



TEKTON MINISTRIES

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED

YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE TO THE

HOLY LAND



January 1-11, 2024
Land-Only

A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

I invite you to join me on this 11 Day Holy Land Catholic Pilgrimage that will expand your knowledge of the New Testament and this sacred land. A journey following in the footsteps of Jesus will change the way you read the Bible, the way you live your life, and the way you understand the Church. Consider this brochure my personal invitation to be a part of this journey in faith, and pilgrimage of witness.

-Father Tom

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages to the Holy Land for more than 25 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.

Land-Only pilgrimage itinerary starts below

● Day 1 - Monday, January 1 *Depart USA*

Your pilgrimage begins today as you depart on your flight to Israel.

● Day 2 - Tuesday, January 2 *Arrive Tel Aviv / Haifa*

After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, our immersion in ancient Israel where Christ walked begins. We will meet our guide who will be with us for the duration of the pilgrimage and make the scripture come alive as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus and the Prophets. Travel up the Mediterranean coast to the sparkling port city of Haifa. (D)



● Day 3 - Wednesday, January 3 *Haifa / Galilee*

Following breakfast, we will visit Stella Maris on Mt. Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. Visit the Carmelite Monastery, the largest Carmelite Monastery and world center of the Order. We will find ourselves in the very cave where the prophet Elijah set up his altar and is said to have meditated before his encounter with the priests of Baal and visit Muhraqa where he triumphed over them. Then drive to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. Visit the Basilica of the Annunciation that holds the Cave of the Annunciation which is the actual room where Gabriel appeared to Mary and "the Word was made flesh." (John 1:14) and see St. Joseph's Carpentry Shop, where the

foster father of Jesus worked. Afterwards, travel a short distance to Cana of Galilee to pray where Jesus performed His first miracle, at the request of His mother, Mary, turning the water into wine. If you wish, you may renew your wedding vows here as a lasting remembrance of this holy site. Proceed to our hotel in Galilee, our home for the next two nights. (B, D)



● Day 4 - Thursday, January 4 *Galilee*

This morning we visit Magdala, birthplace of Mary Magdalene, known as "the Apostle to the Apostles," where we will visit the chapel and surrounding ruins. Then enjoy a scenic boat ride across the Sea of Galilee, the setting of 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 proceed to Tabgha to ponder the site where Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish to feed more than 5,000 people (Luke 9:13), then 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. We will visit the synagogue where Jesus taught and then proceed to our last site of this grace-filled day - the Mount of Beatitudes where Christ gave His famous Sermon on the Mount. (B, D)

● Day 5 - Friday, January 5 *Galilee / Jerusalem*

This morning we summit Mt. Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration and the culminating point of Christ's public life. Hike up the mount to the place where Christ revealed His divinity to three of His Apostles as He spoke with the prophets Moses and Elijah. We then depart the region of Galilee and travel south through the Jordan River Valley 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). Afterwards, drive through the Judean wilderness to Jerusalem, our home for the next six nights. (B, D)

● Day 6 - Saturday, January 6 *Jerusalem*

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. After some free time for personal prayer and shopping in Bethlehem, we drive to Ein Karem, where St. John the Baptist was born. Marvel at the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her service to God in her Magnificat prayer and pray the Magnificat together in this holy site before returning to our hotel. (B, D)

• Day 7 - Sunday, January 7

Jerusalem

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 the Pater Noster, built over the caves where Jesus taught His disciples how to pray the "Our Father," and Ascension Chapel, the site from which Jesus ascended into Heaven. Descend the mount on the path Christ walked on the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit, where He wept over Jerusalem and her future destruction. Then enter into the Garden of Gethsemane where Christ had His agony and was betrayed. Here we will pray in the Church of All Nations at the Rock of Agony, the very rock where Christ prayed and sweated blood before He was crucified. Hike across the Kidron Valley to Mt. Zion, where Christ celebrated the Last Supper with His Apostles in the Upper Room and instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Together we journey to Dormition Abbey, the traditional site where Mary was assumed into heaven. Our final stop is at St. Peter in Gallicantu. A golden rooster sits atop, recalling the place where Peter denied Jesus three times (Matthew 26). This was the site of the palace of the high priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was brought to jail after His arrest and kept in the dungeon. (B, D)



