



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



All Things Women
Rooted in His love. Formed in sisterhood.
GROWING IN SPIRIT-LED FREEDOM

**O MARY
CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN,
PRAY FOR US**

HEALING & THE LITTLE WAY
**A PILGRIMAGE TO THE
SHRINES OF FRANCE**

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April 19 - 30, 2027



A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages all over the world for more than 30 years. Working closely with your priest to create thoughtfully planned itineraries, we help make the Catholic faith more tangible to your daily life. By visiting holy sites and shrines throughout France, and walking in the footsteps of numerous saints, we hope your faith will be reinvigorated and renewed by this pilgrimage. Daily Mass and time for prayerful reflection are the cornerstones of each day's experience.

We use only experienced Christian or Catholic guides, so you receive truthful explanations of scripture and the places we encounter. When the disciple Philip asked the Eunuch (who was reading Isaiah) if he understood what he was reading, the man responded, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:35) Just as Philip guided the Eunuch with "the good news of Jesus," your Tekton pilgrimage will guide you into a deeper understanding of the Scriptures. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

- **Day 1 – Monday, April 19**

Depart USA

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

- **Day 2 – Tuesday, April 20**

Paris / Rouen / Lisieux

Upon arrival in Paris this morning we will be met at the airport by our Pilgrimage Manager who will be with us throughout our journey. We then drive through the Normandy countryside to Rouen, where our walking tour will explore its magnificent Gothic cathedral depicting scenes from the life of St. Joan of Arc and the Church of St. Joan of Arc, built near where she was burned to death. Proceed to Lisieux, the home of St. Thérèse the "Little Flower of Jesus," where we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (D, Mass) Overnight Lisieux

- **Day 3 – Wednesday, April 21**

Lisieux

Today we spend time at the home of St. Thérèse the "Little Flower of Jesus". Visit Les Buissonnets, the home where she lived as a child, followed by the Carmel Convent where she was a nun. Visit the Basilica of St. Thérèse, its Crypt, and the 13th century Gothic Cathedral of St. Peter. Venerate Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, the Little Flower's parents, while praying at their burial site. The balance of the afternoon will be spent in a retreat like atmosphere. Return

Basilica of St. Therese



to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Lisieux

- **Day 4 – Thursday, April 22**

Lisieux / Saint Malo

After breakfast depart Lisieux and journey to Mont-St.-Michel, the principal shrine of the Archangel Michael and one of the medieval wonders of Europe. Our visit here will include the Grande Rue, St. Aubert's Chapel, and the Benedictine Abbey which is perched atop



the rock island. Afterwards, we proceed to Saint Malo and check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Saint Malo

- **Day 5 – Friday, April 23**

St. Malo / Le Mans

This morning, we begin at the walled city of St. Malo. Famous for its role in Atlantic piracy, it is now the most visited city in the region. Marvel at the reconstruction of the cathedral of St. Vincent – destroyed during WWII but rebuilt according to its original design. Afterwards, journey to Le Mans, home of Holy Cross congregation and the Sisters of Providence, as well as the home for St. Theodore Guerin before being sent to Indiana. We will pray at the Cathedral of St. Julien and at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence beneath a beautiful stained-glass window display. Proceed to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D, Mass) Overnight Le Mans

Chartres Cathedral



- **Day 6 – Saturday, April 24**
Le Mans / Chartres / Paris

After breakfast we proceed to Chartres, home to what most believe to be the greatest Gothic cathedral in Europe. The stained-glass windows of this Cathedral are world-renowned. Over 150 windows illustrate biblical stories and daily life in the 13th century. After plenty of prayerful time exploring the cathedral, we continue to Paris, our home for the next three nights. Enjoy a brief overview of the city before checking into our hotel for dinner and overnight. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Paris*



- **Day 7 – Sunday, April 25**
Paris

We begin our morning at the Shrine of Saint Vincent de Paul where the saint's body is on display in a reliquary. From there we go to the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal at Rue de Bac where Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830 and where she is buried, the imposing Saint-Sulpice, and Montmartre with its magnificent Basilica of Sacre Coeur where we will attend a Holy Hour. The remainder of the day is free for exploration and dinner will be on your own this evening. *(B, Mass) Overnight Paris*

