



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



Missionaries of the  
New Evangelization

*Fr. Greg Bramlage invites you*

**ON A RETREAT IN THE**

**HOLY  
LAND**

**December 1 - 12, 2020**



# A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

**Tekton Ministries** has been leading Catholic pilgrimages to the Holy Land for more than 20 years. Working closely with your priest to create thoughtfully planned itineraries, we help make the Catholic faith more tangible to your daily life by taking you where the seeds of Catholicism were first planted to be spread across the world. Daily Mass and time for prayerful reflection are important parts of each day's retreat experience.

When the disciple Philip asked the Eunuch (who was reading Isaiah) if he understood what he was reading, the man responded, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:35). Just as Philip guided the Eunuch with "the good news of Jesus," your Tekton retreat pilgrimage will guide you into a deeper understanding of the Scriptures. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

**NOTE: Although a motorcoach is provided for part of this retreat-pilgrimage, there is a considerable amount of walking each day. If you require mobility aids and/or frequent rest breaks when walking, please consider a less strenuous retreat.**

## ● Day 1 - Tuesday, December 1

### **Depart USA**

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

## ● Day 2 - Wednesday, December 2

### **Arrive Tel Aviv / Caesarea Maritime / Galilee**

After our morning arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, our immersion in ancient Israel where Christ walked begins. Drive along the Mediterranean Coast to Caesarea, the capital of the Roman Procurators of Judea where St. Peter preached, and St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. Visit the Roman Theater and Crusader's Moat and see the stunning architecture and art of the Byzantine Churches. Then journey to the summit of Mt. Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration and the culminating point of Christ's public life. Christ revealed His divinity here to three of His Apostles as He spoke with the prophets Moses and Elijah and where God spoke from Heaven declaring Christ was His beloved Son to whom they should listen (Matthew 17:5). Afterwards make our way to Galilee – our home base for the next five nights. (D, Mass)

*Mt. of Beatitudes*



*Sea of Galilee*



## ● Day 3 – Thursday, December 3

### **Baptismal Site / Sea of Galilee Boat Ride / Kursi / Sussita National Park**

*\*Today we will be using motorcoach transportation to/from all of the sites.* We begin this morning at the Yardenit baptismal site, where we will renew our baptismal vows in the very river where Christ was baptized by John the Baptist (Mark 1:9). Afterwards, travel around the Sea of Galilee and stop at Kursi, where Jesus met a possessed man and cast out a legion of demons into a herd of swine (Luke 8:26). Continue on to visit ongoing excavations at the Sussita (Hippos) National Park – where ancient mosaics depicting Biblical miracles have been unearthed. Later this afternoon, we sail upon the Sea of Galilee with ample time to reflect upon Jesus' life and ministry in this area. We will return to the other side of the sea for an evening of reflection & prayer. (B, D, Mass)

## ● Day 4-6 – December 4-6

### **Retreat days in Galilee**

*\* We will be walking to the following sites. If you are unable to walk to/from all the sites, you may hire a local taxi at your own expense.*

- Reflect along the shores of the Sea of Galilee and ponder the life of Christ and His ministry there
- Visit Capernaum, where our Lord called his first disciples – Peter, Andrew, James, John and Matthew – and worked many miracles.
- Stop at the place commemorating the healing of the hemorrhaging woman (Matthew 9:20)
- Walk along the sidewalk by the sea to Peter's Primacy, 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"
- Ponder the feeding of the 5,000 at Tabgha – the site where Jesus multiplied the Loaves and Fishes (Luke 9:13)
- Experience prayerful reflection on the Mt. of Beatitudes - walk and visit Jesus' Cave and the site of the Sermon on the Mount.
- Breakfast, Dinner, Mass daily



## ● Day 7 - Monday, December 7

### **Galilee / Magdala / Jerusalem**

We begin this morning in Magdala, birthplace of Mary Magdalene, known as "the Apostle to the Apostles," where we have time for prayerful reflection as we visit the chapel and surrounding ruins. We then depart from the region of Galilee and travel south through the Jordan River Valley. Ponder how the children of Israel crossed the River Jordan opposite Jericho when they came to the Promised

Land. These are the waters the prophet Elijah divided and crossed with Elisha and in which Naaman the Syrian dipped seven times to cure his leprosy. On our way to Jerusalem, we pass by Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western world. In 1250 B.C., Joshua and the Israelites encircled the city, trumpets blasting, and the walls came tumbling down (Joshua 6). Jesus Himself passed through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem. From the road view the Mount of Temptation, where Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days to resist the devil. Continue through the Judean Wilderness along the road Jesus mentioned in his parable of the Good Samaritan on our day in Jerusalem, our home for the next five nights. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 8 - Tuesday, December 8**

