



Tekton Ministries

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

Pilgrimage to the **MARIAN SHRINES OF FRANCE, SPAIN, AND PORTUGAL**



April 4th - 16th, 2016

✧ PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY ✧

Fatima



✧ Day 1 - April 4: Depart U.S.A.

Your pilgrimage begins today as you depart on your flight to Portugal.

✧ Day 2 - April 5: Arrive Lisbon / Fatima

After a morning arrival in Lisbon, you will meet your knowledgeable local escort, who in addition to the priests accompanying your pilgrimage, will be with you throughout your stay. Drive north to Fatima, one of the world's most important Marian Shrines and an important center for pilgrimages. Time permitting we will make a stop in Santarem for Mass at the Church of St. Stephen, famous for its venerated relic, "the Bleeding Host" en route from Lisbon to Fatima.

✧ Day 3 - April 6: Fatima

As in most small villages in the early years of the century, the parish church was the center of life and faith in Fatima. It was here that the three children

Fatima



were baptized and Lucy made her first confession at six years of age. The kindly priest who heard her confession told her to consecrate herself to the Blessed Virgin and she immediately did this in front of the statue of Our Lady of the Rosary. The following day she took Holy Communion for the first time. Jacinta also frequently came here to pray. Once on the feast of the Ascension, the Blessed Virgin appeared and asked them to pray the rosary every day and ask for world peace. After Mass at the Chapel of the Apparitions, visit the Basilica to see the site of Francisco and Jacinta's graves and the village where the three children lived. Continue to Valinhos where Our Lady appeared to the children following their release. This evening participate in the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacre, site of the first Apparition.

Santiago de Compostela



✧ Day 4 - April 7: Fatima / Santiago de Compostela

Depart Fatima this morning and drive north to Porto where we will visit the soaring Cathedral and admire the richly decorated Church of Sao Francisco. Then proceed 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 continue on to Santiago de Compostela. 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 5 - April 8: Santiago de Compostela

This morning we will enjoy a complete tour of Santiago

Camino de 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. **(Option: For those with the stamina you can walk the last 9 miles of the Camino on your own today taking in the pilgrimage of all those who have travelled on the Camino for centuries.)**

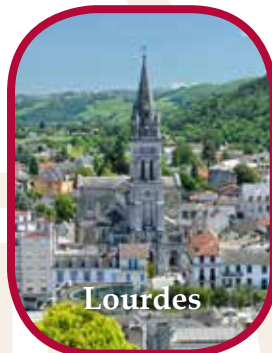
✧ Day 6 - April 9: Santiago de Compostela / Santander

Depart Santiago de Compostela this morning and

drive to Oviedo, the capital of the Asturias region. Here we will visit the Cathedral which houses the tombs of Asturian kings and the Camara Santa, a restored 9th century chapel containing expressive statues of Christ and the Apostles. After Mass continue on to Santander, the capital of the Cantabria region.

☞ Day 7 - April 10: Santander / Loyola / Lourdes

This morning we will depart Santander and drive to Loyola, the hometown of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Here you will visit the Basilica and the tower house where he was born and lived. After Mass, depart San Sebastian and drive across the Spanish-French border to Lourdes, one of the great pilgrimage shrines in the world. It was here where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette in 1858 proclaiming



herself the "Immaculate Conception". This evening we will participate in the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the Candlelight Procession.

☞ Day 8 - April 11: Lourdes

You have all day to experience the special atmosphere of this beautiful town. Attend Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, visit the Basilica of St. Pius X, see the house where Bernadette lived during the Apparitions, and visit several of the sites where miraculous cures have taken place. After dinner, join the candlelight procession.

☞ Day 9 - April 12: Lourdes

Today is free for personal activities.

☞ Day 10 - April 13: Lourdes / Barcelona

Depart Lourdes and drive over the Pyrenees to Andorra la Vella and view Romanesque churches and stone houses in the city's quarter along with a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Meritxell. Continue on to Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia and explore the colorful markets of Las Ramblas before transferring to our hotel.

☞ Day 11 - April 14: Barcelona

After breakfast we will enjoy a panoramic tour of Barcelona including panoramic views of the harbor area, Montjuic, Plaza de Espana and Plaza de Catalunya. We will then visit Barcelona Cathedral followed by a visit to Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia, a magnificent, unfinished Roman Catholic basilica of impressive proportions. We will continue on to the Tibidabo Hill where we will visit the Church of the Sacred Heart and see a statue of Christ whose extended arms overlooking Barcelona reminds one of Rio de Janeiro.

☞ Day 12 - April 15: Barcelona

This morning we will travel outside of Barcelona to visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Montserrat, the spiritual heart of Catalonia and home to a dramatically set Benedictine monastery. For 700 years this Marian shrine has attracted thousands of pilgrims from around the world. We pause here to visit the Black Madonna of Montserrat, probably Spain's most fervent devotion to the Blessed Mother. Return to Barcelona with the remainder of the afternoon free. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

☞ Day 13 - April 16: Barcelona / U.S.A.

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

Pilgrimage Price:

\$3,845.00

per person/double occupancy

For a single occupancy please add \$598.00

For land only, please subtract: \$530.00

These rates include:

- * Arrangements for daily Mass
- * Roundtrip economy class airfare from Indianapolis
- * Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (up to \$598.70 per person but are subject to change until the time of ticketing)
- * 11 nights accommodation in Standard/4 star hotels
- * All hotel taxes, parking fees, road tolls and other taxes as currently levied
- * Breakfast and dinner daily
- * 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

These rates do not include:

- * Balance of airline taxes/fuel surcharges over \$598.70 per person (subject to change until the time of ticketing)
- * 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

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 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 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 France, 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 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: Passport/visa fees, balance of airline taxes/fuel surcharges over \$598.70 per person (subject to change until the time of ticketing), 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

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