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• Day 8 - Monday, January 8

Jerusalem

An exciting 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, see the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic man. Prayerfully walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and climb the steps up 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. We enjoy some free time on our own this afternoon. (B, D)

• Day 9 - Tuesday, January 9

Jerusalem

We begin this morning at the Machane Yehuda market, a bustling marketplace in the midst of a neighborhood. The market dates to the Ottoman period and represents the unique culture and history of Jerusalem. Afterwards, we enter the Old City once more and visit the Wailing Wall, a solemn site for the Jewish people where prayers are inserted between the stones of the last remaining section of the Temple of Jerusalem which was destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D. Enjoy a fascinating historical and archaeological tour underneath the Western Wall as you journey through the depths of Jerusalem history. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore the Old City on our own. (B, D)

• Day 10 - Wednesday, January 10

Jerusalem

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). Then we will journey through the Judean Wilderness along the Dead Sea to Masada. An exciting cable car ride to the ancient mountaintop fortress of the Jewish Zealots shows where they held out in war with the Romans for three brave years. Travel up to Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered and end our day at the Dead Sea to float and swim in its salty, mineral-laden waters before returning to Jerusalem for our farewell dinner and final night in the Holy Land. (B, D)

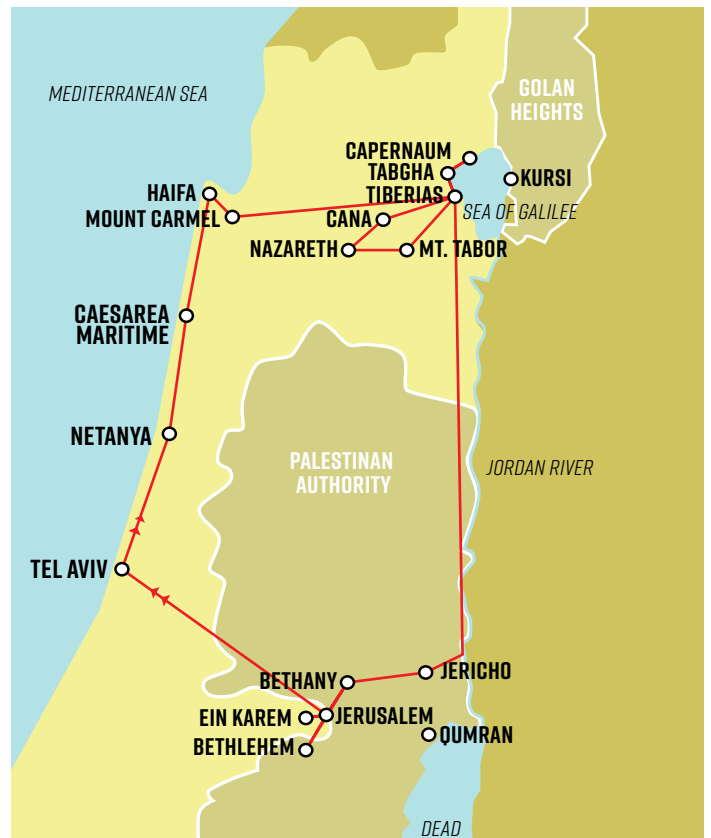


• Day 11 - Thursday, January 11

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.

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

LAND-ONLY BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy **\$3,615.00**

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **TBD**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add **\$1,170**
- Pre-night and post-night hotel accommodations available upon request

Final Payment Due

October 2023

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- 9 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 as per itinerary (*excluding drinks*)
- Farewell dinner at the Christmas Hotel on day 10

Rates do not include: Airfare, gratuities 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 10 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 - 46 days prior to departure, \$300.00 will be charged. If canceled 45 - 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. 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 transportation is not included. However, we would be happy to help you book your flights.

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: Currently, Israel requires 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: Airfare, gratuities, 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.

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