation by private deluxe motorcoach
- * Arrival and departure transfers
- * Porterage of one piece of luggage

These rates do not include:

- * Scavi Excavations entrance fee
- * Gratuities to tour manager, local guides, drivers, and hotel/restaurant staff
- * Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature
- * Personal Travel Insurance (highly recommended)

OPTIONAL - Rome Only* (7 days) **\$1,465.00**

per person/double occupancy

** Does not include airfare*

Contact Tekton Ministries for full details.

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 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 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 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 Delta Airlines and Air France. 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: Passport/visa fees, Scavi entrance fee, gratuities, 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

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