



# Tekton Ministries

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

## *Pilgrimage to* **Spain, Lourdes, *and* Milan**



*May 9<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016*



## ✧ PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY ✧



Madrid



Avila Cathedral

### ✧ Day 1 - May 9: Depart U.S.A.

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

### ✧ Day 2 – May 10: Arrive Madrid

After a morning arrival in Madrid, we will be met by our local tour manager who will be with us throughout our stay. Enjoy a city tour of Madrid will show some of the history and tradition of Spain, including the Prado Museum - with its masterpieces of El Greco, Goya, and Velasquez, the Royal Palace, the University with Cervantes' monument, Puerta del Sol and the Retiro Park. The remainder of the afternoon is free.



Avila

### ✧ Day 3 – May 11: Madrid / Avila / Madrid

Begin this morning by driving 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 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 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



Zaragoza

- of seventeen monasteries which she founded
- for the new Discalced Carmelites. Return to
- Madrid.

### ✧ Day 4 – May 12: Madrid / Zaragoza

- Depart Madrid for Zaragoza. This is the chief
- city of Aragon and had traditions connected
- with the story of St. James and is the birthplace
- of the great Spanish painter, Francisco Goya.
- Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Pilar, where
- the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. James in
- 40 AD.

### ✧ Day 5 – May 13: Zaragoza / Lourdes

After Mass, depart Zaragoza 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.



Lourdes



Milan:  
Il Duomo



Milan

### ✧ Day 6 – May 14: 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 7 – May 15: Lourdes

Today we will have all day to experience Lourdes on our own. A private retreat day for prayer and perhaps some shopping. After dinner this evening we will take part in the Candlelight Procession.

### ✧ Day 8 – May 16: Lourdes / Milan

Today depart Lourdes and drive to Pau to catch our flight to Milan. Upon arrival in Milan we will enjoy a city tour including visits to the Duomo which is one of the world's largest Gothic Cathedrals, the La Scala Opera House (outside visit), the glamorous Galleria Vittorio Emanuele shopping gallery and the medieval Sforza Castle.

### ✧ Day 9 – May 17: Milan

This morning we will drive a short distance to Magenta, Ponte Nuovo and Mesero to visit

- the sites related to the life of St. Gianna Molla
- who was canonized on May 16, 2004. Return to
- Milan and visit the Church of Santa Maria delle
- Grazie which houses the “Last Supper” painting
- by Leonardo da Vinci (subject to availability).

### ✧ Day 10 – May 18: Milan / U.S.A.

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

### Pilgrimage Price:

**\$2,211.00** (Land Only)

*per person/double occupancy*

*For a single occupancy please add \$424.00*

#### These rates include:

- \* Arrangements for daily Mass
- \* 8 nights accommodation
- \* All municipal hotel taxes, VAT tax, parking fees, road tolls and other taxes as currently levied
- \* Breakfast and dinner daily
- \* Professional tour manager for 6 days on the Spain/France portion from arrival in Madrid on May 10 until after dinner in Lourdes on May 15
- \* Half day guide, Madrid, Segovia, Avila, Zaragoza, and Milan.
- \* Full day guide for Lourdes sightseeing on May 14
- \* Land transportation by private deluxe motorcoach from arrival in Madrid on May 10 until arrival in Lourdes on May 13
- \* Departure transfer from Lourdes to Pau on May 16
- \* Half day coach, arrival transfer and tour in Milan on May 16
- \* Full day coach on May 17
- \* Departure transfer in Milan on May 18
- \* Porterage of one piece of luggage at hotels

#### These rates do not include:

- \* International airfare
- \* Porterage at airports
- \* Tour manager in Italy from May 16-18
- \* Local guide on May 17
- \* 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

Register Online at:

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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 9 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 Spain, France, and 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.

**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:** International Airfare, passport/visa fees, gratuities, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

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