



**PILGRIMAGE TO THE** 

# HOLY LAND

May 29th- June 8th, 2018

### PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 – May 29: Depart U.S.A.

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

#### Day 2 – May 30: Arrival/Galilee

This afternoon we arrive at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, where we will be met by our guide who will be with us for our entire pilgrimage in the footsteps of Christ. We will bus north to Nazareth where we will stay for the next three nights.

#### Day 3 - May 31: Galilee

This morning we visit Nazareth - the boyhood home of Jesus. In the Church of the Annunciation we will celebrate Mass. Just behind the altar, at the Cave of the Annunciation is the actual place which Mary said "yes" to the angel Gabriel. From there we will visit St. Joseph's Carpentry Shop and Mary's well. This afternoon we will visit the Church of the Synagogue, a Greek Melkite Catholic Church which was built to incorporate a Crusader church that was constructed above what was believed to be the Nazareth Synagogue where Jesus preached (Luke 4) and then also the Salesian Basilica Church of the Adolescent Jesus.

#### Day 4 – June 1: Galilee

This morning we drive to the Sea of Galilee. We will begin at the Mount of the Beatitudes for Mass on the hillside where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. From there we will hike together to the shores of Galilee and 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." The rock emerging from the center of the church is the actual table at which John and Peter ate breakfast with Christ. After lunch, we will share a boat ride across the Sea of







Galilee and continue to Capernaum, where our Lord called his first disciples and worked many miracles. On the lakeshore of this ancient town where Christ first called his disciples to be "Fishers of Men" we will have time for personal prayer and a holy hour. Return to Nazareth.

#### Day 5 – June 2: Galilee/Jerusalem

This morning we will visit Mount Tabor and the site of the Transfiguration where we will celebrate Mass before continuing on into the wilderness to the original site on the River Jordan where Christ was baptized. Here, will renew our baptismal vows. We will stop for lunch in the ancient town of Jericho, one of the longest continually inhabited cities on earth. From the ruins of ancient Jericho, we will ascend by cable car to the Mount of Temptation where Jesus fasted and prayed forty days to resist the devil, where we will visit the ancient monastery. Continue our drive up through the winding mountain roads to Jerusalem, our home for the next six nights.

#### • Day 6 - June 3: Jerusalem

Today just outside the city limits of Jerusalem we visit Bethlehem and begin our day with a visit to the Shepherds' Fields. We will then visit the recently restored, 4th century Church of the Nativity, which is above the traditional Grotto of Jesus' birth. After Mass we will tour the Manger, the Grotto of St. Jerome, and the Church of St. Catherine. Following lunch we will see the Milk Grotto before going to Bethany where Jesus called Lazarus out of his tomb. The Church of St Lazarus sits above the tomb itself that we will descend into for prayer.

#### • Day 7 - June 4: Jerusalem

This morning we will drive to the top of the Mount of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. We will visit the Church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught his disciples how to pray and then walk the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit, where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. Then we will proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Church of All Nations for Mass on the Rock of Agony. In the afternoon, we will 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 - June 5: Jerusalem

This morning we will go to Mount Zion to visit the Upper Room, the site where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper. We share Mass and Eucharist together in the crypt at the Church



of Dormition, where Mary was assumed into heaven. In the afternoon we will visit the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times, and where we will descend into the holding cell where Jesus would have been imprisoned overnight. Tonight after dinner we will return to the Church of All Nations for private adoration and confession as a pilgrim group, taking time towatch and pray with Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane.

#### Day 9 – June 6: Jerusalem

Today we begin at the Jerusalem Archaeological Park at the Davidson Center to peer into the past through their exhibits and artifacts dating back to the time of Christ. The remainder of the day will be a free for exploration of the Old City of Jerusalem.

#### Day 10 – June 7: Jerusalem

After breakfast, we will 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. We will also see Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Chapel of Flagellation, and the Arch of Ecce Homo on our way to begin the Stations of the Cross. We will then walk the Via Dolorosa, led by Fr. Justin, finishing in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where the final 5 stations take place. We will climb Mount Calvary, venerate the site where Jesus' body was anointed, and kneel in Christ's tomb - the site of the resurrection. The afternoon will be free for pilgrims to explore the Old City before returning to the hotel for a farewell celebration and dinner.

#### Day 11 – June 8: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv / U.S.A.

This morning we will check-out of our hotel and transfer to Tel Aviv for our flight home.



## PILGRIMAGE PRICE: \$2,530.00

per person/double occupancy
For a single occupancy please add \$527.00
For land only, please subtract: \$509.00

#### These rates include:

- Arrangements for daily Mass
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Tampa to Tel Aviv on Lufthansa
- 9 nights accommodations
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Whisper Headsets
- Comprehensive sightseeing with a licensed Christian guide
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Land transportation by deluxe motor coach
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels

#### These rates do not include:

- Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$774.09 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing)\*
- Gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff\*
- Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature

\*added to your final invoice Departures from other airports available upon request.

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**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be in writing. 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, a \$75.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$175.00 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 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:** Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$774.09 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.

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