



Christmas Pilgrimage to the
HOLY LAND

DECEMBER 3 - 11, 2024



ITINERARY



Day 1 - