



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED

PILGRIMAGE TO THE

HOLY LAND

October 26 - November 5, 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. Although we visit more than 50 sites in this holy and historic region, daily Mass and time for prayerful reflection are important parts of each day's experience.

We use only experienced Christian or Catholic guides, so you receive truthful explanations of scripture and the places we encounter. 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 pilgrimage will guide you into a deeper understanding of the Scriptures. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

• Day 1 – October 26: Depart Chicago

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

• Day 2 – October 27: Arrive Tel Aviv, Jerusalem

Upon arriving 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 Scriptures come alive for us as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the Apostles and the Prophets. Transfer to our hotel in Jerusalem. (D)

• Day 3 – October 28: Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Ein Karem

This morning we will drive to the top of the Mount of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught His disciples how to pray the Our Father and then walk the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit, where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. We will then proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Church of All Nations and to pray at the Rock of Agony. In the afternoon, we will drive to Ein Karem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist, to visit the Church of St. John the Baptist, and the Church of the Visitation, where Mary proclaimed her famous "Magnificat" when she came to visit her cousin Elizabeth. (B, D, Mass)



• Day 4 – October 29: Old City Jerusalem, Mount Zion

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. 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 Sepulchre 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 and St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times. Last, we pray our Rosary together in the Church of Dormition, where Mary was assumed into heaven. (B, D, Mass)



• Day 5 – October 30: Bethlehem, Shepherd's Fields

We will drive to Bethlehem and celebrate Mass in the Grotto of St. Jerome. 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, the Church of St. Catherine, the Milk Grotto Chapel and the Shepherd's Fields before returning to Jerusalem. (B, D, Mass)

• Day 6 – October 31: Bethany, Masada, Qumran, Dead Sea

We will drive to Bethany to visit the site of the House of Mary, Martha & Lazarus and the Tomb of Lazarus. Then drive to down along the Dead Sea to Masada where we will make an exciting ascent by cable car to this last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots in their war against the Romans in 73 A.D. Then proceed to Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. On our return to Jerusalem, stop at the Dead Sea for a short swim for those interested. (B, D, Mass)



• Day 7 – November 1: Jerusalem, Jericho, Baptismal Site, Tiberias

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. Then depart Jerusalem and drive to visit ancient Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western world. In 1250 B.C., Joshua encircled the city and at the blast of the priests' trumpets, the walls came tumbling down (1 Kings 16). Many times Jesus passed through this city on his way to Jerusalem. The sycamore fig, the tree which Zacchaeus climbed in order to catch a glimpse of Jesus, still grows in this area. From the ruins of ancient Jericho, we will ascend the Mount

of Temptation where Jesus fasted and prayed forty days to resist the devil. We will continue our journey to the Baptismal Site on the Jordan River where we will have an opportunity to renew our baptismal vows before driving through the Judean wilderness to Tiberias for check-in at our hotel located on the Sea of Galilee. (B, D, Mass)

• Day 8 – November 2: Galilee, Capernaum, Tabgha, Mount of Beatitudes

This morning, we will enjoy a scenic boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and proceed 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." The rock emerging from the center of the church is the actual table at which they ate breakfast. 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. He healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever, brought a child back to life, cured a leper, healed the centurion's servant,



cast out a demon from a young boy and healed all that were sick (Matt 8:16). 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). Next, we will drive to the Mount of Beatitudes the site of the Sermon on the Mount. In the afternoon we will drive to the Golan Heights, where we will stop at the Banias Spring, which 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 profession of faith in Jesus, and where Jesus gave Peter his new name, and called him the Rock upon which He would build His Church. Return to Tiberias. (B, D, Mass)

• Day 9 – November 3: Cana, Nazareth, Mt. Tabor

Following breakfast, drive to Cana, where Jesus performed His first miracle, changing water into wine at the wedding feast. Married couples will have the opportunity to renew their wedding vows at this holy site. Then proceed to 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, 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, Mass)



