



Tekton Ministries

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

Pilgrimage to

THE HOLY LAND



with Fr. Peter Vasko, ofm

November 29th - December 9th, 2016

PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY



☞ **Day 1 – Nov. 29: Depart U.S.A.**
Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our flight to Israel. Meals and drinks served aloft.

☞ **Day 2 – Nov. 30: Arrive Tel Aviv / Netanya**
After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met at the airport and then transfer to our hotel located on the shores of the Mediterranean in Netanya.

☞ **Day 3 – Dec. 1: Netanya / Tiberias**
This morning, leave Netanya for Tiberias. Drive along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea,



capital of the ancient Roman Procurators of Judea. Here, St. Peter preached and St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. Visit the Roman Theater, Crusader's Moat, and the Byzantine Churches. Continue to the sparkling port city of Haifa. Ascend Mt. Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, to visit Stella Maris. Continue to Tiberias, our home for the next three nights.

☞ **Day 4 – Dec. 2: Tiberias**
Following breakfast, drive to Cana of Galilee, where Our Lord performed the first miracle - changing water into wine at the wedding feast. Here, we'll invite couples to renew their marriage



vows. Proceed to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation. In the afternoon take an excursion to the summit of Mt. Tabor to visit the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus.

☞ **Day 5 – Dec. 3: Tiberias**
This morning, enjoy a scenic boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, home of Jesus during His ministry. After visiting the synagogue where he taught, drive to Tabgha - site of the multiplication of loaves and fishes. Next, drive to the Mount of Beatitudes to visit the site of the Sermon on the Mount. The remainder of the day is free.



☞ **Day 6 – Dec. 4: Tiberias / Jerusalem**
We will depart Galilee late this morning for Jerusalem. Drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee to the Baptismal Site on the Jordan River where we will renew our baptismal vows. Continue via the Jordan Valley to Bet Shean, where we'll view from our coach an ancient Roman amphitheater. From here, drive through the Judean wilderness to Jerusalem.

☞ **Day 7 – Dec. 5: Jerusalem**
This morning, drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of Pater Noster, Ascension, and then walk the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit, where Our Lord



wept over Jerusalem. Proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Church of All Nations. In the afternoon, drive through the New City of Jerusalem to Ein Karem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist, to see the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous "Magnificat".

☞ **Day 8 – Dec. 6: Jerusalem**

Drive to visit the Shepherd's Fields and then proceed to Bethlehem to visit the Nativity Church, built by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century over the traditional grotto of Jesus' birth. Tour the Manger, the Grotto of St. Jerome, the Church of St. Catherine, and the Milk Grotto. Then visit the Franciscan Family Center followed by some free time for shopping before returning to Jerusalem.

☞ **Day 9 – Dec. 7: Jerusalem**

This morning, enter the Old City of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of St. Anne, the Pool of Bethesda and the Chapel of Flagellation. We will then walk along the



Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to visit Golgotha and the Tomb of Our Lord. In the afternoon proceed to Mt. Zion to visit the Upper Room, Dormition Abbey and St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times.

☞ **Day 10 – Dec. 8: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv**

Proceed to Bethany to visit the site of the House of Mary, Martha & Lazarus and the Tomb of Lazarus. Continue through the Judean Wilderness and along the Dead Sea to Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We will continue on to visit Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western world. From the top of the ancient "tel",



we'll have an excellent view of Elisha's Fountain, the Qarantal and the Mount of Temptation. Return to Jerusalem and enjoy a farewell dinner this evening. After dinner we will check-out from our hotel and transfer to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv to catch our late evening return flight home.

☞ **Day 11 – Dec. 9: Tel Aviv / U.S.A.**

Today our pilgrimages comes to an end as we arrive back home following our overnight flight from Tel Aviv.

Pilgrimage Price: \$2,995.00

per person/double occupancy

For a single occupancy please add 752.00

For land only, please subtract: \$366.00

These rates include:

- * Arrangements for daily Mass
- * Roundtrip economy class airfare from New York JFK to Tel Aviv on Delta Airlines
- * 9 nights accommodation
- * All hotel taxes and service charges
- * Breakfast and dinner daily
- * Farewell Middle Eastern dinner in Jerusalem
- * Comprehensive sightseeing with a licensed Christian guide (Fr. Peter Vasko)
- * All entrance fees as per itinerary
- * Land transportation by private deluxe motorcoach
- * Arrival and departure transfers; group flights only
- * Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- * Gratuities

These rates do not include:

- * Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$692.79 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing)
- * Whisper headsets
- * 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 surcharge. 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 Israel. 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. 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: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (\$692.79 per person subject to change until the time of ticketing), 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.

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