**Jerusalem: Mt. of Olives / Gethsemane / Ein Karem**

\* Today we will be using motorcoach transportation to/from all of the sites. We will take a morning drive to the top of the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of Jerusalem and visit the Church of the Pater Noster where Jesus taught his disciples how to pray the "Our Father." Descend the mount on the path Christ walked on the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit, where Christ wept over Jerusalem and her future destruction. Then enter into the Garden of Gethsemane where Christ had his agony and was betrayed. Keep watch with Christ and pray in the Church of All Nations at the Rock of Agony, the very rock where Christ prayed and sweated blood before he was to be crucified. In the afternoon, we drive to Ein Karem, one of the most beautiful sites in the New City of Jerusalem where St. John the Baptist was born. Pray at the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her service to God in her Magnificat prayer. Journey a short distance to the Monastery of St. John in the Desert, where Zechariah and Elizabeth fled and found refuge during the time of Herod's massacre of the innocents. This evening, we will spend a Holy Hour in prayer together. (B, D, Mass)



Old City Jerusalem

● **Day 9-11 - December 9-11**

**Retreat Days in Jerusalem**

\* We will be walking to the following sites. If you are unable to walk to/from all the sites, you may hire a local taxi at your own expense.

- Prayerfully reflect upon Jesus' own journeys to Jerusalem, especially the one that led Him to Calvary and his eventual Resurrection, as we experience four full days in and around this holy city.
- Enter the Old City of Jerusalem at St. Stephen's Gate, and visit the Church of St. Anne, where the Blessed Virgin Mary was born. Nearby is the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic man. We will continue to see Pilate's Judgement Hall, the Chapel of Flagellation, the Arch of Ecce Homo, where Pilate said, "Behold the man," with Jesus standing before the crowds in His crown of thorns and with His body torn after his scourging.
- Prayerfully, walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and climb the steps up to Mt. Calvary to pray at the

site of the Crucifixion. 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 she found the true cross.

- Walk to Mt. Zion, where Christ celebrated the Last Supper in the Upper Room, then journey to the Church of the Dormition, the traditional site where Mary was assumed into heaven. Stop in St. Peter in Gallicantu atop which sits a golden rooster - recalling the place where Peter denied Jesus three times (Matthew 26). It was the palace of the high priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was brought to jail after his arrest and kept in the dungeon that sits underneath the Church.
- Breakfast, Dinner, Mass daily

● **Day 12 - Saturday, December 12**

**Jerusalem / Tel Aviv / U.S.A.**

Our time pondering the wonder and awe of the Holy Land comes to an end. We transfer to the airport in Tel Aviv to catch our return flight home.

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



# HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

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REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[TektonMinistries.org](http://TektonMinistries.org)

## **BASE PRICE PER PERSON**

Double occupancy w/ airfare **\$2,775.00**

## **ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES** *(applied to final invoice)*

• **Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges** **\$704.61**  
*(subject to change until final ticketing)*

• **Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff** **\$75.00**

**ESTIMATED TOTAL COST** **\$3,554.61**

## **OPTIONS:**

- For a single room: add **\$667**
- Land-only option: **\$2,106** *(no flights included, includes gratuities)*

**Final Payment Due**

**September 2020**

## **BASE RATE INCLUDES:**

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Denver to Tel Aviv on United Airlines
- 10 nights' accommodation, including taxes and service charges
- Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner *(excluding drinks)*
- Middle Eastern dinner on day 10

**Rates do not include:** lunches, drinks with meals, local taxis to sites not included on enclosed itinerary

**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 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 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. 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 (in rare instances 100 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 in base price:** Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$704.61 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.

**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 they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records estab-

lishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

**Trust Account Disclosure:** California law requires certain sellers of travel to have a trust account or bond. George's International Tours has such a trust account.

**Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"):** George's International Tours is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if George's International Tours was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale and the passenger is located in California at the time of payment. Please be advised that passengers purchasing from outside of California are not covered by the TCRC. Eligible passengers may file a claim with TCRC if the passenger is owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which George's International Tours failed to forward to a proper provider or if such money was not refunded to you when required. The maximum amount, which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to George's International Tours, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating Seller of Travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale. You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 6001, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001; or by faxing a request to 415-927-7698.

**Responsibility Clause:** Tekton Ministries, George's International Tours and/or their co-operating selling agents and/or their suppliers of services offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public, and are not responsible therefore, either directly or indirectly, for any loss, accident, or injury which may result from any act, omission, negligence in or responsible for performing or providing these component services. The transportation companies concerned take no responsibility for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not aboard their conveyances. The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. Tour operator reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries. Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.



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