



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

# WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED

PILGRIMAGE TO THE

# HOLY LAND

October 9 - 19, 2023



# 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 and deacon 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 - Monday, October 9**  
**Depart USA**

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

- **Day 2 - Tuesday, October 10**  
**Arrive Tel Aviv / Jerusalem**

After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, our immersion in ancient Israel where Christ walked begins. Meet our guide, who will make the Scriptures come alive for us as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the Apostles, and the Prophets. We will transfer to our hotel in Jerusalem, our home for the next five nights. (D)

- **Day 3 - Wednesday, October 11**  
**Jerusalem - Bethlehem / Shepherd's Fields**

We travel outside of Jerusalem today to the city of Bethlehem, whose name means "House of Bread," reminding us that our Lord is the Bread of Life. Here we visit the Nativity Church that sits above the traditional Grotto of Jesus' Birth. Ponder the Manger, the Grotto of St. Jerome, and the Church of St. Catherine, the parish church for Bethlehem's Catholics. We will visit the Milk Grotto Chapel, a place where many couples pray for the Virgin Mary's intercession to conceive a child, and the Shepherd's Fields, where the angels proclaimed the Gloria, announcing the birth of Christ to the poor shepherds. After enjoying some free time in Bethlehem, we our return to Jerusalem, where the remainder of the day will be free for personal activities. (B, D)



- **Day 4 - Thursday, October 12**  
**Jerusalem - Mount of Olives / Gethsemane / Ein Karem**

We will take a morning drive to the top of the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of Jerusalem and visit two churches located on the mount: the Church of Pater Noster, where Jesus taught his disciples how to pray the "Our Father," and the Ascension Chapel, the site where Jesus ascended into Heaven. 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. Here we have Mass in the Church of All Nations at the Rock of Agony, the very rock Christ prayed at 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. (B, D)



- **Day 5 - Friday, October 13**  
**Jerusalem - Old City / Via Dolorosa / Calvary / Mt. Zion**

An exciting and full-packed day awaits us as we explore Jerusalem further. We 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. Afterwards, 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 wearing His crown of thorns with His body torn after the scourging. Prayerfully, we will walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and have the opportunity to climb the steps up to Mt. Calvary and 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. This afternoon, we journey to Mt. Zion, where Christ celebrated the Last Supper in the Upper Room. Together we will journey to pray the Rosary at the Church of the Dormition, the traditional site where Mary was assumed into heaven. Our final stop is at one of the most striking churches in Jerusalem - St. Peter in Gallicantu - commemorating the place where Peter denied Jesus three times (Matthew 26). (B, D)

- **Day 6 - Saturday, October 14**  
**Jerusalem - Bethany / Emmaus / Dead Sea**

This morning, we drive to Bethany to see the House of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus and the Tomb of Lazarus where Jesus raised him from the dead. This is where Jesus declared to Martha that he is "the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25). We will then visit Abu Ghosh (Emmaus) where Jesus appeared following His Resurrection. End our day at the Dead Sea to float and swim in its salty, mineral-laden waters before returning to Jerusalem. (B, D)

● **Day 7 - Sunday, October 15**  
**Jerusalem - Jericho / Baptismal Site / Tiberias**

We rise early today to celebrate an early morning Mass at the Tomb of Our Lord in the Holy Sepulchre Church. After a late breakfast at our hotel, we depart for Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western world. In 1250 B.C., Joshua encircled the city, trumpets blasting, and the walls came tumbling down (Joshua 6). Jesus passed through Jericho many times on His way to Jerusalem. We will continue our journey to the traditional baptismal site of Jesus in the Jordan River. Renew your baptismal vows in the very river where Christ was baptized by John the Baptist (Mark 1:9). 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 which Naaman the Syrian dipped in seven times to cure his leprosy. Pilgrims come every year to immerse themselves in these holy waters. Continue our drive north through the Judean wilderness and the Jordan River Valley to Tiberias for check-in at our hotel located on the Sea of Galilee - our home for the next 4 nights. (B, D)



childhood home of Jesus. Pray in the Church of the Annunciation that holds the Cave of the Annunciation, the actual room where Gabriel appeared to Mary and "The Word was made flesh" (John 1:14.). See St. Joseph's Carpentry Shop, where the foster father of Jesus worked, and Mary's Well, where the Virgin Mary drew water with her Son for their daily living. We will take our last excursion of the day 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. It is also the second time and place where God told people from Heaven that Christ was His beloved Son to whom they should listen (Matthew 17:5). (B, D)

● **Day 10 - Wednesday, October 18**  
**Tiberias - Mt. Carmel / Caesarea Maritime / Tel Aviv**

Drive around the Sea of Galilee to our final stop in this region - Kursi, where Jesus met a possessed man and miraculously cast out a legion of demons into the herd of swine (Luke 8:26). Continue around the sea and then head west to the sparkling port city of Haifa where we will ascend Mt. Carmel, the sacred mountain home of Elijah and Elisha. Visit the world center of the Carmelite order at their monastery and see the cave in which Elijah lived. Venerate the site where the Prophet Elijah contested 450 prophets of Baal proclaiming, "The Lord, He is God" (1 Kings 18). Then drive south to Tel Aviv for our last night in the Holy Land. (B, D)

