



# Tekton Ministries

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



*Pilgrimage to the*

## **HOLY LAND** and **JORDAN**

*April 23<sup>rd</sup> - May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017*



*St. Thérèse of Carmel Catholic Church*

# PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

## Day 1 – Apr. 23: Depart U.S.A.

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our overnight flight to Israel. Meals and drinks served aloft.

## Day 2 – Apr. 24: Arrive Tel Aviv / Netanya

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv we will be met by our local guide who will arrange the schedule of our visits and make the scripture come alive as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus and the Prophets. Transfer to our nearby hotel in the Mediterranean resort town of Netanya.

## Day 3 – Apr. 25: Netanya / Tiberias

Leave Netanya for the Sea of Galilee. 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 Megiddo, the jewel in the crown of biblical archaeology. Continue to the sparkling port city of Haifa. Ascend Mt. Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, for Mass. Visit the Carmelite Monastery, the largest Carmelite Monastery and world center of the Order. We will find ourselves in the very cave where the prophet Elijah set up his altar and triumphed over the false prophets of Baal. Proceed to our hotel in Galilee. (B/D)

## Day 4 – Apr. 26: Tiberias

Following breakfast, we go a short distance to Cana of Galilee where Jesus, at the request of Mary, performed His first miracle...changing water into wine. It was here that He blessed



marriage and raised it to the dignity of a sacrament. If you wish, you may renew your wedding vows as a lasting remembrance of this holy site. We will then drive to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, where we will celebrate Mass. Just behind the altar, at the Cave of the Annunciation, we will see the actual room in which Mary said "yes" to the angel Gabriel. From there we will visit St. Joseph's Carpentry Shop and Mary's well. In the afternoon, we will take an excursion to the summit of Mt. Tabor where Jesus transfigured himself and revealed his Divine Glory to the apostles (Matt 17:2). (B/D)

## Day 5 – Apr. 27: Tiberias

This morning we will drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee to the Church of Peter's Primacy (John 21:16). Here on the shore of Galilee, Jesus appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection and confirmed Peter in the role as Vicar of Christ with the words, "Feed My sheep." We will proceed onto Capernaum which for three years was the center of Jesus' public ministry. Here our Lord met his first disciples – Peter, Andrew, James, John and Matthew – and worked many miracles. We will celebrate Mass, visit the synagogue where Jesus taught, and then drive to Tabgha – the site where Jesus multiplied the Loaves and Fishes and fed over 5000 people (Luke 9:13). Later,



ascending the Golan Heights, we will stop at the Banias Spring that rises from under a cave and is one of the sources of the Jordan River. It was here in Banias (ancient Caesarea Philippi) where Peter made his confession of faith in Jesus. (B/D)



## Day 6 – Apr. 28: Tiberias / Amman

Depart Galilee and drive to the Sheik Hussein border-cross where we will cross into the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Drive south to Jerash which was founded by the soldiers of Alexander the Great in 300 B.C and now stands as the best preserved ruins of a provincial Greco-Roman city in the world. Along a 2-mile stretch we'll see the oval shaped forum encircled by 56 graceful Roman columns, Hadrian's Arch, the Temples of Artemis and Zeus, and the massive Roman theater. We will then continue on to Amman, the capital of Jordan, where we will visit an impressive Roman Amphitheater which once accommodated 6,000 spectators and the hilltop Citadel before checking into our hotel.

## Day 7 – Apr. 29: Amman / Petra

This morning we will visit the traditional baptismal site on the Jordan River known as Bethany Beyond the Jordan where we will have an opportunity to renew our baptismal vows. Then continue south to Mount Nebo where Moses first viewed the promised land. After Mass on Mt. Nebo, we will proceed to Madaba, a Byzantine center of master mosaics, to see the oldest surviving map of the Holy Land. Continue on to Petra, one of the most magnificent sites in the Middle East.

☞ **Day 8 – Apr. 30: Petra / Jerusalem**

This morning will be spent exploring the “Rose Red City” of Petra which is literally carved into the sides of a deep gorge. The only entrance is through the “Siq”, a narrow slit in the rock enclosed by beautiful limestone cliffs. Riding on horseback (no riding experience required) between the 100 foot cliffs we will see a remarkable sight: temples, tombs, and dwellings chiseled right into the limestone walls. Following our sightseeing of Petra, we will drive north to the Allenby Bridge border-crossing where we will cross back into the Holy Land. Proceed to Jerusalem for overnight.

