



# Tekton Ministries

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

*Pilgrimage to*

ITALY

*March 11<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

# ✧ PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY ✧

Assisi



## ✧ Day 1 – March 11: 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 12: Arrive Rome / Assisi

After our arrival in Rome we will drive north to Assisi, a town which welcomes us in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare into its peaceful interior. (D)

## ✧ Day 3 – March 13: Assisi / Siena / Assisi

This morning we will drive 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. Hosts which have remained

Tuscany



incorrupt since 1730. 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. Return to Assisi for overnight. (B/D)

## ✧ Day 4 – March 14: Assisi / Orvieto / Rome

This morning we will visit St. Mary of the Angels

Basilica of St. Francis



- 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 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 Mass will be celebrated,
- and the Basilica of St. Clare. 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. We will then depart
- Assisi and drive 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

Rome - St. Peter's Basilica



- Urban IV held up the blood-stained corporal and
- announced his intention to institute the Feast
- of Corpus Christi. Continue on to Rome for
- overnight. (B/D)

## ✧ Day 5 – March 15: 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 enjoy a picnic lunch (self-arranged). We will then visit the Catacombs of San Callistus followed by the remainder of the day free for personal activities. (B)

### ☞ Day 6 – March 16: 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. We will celebrate Mass and then proceed to St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's magnificent Moses followed by a visit to St. Mary Major. (B)

### ☞ Day 7 – March 17: 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. Afterwards we will tour the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican Museum, focusing especially on Eucharistic art and artifacts. We will then stop for a picnic lunch (self-arranged) at the park near Castel Sant' Angelo. After lunch we'll visit the Holy Stairs and the Basilica of St. John Lateran. (B)

### ☞ Day 8 – March 18: Rome

This morning we will visit and celebrate Mass at St. Paul Outside the Walls which was originally built by Constantine in the fourth century over the site of St. Paul's tomb. After our Holy Hour, we will visit the Trevi Fountain where a coin thrown over your shoulder will guarantee you another visit to Rome; the Pantheon; Piazza Navona with the famous Bernini's fountains; Santa Maria in

Vallicella (also known as Chiesa Nuova) which was founded by St Philip Neri in 1561, the Church of the Gesù which is the mother church of the Jesuits, and the Basilica of San Andrea del Fratte, where Alphonse Ratisbonne was instantly converted when Our Lady appeared to him. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B/D)

### ☞ Day 9 – March 19: Rome / U.S.A.

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



## Pilgrimage Price:

# \$2,325.00

*per person/double occupancy*

*For a single occupancy please add \$421.00*

*For land only, please subtract: \$320.00*

#### These rates include:

- \* Arrangements for daily Mass
- \* Roundtrip economy class airfare from Chicago O'Hare on Lufthansa
- \* 7 nights accommodation
- \* All municipal hotel taxes as currently levied, VAT tax (22%), parking fees, road tolls and other taxes as currently levied
- \* Breakfast daily
- \* 3 dinners on day 2, day 3 and day 4
- \* 1 farewell dinner at a local restaurant on day 8
- \* Professional tour manager from arrival until departure
- \* Comprehensive sightseeing with professional local guides
- \* All entrance fees as per itinerary
- \* Land transportation by private deluxe motor coach
- \* Arrival and departure transfers for group flights
- \* Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- \* Bus transfers from Bedford to and from Chicago airport (up to \$100/person)

#### These rates do not include:

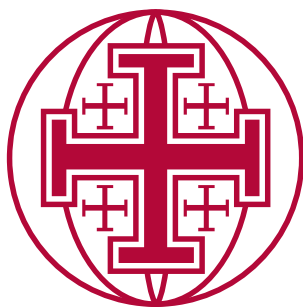
- \* Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$733.67 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing)
- \* Dinners in Rome on day 5, day 6 and day 7
- \* Gratuities to tour manager, local guides, drivers, and hotel/restaurant staff
- \* Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and 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 34 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 airline penalties or 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 Lufthansa. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice. Note that any ticketing changes made within 90 days of your departure date will incur airline penalties.

**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, Airline taxes (currently \$733.67 per person, subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities to tour manager, local guides, drivers, and hotel/restaurant staff, 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.

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