



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED

YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE TO THE

HOLY LAND & JORDAN

November 6 - 17, 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 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, November 6**
Depart USA

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

- **Day 2 - Tuesday, November 7**
Arrive Tel Aviv / Netanya

Your immersion in ancient Israel where Christ walked begins. After being met by our tour manager, we proceed to the resort town of Netanya where we will spend our first night in the Holy Land on the shores of the Mediterranean. (D)

- **Day 3 - Wednesday, November 8**
Netanya / Mt. Carmel / Acre / Galilee

Set out for a morning 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. We will visit the Roman Theater, Crusader's Moat and see the stunning architecture and art of the Byzantine Churches. This afternoon we will enter the port city of Haifa to ascend Mt. Carmel, the sacred mountain where the Prophet Elijah contested 450 prophets of Baal proclaiming, "The Lord, He is God," and Elisha, his disciple, took refuge. We will visit Stella Maris, the church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary as Star of the Sea, located near the cave in which Elijah lived. Then we will continue on to ancient Akko (Acre) which played a pivotal role during the Crusader period. Experience the medieval atmosphere and descend into the subterranean city to visit the fortress of the Hospitallers, the Order of the Knights of St. John. Visit the large halls and imagine the pilgrims, the knights, and the Crusaders dining, celebrating, and running the markets there hundreds of years ago. Return to surface and continue on to Tiberias for check-in at our hotel, our home base for the next three nights. (B, D)



- **Day 4 - Thursday, November 9**

- **Galilee - Capernaum / Tabgha / Bethsaida / Magdala**

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 will 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. 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 drive to Magdala, birthplace of Mary Magdalene, known as "the Apostle to the Apostles" where we will visit the chapel and surrounding ruins. (B, D)

- **Day 5 - Friday, November 10**

- **Galilee - Cana / Nazareth / Mt. Tabor**

We 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 childhood home of Jesus. Celebrate Mass in the Church of the Annunciation that holds the Cave of the Annunciation just behind the altar. This is 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 6 - Saturday, November 11**

- **Galilee / Kursi / Ajloun / Anjara / Amman**

This morning we celebrate Mass at the Mt. of Beatitudes, where Christ gave his famous Sermon of the Mount, followed by a Holy Hour along the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Depart this region and travel south towards Jordan, stopping at Kursi, where Jesus met a possessed man and miraculously cast out a legion of demons into the herd of swine (Luke 8:26). Continue to the Sheikh Hussein Bridge where we will cross from Israel into Jordan and drive to Tell Mar Elias near Ajloun where we will visit the archaeological site and ruins of Byzantine churches, believed to be the birthplace of the prophet Elijah. Close by is Anjara and Our Lady of the Mountain Church, where tradition says Jesus and his mother Mary stopped with his disciples and rested in a cave when they traveled between Jerusalem and Galilee. Today this cave is a holy place for pilgrims - the site of a miracle validated by the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, in which a statue of Our Lady of Anjara wept tears of blood in 2010. Continue on to Amman, the capital of Jordan, and proceed to our hotel for check-in. (B, D)

- **Day 7 - Sunday, November 12**

- **Amman / Petra / Amman**

This morning we will drive south to Petra, one of the most magnificent sites in the Middle East and one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The "Rose Red City" of Petra is literally carved into the sides of a deep gorge and the only entrance is through the "Siq", a narrow slit in the

rock enclosed by beautiful limestone cliffs. Riding on horseback (no riding experience required) between the 100-foot cliffs we will see a remarkable sight: temples, tombs, and dwellings chiseled right into the limestone walls. Following our sightseeing of Petra, we will return to Amman for overnight. (B, D)



● **Day 8 - Monday, November 13**

Amman / Jordan River / Mt. Nebo / Bethany / Jerusalem

This morning we will depart Amman and visit Bethany beyond the Jordan, the Baptismal Site of our Lord (on the Jordanian side of the 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. Drive south to Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land, but was not permitted to enter, due to his disobedience (Deut 34). After Mass, drive to Madaba, a Byzantine center of master mosaics, to see the oldest surviving map of the Holy Land. Cross the Allenby Bridge from Jordan back into Israel and 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). Go a short distance to Jerusalem for check-in at our hotel, our home base for the next four nights. (B, D)

● **Day 9 - Tuesday, November 14**

Jerusalem - Bethlehem / Shepherd's Fields / Mt. of Olives / Gethsemane

We begin this morning at one of the most joyous sites connected to the Holy Night Christ was born - the church located in the Shepherd's Fields in Bethlehem, marking the spot where the shepherds heard the chorus of angels proclaiming Jesus' birth. In the city of Bethlehem, meaning “House of Bread,” we visit the Nativity Church that sits above the traditional Grotto of Jesus' Birth. Ponder the Manger, 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. This afternoon, 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 the 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. After time for private prayer, we will return to our hotel. (B, D)

● **Day 10 - Wednesday, November 15**

Jerusalem - Holy Sepulchre / Wailing Wall / Mt. Zion

We start the morning at the Tomb of Our Lord in the Holy Sepulchre Church with Mass, followed by time for private prayer and reflection. After a late breakfast at our hotel, we will go to the Temple Area of the Old City to visit the Wailing Wall, a solemn site for the Jewish people

and where prayers are inserted between the stones and view the Temple Mount featuring the Dome of the Rock and El Aqsa Mosque. While in the Old City, 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. This afternoon we travel to Mt. Zion, where Christ celebrated the Last Supper in the Upper Room. Together we will then 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– that hosts a wide array of art styles. A golden rooster sits atop it 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. (B, D)

● **Day 11 - Thursday, November 16**

Jerusalem - Via Dolorosa / Ein Karen

Prayerfully, this morning 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 to pray at the site of the Crucifixion. Venerate the site where Jesus body was anointed, the tomb where was buried and rose from the dead and the Chapel of St. Helena where she found the true cross. 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. This evening enjoy a farewell Middle Eastern dinner. (B, D)

● **Day 12 - Friday, November 17**

Jerusalem / Tel Aviv / USA

Our time pondering the wonder and awe of the Holy Land comes to an end. We catch our return flight home from Tel Aviv, taking with us all the graces and blessings of this pilgrimage. (B)

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy w/ airfare **\$4,295.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES *(applied to final invoice)*

• **Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges** **\$762.07**
(subject to change until final ticketing)

• **Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff** **\$155.00**
(estimated)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST **\$5,212.07**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add **\$955**
- Land-only option: **\$3,370** *(no flights or gratuities included)*

Final Payment Due

August 2023

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Omaha to Tel Aviv on Delta Airlines/Air France
- Jordan entry visa and border crossing taxes
- 10 nights' accommodation, 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 11

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 27 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. U.S. citizens do not require visas for Israel, but one is required for Jordan, to be provided by Tekton Ministries. 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/Air France. 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 \$762.07 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

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