



TEKTON MINISTRIES

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



PILGRIMAGE TO THE **HOLY LAND**

January 14th - 25th, 2019

with Deacon Ken Reisor &
guided by Fr. Peter Vasko, OFM



PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

● Day 1 – Jan. 14: Depart USA

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

● Day 2 – Jan. 15: Arrive Tel Aviv / Tiberias

After our morning arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met by Fr. Peter Vasko, O.F.M., 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. 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 3 – Jan. 16: Tiberias

Following breakfast, drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee to the Baptismal Site on the Jordan River where we will renew our baptismal vows. Then 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 4 – Jan. 17: Tiberias

This morning, enjoy a scenic and prayerful boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. After the boat ride, we will drive to Tabgha - site of the multiplication of loaves and fishes. Then onto 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 then proceed to Capernaum, home of



Basilica of the Transfiguration - Mt. Tabor



Mount of Beatitudes



Jesus during His ministry. After visiting the synagogue where he taught, we will spend some prayerful time on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

● Day 5 – Jan. 18: Tiberias / Jerusalem

This morning we will go to the Mt. of Beatitudes, the site of the Sermon on the Mount. After our Holy Hour, we will depart Galilee for Jerusalem. On our way to Jerusalem, we will stop in Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western world. From the outskirts of Jericho, we'll have an excellent view of the Mount of Temptation. After lunch, we will drive through the Judean wilderness to Jerusalem.

● Day 6 – Jan. 19: 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.

● Day 7 – Jan. 20: 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 8 – Jan. 21: Jerusalem

This morning, drive to Ein Karem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist, to see the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous "Magnificat". Come down the hill from that Church and visit the Church of John the Baptist. In the afternoon, we will visit the Wailing Wall. After that, the rest of the afternoon will be a free day to explore the Old City on your own.

● Day 9 – Jan. 22: 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

Old City of Jerusalem



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per person/double occupancy
For a single occupancy please add \$1,078.00
For land only, please subtract: \$637.00

These rates include:

- Arrangements for daily Mass
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Dallas-Ft. Worth on United Airlines
- 10 nights accommodations
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Middle Eastern farewell dinner at the Christmas Hotel in Jerusalem
- Comprehensive sightseeing with a licensed Christian guide (Fr. Peter Vasko)
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Land transportation by deluxe motor coach
- Gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff
- Whisper headsets
- Arrival and departure transfers; group flights only
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels

These rates do not include:

- Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$702.72 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing)*
- 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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Church of St. Catherine, and the Milk Grotto. We will have some free time for shopping at a Christian owned gift store before returning to Jerusalem.

● Day 10 – Jan. 23: Jerusalem

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 then go to the Dead Sea, the lowest elevation on earth. Return to Jerusalem.

● Day 11 – Jan. 24: Jerusalem

This morning we will celebrate an early morning Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After Mass, we will return to our hotel for breakfast. The remainder of the day will be free. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at the Christmas Hotel.

● Day 12 – Jan. 25: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv / U.S.A.

Today our Holy Land pilgrimage comes to an end as we transfer to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv to catch our return flight home.



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Sea of Galilee



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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 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.

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