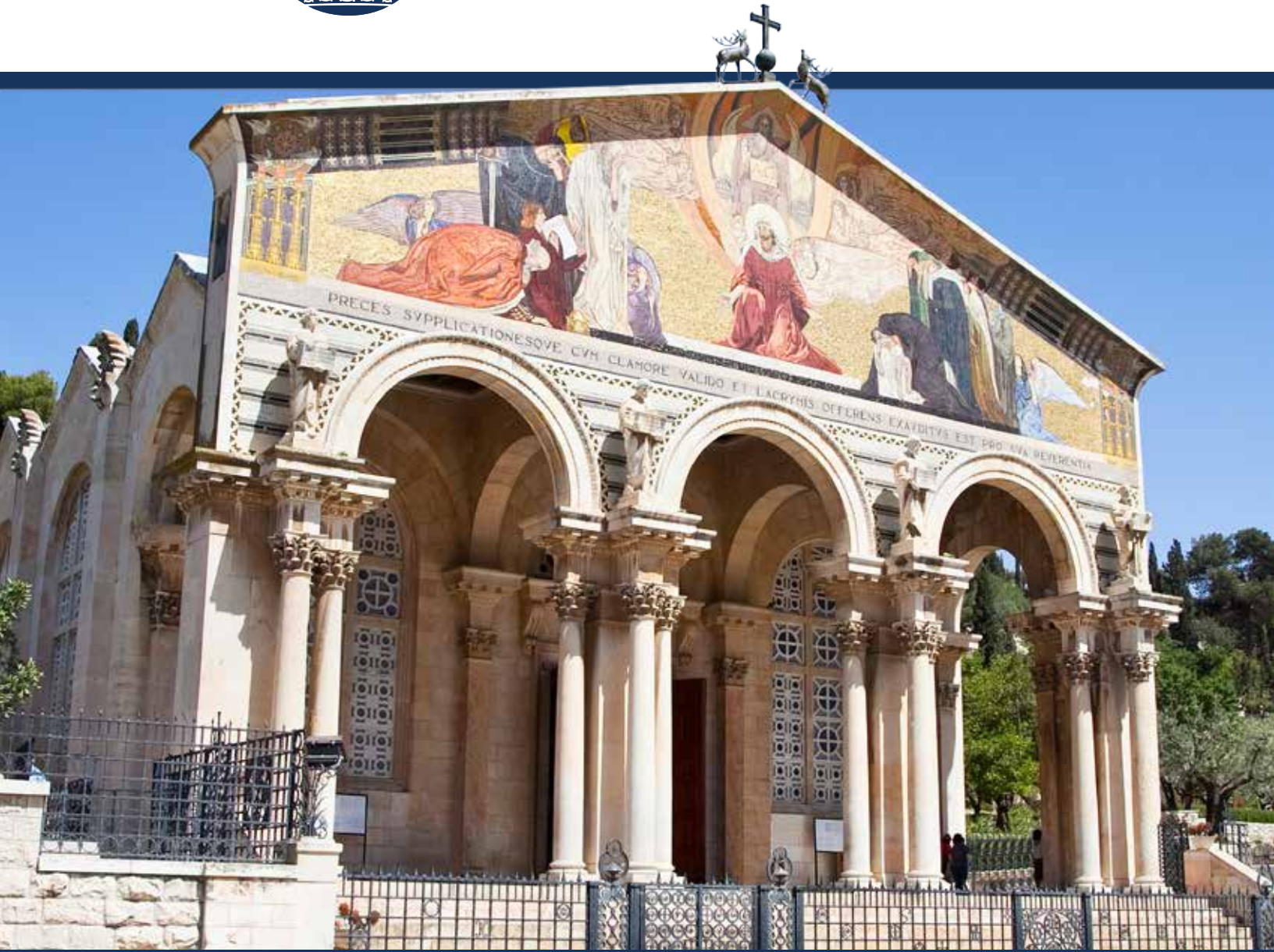




**TEKTON MINISTRIES**  
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



PILGRIMAGE TO THE  
**HOLY LAND**

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October 15<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

# PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

## • Day 1 – Oct. 15: Depart USA

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

## • Day 2 – Oct. 16: Arrive Tel Aviv / Galilee

After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met at the airport by our local guide and bus. We will drive north through the Judean countryside to Galilee where we will stay for the next 3 nights

## • Day 3 – Oct. 17: Galilee

Following breakfast, we will drive to Cana where Jesus, at the wedding feast, changed water into wine. Father Brinkmoeller will impart a special blessing on the marriages for all couples present. From Cana, we go a short distance to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. We will have time for prayer at the Church of the Annunciation. Just behind the altar, at the Cave of the Annunciation, there is the actual room in which Mary said yes to the angel Gabriel. We will have the chance to explore and pray in the places of Christ's early life: St. Joseph's Carpentry Shop and Mary's well, and reflect about the years of Jesus's life that go without detail other than he "grew in wisdom and in age". Our final stop for today will be Mount Tabor, where Jesus was transfigured in divine glory and where we will celebrate Mass.