- **Day 8 – Monday, April 26**
Paris

Today we begin at Notre Dame Cathedral, reopened in 2024 after extensive restoration, in the spiritual heart of Paris. Just a few blocks away on the same little island in the Seine is Sainte-Chapelle, built in 1248 to house the Crown of Thorns, and one of the world's most captivating arrays of stained-glass windows. We then journey across the river to La Madeleine; a neo-classical church built in honor of Mary Magdalene. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Paris*

- **Day 9 – Tuesday, April 27**
Paris / Lourdes

After breakfast, we will board the high-speed train to Lourdes, one of the great pilgrimage shrines in the world. On the train, we will have some time for some group discussion and processing, enjoying the passing countryside, and catching up on sleep. In Lourdes, Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858 proclaiming herself the "Immaculate Conception". Upon arrival we will get settled in our hotel before dinner. In the evening, we will participate in the Eucharistic Procession by candlelight. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Lourdes*

- **Day 10 – Wednesday, April 28**
Lourdes

Today we will have all day to experience Lourdes, exploring the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, the Church of St. Bernadette, the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, and the healing waters of the spring. We will celebrate Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, the site where the Virgin appeared. We will also visit the Basilica of Pius X

(the world's largest underground church). A dinner on your own this evening precedes the candlelight procession.

(B, Mass) Overnight Lourdes

- **Day 11 – Thursday, April 29**
Lourdes

Enjoy a full day on your own in the peaceful setting of Lourdes. Visit a place we saw yesterday, explore somewhere new, or just sit in awe and wonder and contemplate the events that happened here and the miracles that still occur. Enjoy a farewell dinner together before we participate one last time in the evening pilgrim activities.

(B, D, Mass) Overnight Lourdes



- **Day 12 – Friday, April 30**
Lourdes / Pau / Paris / U.S.A.

Today marks the end of a marvelous experience as we transfer to the airport for the return trip home, filled with memories and graces of this pilgrimage that will last a lifetime. *(B)*

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



FRANCE PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare **\$4,750.00**

Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges **\$761.23**

(subject to change until final ticketing)

ESTIMATED COST \$5,511.23

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$180.00**

(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$844.00
- Land-only option: \$4,285.00 *(no flights or gratuities included)*

Final Payment Due

January 2027

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from San Francisco on Air France
- 10 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Knowledgeable, friendly, Catholic/Christian guides; whisper headsets; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner per itinerary (excluding drinks)
- Farewell dinner on day 11

Rates do not include: lunches, drinks with meals

Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms part of your final payment which is due 90 days prior to departure - after receiving the final invoice. All pilgrimage registrations must be made online through our website. Reservations made within 89 days of departure (or after the final invoices are sent) must be accompanied by payment in full. Any credit card payments other than the deposit will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. Late payments may be subject to a late fee and/or possible removal from the pilgrimage. Pilgrimage prices are based upon a minimum number of 23 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for smaller group sizes.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be received in writing (email or letter). The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any airline penalties and charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, \$300 will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days prior to departure, \$1000.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days prior to departure, \$2000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 30 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. U.S. citizens may also be required to apply for ETIAS (start date TBD) to enter Europe. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for France. 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 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. Note that any ticketing changes or cancellations made within 120 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 in base price: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$761.23 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff, passport/visa fees, 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 establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

Trust Account Disclosure: California law requires certain sellers of travel to have a trust account or bond. George's International Tours has such a trust account.

Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"): George's International Tours is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if George's International Tours was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale and the passenger is located in California at the time of payment. Please be advised that passengers purchasing from outside of California are not covered by the TCRC. Eligible passengers may file a claim with TCRC if the passenger is owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which George's International Tours failed to forward to a proper provider or if such money was not refunded to you when required. The maximum amount, which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to George's International Tours, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating Seller of Travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale. You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 6001, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001; or by faxing a request to 415-927-7698.

Responsibility Clause: Tekton Ministries, George's International Tours and/or their cooperating selling agents and/or their suppliers of services offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public, and are not responsible therefore, either directly or indirectly, for any loss, accident, or injury which may result from any act, omission, negligence in or responsible for performing or providing these component services. The transportation companies concerned take no responsibility for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not aboard their conveyances. The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. Tour operator reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries. Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.



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