• Day 10 – November 4: Haifa, Caesarea, Netanya

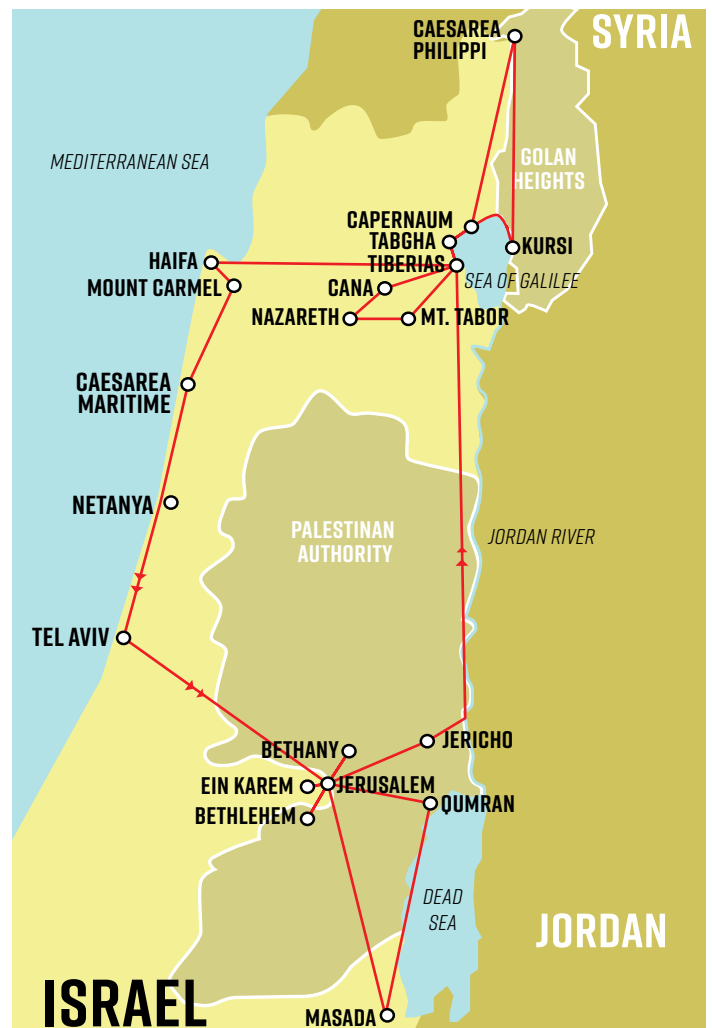
Depart Tiberias and drive to the sparkling port city of Haifa, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. Ascend Mt. Carmel and visit the Carmelite Monastery, the largest Carmelite Monastery and world center of the Order. Visit the cave where the prophet Elijah set up his altar and triumphed over the false prophets of Baal. Then drive along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea to ancient Caesarea, where St. Paul lived for two years before being taken to Rome for trial. Continue to Netanya for our last night in the Holy Land. (B, D, Mass)

• Day 11 – November 5: Tel Aviv, Chicago

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

B=Breakfast D=Dinner

** Please note that all rates and services are subject to availability and confirmation. We cannot be responsible for any increase in these rates or changes in services or flight and land arrangements in the event that government regulations change due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy w/ airfare **\$3,135.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES (applied to final invoice)

- Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges **\$768.23**
(subject to change until final ticketing)
- Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$140.00**

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST \$4,043.23

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$746
- Land-only option: \$2,965 (no flights included)

Final Payment Due July 24, 2020

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Chicago O'Hare to Tel Aviv on Austrian Air
- 10 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Knowledgeable, friendly, Catholic/Christian guides; whisper headsets; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner (excluding drinks)
- Middle Eastern dinner on day 6

Rates do not include: Lunches; drinks with meals

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 20 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

Cancellations from NEW registrations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply to any NEW registrations received after June 26, 2020 in addition to any airline penalties and charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$150.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$300.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$1000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 14 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.

Cancellations by those registered on the previously scheduled group: All cancellations must be in writing. Cancellation penalties will be based upon restrictions in effect at the time of initial postponement. Some refunds will be in the form of credit for future travel.

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 Austrian Air. 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 in base price: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$768.23 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 establishing 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 cooperating 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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