## • Day 4 – Oct. 18: Galilee

This morning, we will enjoy a peaceful boat ride across the Sea of Galilee just as Christ did on many occasion with the apostles. Our first stop, the Church of Peter's Primacy (John 21:16), marks the location where Jesus appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection and confirmed Peter in the role as Vicar of Christ with the words, "Feed My sheep." From there we go on to Capernaum which was the center of Jesus' public



*Basilica of the Transfiguration - Mt. Tabor*



*Mount of Beatitudes*



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).

## • Day 5 – Oct. 19: Galilee / Bethlehem

After Mass at the Mount of the Beatitudes, we travel through the Judean wilderness to the River Jordan where Fr. Brinkmoeller will renew our baptismal vows in the same waters Jesus was baptized by his cousin John (Mark 1:9) who proclaimed Christ the "Lamb of God". In the Judean wilderness we will stop in Jericho for lunch and to ascend by cable car to the cliffs and St. George's Monastery. From here we continue to Bethany to visit the site of the House of Mary, Martha & Lazarus and the Tomb of Lazarus, and then drive the short distance to Bethlehem.

## • Day 6 – Oct. 20: Bethlehem

Today we begin with Mass at the Shepherd's Fields. Above the traditional Grotto of Jesus' birth, we will visit the Nativity Church, built by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century. Also tour the Manger, Grotto of St. Jerome, and the Church of St. Catherine. We will visit the Franciscan Boys Home and the Franciscan Family Center to learn more about our Christian brothers and sisters who make this sacred land their home. Our last site in Bethlehem will be the Milk Grotto Chapel followed by some free time before dinner.

## • Day 7 – Oct. 21: Bethlehem / Jerusalem

This morning we leave Bethlehem, crossing into Jerusalem and start the day atop the Mount of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. We begin our prayer at the Church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught his own disciples how to pray and then walk the "Palm Sunday Road" down to Dominus Fleuit, where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. In the Garden of Gethsemane is the Church of All Nations, where we will celebrate Mass on the Rock of Agony, literally protruding out from the floor, left exposed for pilgrims to pray on. In the afternoon, we will drive to Ein Karem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist, and the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous "Magnificat". This afternoon is free for exploring the Old City.

## • Day 8 – Oct. 22: Jerusalem

This morning we will go to Mount Zion to visit the Upper Room, the site where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper. We will celebrate Mass in the Franciscan chapel there. We will pray

our Rosary together in the Church of Dormition, where Mary was assumed into Heaven. Our final site today Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, where Caiaphas' house would have been, where Jesus would have been taken after being arrested, and where Peter denied Christ three times. Excavated below the palace, we will descend into the very cell where Jesus would have been held prisoner overnight before his crucifixion. The remainder of the afternoon will be free for exploring the Old City.

● **Day 9 – Oct. 23: Jerusalem**

Today there will be an optional excursion to the Dead Sea, Qumran, and Masada. At the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, we'll have the chance to float in its salty waters. The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered at Qumran in 1946. The manuscripts are some of the oldest fragments of scripture in existence and were discovered accidentally by a shepherd, stored in jars in hidden caves. Our last stop is Masada, the sprawling hilltop fortress palace built by Herod the Great. It was here on this inaccessible plateau perched high above the southern tip of the Dead Sea that Jewish zealots of the Great Revolt made their final stand against the Roman Empire in 73 AD.

● **Day 10 – Oct. 24: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv**

This morning 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, entering into the story and life of Mary who was traditionally the first person to pray the Way of the Cross. We will then walk with Mary and pray the Stations on the Via Dolorosa, finishing in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where we will celebrate Mass. Inside the Sepulcher are the final five stations: Mt. Calvary and the site of the crucifixion, site where Jesus' body was anointed after being taken down from the cross, the tomb where he was buried and rose from the dead. Pilgrims will have the option to have the rest of the day free for themselves in the Old City or to continue on with our guide to Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Chapel of Flagellation, the Arch of Ecce Homo, the "Wailing Wall", and the Temple Mount. Tonight we will enjoy a celebratory closing dinner together at the hotel. After dinner we will check out of our hotel and transfer to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv to catch our late evening return flight home.

● **Day 11 – Oct. 25: Tel Aviv / USA**

Today our Holy Land pilgrimage comes to an end as we catch our return flight home out of Tel Aviv.



# PILGRIMAGE PRICE: \$3,090.00

*per person/double occupancy*  
*For a single occupancy please add \$610.00*  
*For land only, please subtract: \$848.00*

**These rates include:**

- Arrangements for daily Mass
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Dayton to Tel Aviv on Delta Airlines
- 9 nights accommodations
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Middle Eastern farewell in Jerusalem on day 10
- 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 \$767.52 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

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**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 (currently \$767.52 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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