☞ **Day 9 – May 1: Jerusalem**

This morning we will drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught the Lord’s prayer to his Disciples and the Chapel of Ascension where Jesus ascended into Heaven forty days after his resurrection. Then walk along the “Palm Sunday Road” to Dominus Flevit where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations for Mass on the Rock of Agony. After Mass we will view the Temple Area of the Old City of Jerusalem featuring the Dome of the Rock, el Aqsa Mosque and the Wailing Wall. We will then enter the restored Jewish Quarter and walk along the excavated Cardo, once a main street of ancient Jerusalem. Enjoy touring the Herodian Mansions, a complex of villas from 2,000 years ago.

☞ **Day 10 – May 2: Jerusalem**

This morning we will drive to Bethlehem where we will visit and celebrate Mass at the Nativity Church which was built by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century above the traditional Grotto of Jesus’ birth. Also visit the Manger, the Grotto of St.



Jerome, the Church of St. Catherine, the Milk Grotto and the Shepherd’s Fields. We will then proceed to the Israel Museum in the New City of Jerusalem where we will see a scale model of Jerusalem as it appeared 2,000 years ago. Then continue on to Ein Karem to see the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous “Magnificat” and the Church of St. John the Baptist where St. John the Baptist was born.

☞ **Day 11 – May 3: Jerusalem**

Enter the Old City of Jerusalem through St. Stephen’s Gate to visit the Church of St. Anne, where the Blessed Virgin Mary was born. Next to this site is the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic man. We will then walk the Via Dolorosa finishing prayerfully in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where we will have Holy Mass. There we will climb Mt. Calvary and pray at the site of the crucifixion. We will venerate the site where Jesus’ body was anointed, the tomb where he was buried and rose from the dead, and the Chapel of St. Helena where the true cross was found. While in the Old City, we will also see Pilate’s Judgment Hall, the Chapel of Flagellation, the Arch of Ecce Homo, the “Wailing Wall”, and the Temple Mount. Afterwards, we exit the city to visit the Pool of Siloam, where Jesus healed a man born blind. We then go to Mount Zion to

visit the Upper Room, the site where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper. We will pray our Rosary together in the Church of Dormition, where Mary was assumed into heaven. Lastly, visit St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times. (B/D)

☞ **Day 12 – May 4: Jerusalem**

After an early Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre we will return to our hotel for breakfast. Following breakfast, proceed to Bethany to visit the site of the home of Mary, Martha & Lazarus and the Tomb of Lazarus. Continue through the Judean Wilderness to 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. Then drive south along the shores of the Dead Sea (the lowest point on earth) to Masada, the fortress stronghold built by Herod the Great and later the scene of the final siege of The Great Jewish Revolt in 73 AD. Then proceed to Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. This evening a special “Farewell Jerusalem” dinner will be arranged in your honor at a typical Middle Eastern restaurant.

☞ **Day 13 – May 5: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv / U.S.A.**

Today our Holy Land pilgrimage comes to an end. We will transfer to the airport in Tel Aviv for our return flight home.

**Pilgrimage Price: \$3,730.00**

*per person/double occupancy*

*For a single occupancy please add \$824.00*

*For land only, please subtract: \$1,017.00*

**These rates include:**

- \* Arrangements for daily Mass
- \* Roundtrip economy class airfare from San Diego to Tel Aviv on United Airlines
- \* 11 nights accommodation
- \* All hotel taxes and service charges
- \* Breakfast and dinner daily
- \* Farewell Middle Eastern dinner in Jerusalem
- \* Comprehensive sightseeing with licensed Christian guides
- \* Horse ride in Petra
- \* Land transportation; private deluxe motor coach
- \* Arrival and departure transfers; group flights only
- \* Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- \* Entry visa for Jordan
- \* Whisper headsets

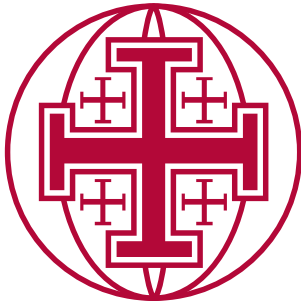
**These rates do not include:**

- \* Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (\$699.39 per person, subject to change until the time of ticketing)
- \* Israel/Jordan border crossing taxes (currently \$50.00 per person but subject to change)
- \* Comprehensive travel insurance
- \* Gratuities
- \* 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 32 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 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. 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, currently \$699.39 per person (subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities, airport/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

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