● **Day 11 - Thursday, October 19**  
**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)

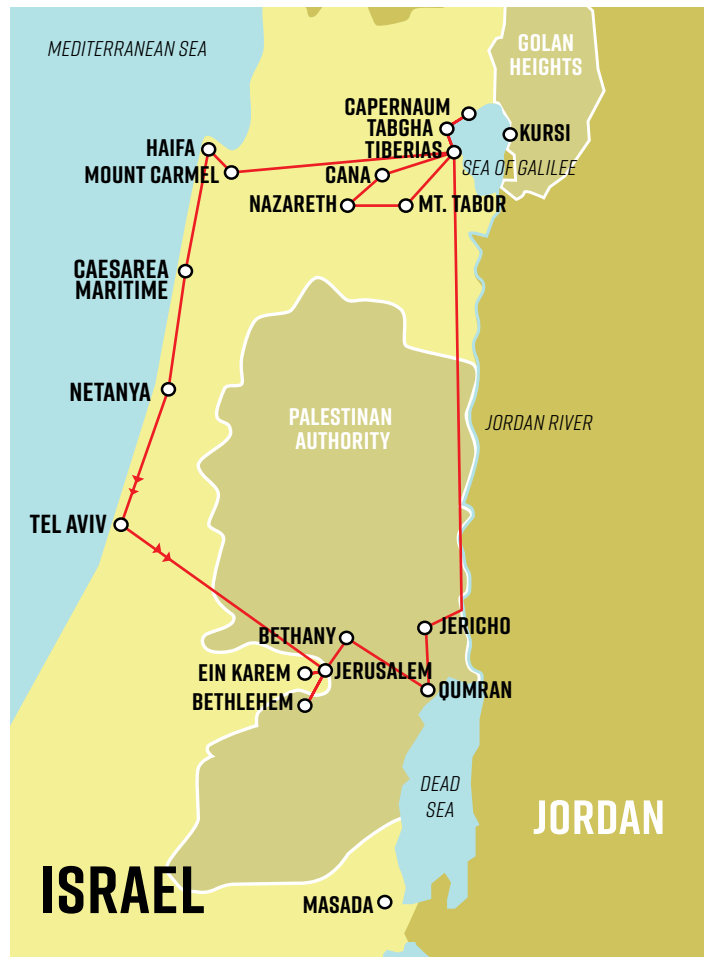
B=Breakfast D=Dinner

● **Day 8 - Monday, October 16**  
**Tiberias - Capernaum / Tabgha / Bethsaida / Mt. of Beatitudes**

Enjoy a scenic morning boat ride across the Sea of Galilee, the setting of so many moments in Christ's life. We will visit the Church of Peter's Primacy on the shores of Galilee. A rock at the center of the church is believed to be the actual table where the apostles ate breakfast with Christ after His Resurrection. It is where Peter's role as the Vicar of Christ was further established as Christ asked him to "Feed my sheep" (John 21:16). We continue to Capernaum, the center of Jesus's three-year public ministry, where He called His first disciples: Peter, Andrew, James, John and Matthew. Here, Christ healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever, brought a child back to life, cured a leper, healed the centurion's servant and cast out a demon from a young boy. After Mass we visit the synagogue where Jesus taught. At Tabgha, we ponder the site where Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes to feed more than 5,000 people (Luke 9:13). Finally, in Bethsaida we visit the home of Andrew and Peter and marvel at the humble beginnings of two of the greatest disciples, and then end our day on the Mount of Beatitudes where Christ gave his famous Sermon on the Mount. (B, D)

● **Day 9 - Tuesday, October 17**  
**Tiberias - Magdala / Nazareth / Mt. Tabor**

Begin our day in Magdala, birthplace of Mary Magdalene, known as "the Apostle to the Apostles" where we will visit the chapel and surrounding ruins. We then drive to Cana in Galilee to pray where Jesus performed his first miracle, at the request of his mother, Mary, turning the water into wine. The Catholic Church points to this miracle as establishing the Sacrament of Marriage. If you wish, you may renew your wedding vows here as a lasting remembrance of this holy site. Afterwards, travel a short distance to Nazareth, the



# HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

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

## **BASE PRICE PER PERSON**

Double occupancy w/ airfare **\$3,545.00**

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

• **Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges** **\$777.39**  
*(subject to change until final ticketing)*

• **Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff** **\$140.00**  
*(estimated)*

**ESTIMATED TOTAL COST** **\$4,462.39**

## **OPTIONS:**

- For a single room: add \$865
- Land-only option: \$3,091 *(no flights or gratuities included)*

**Final Payment Due**

**July 2023**

## **BASE RATE INCLUDES:**

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Chicago O'Hare to Tel Aviv on Lufthansa
- 9 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Porterage 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 90 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 89 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 23 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 \$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.

**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 or cancellations made within 120 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:** Israel currently requires everyone entering the country show proof of medical insurance coverage for the duration of your stay. 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 \$777.39 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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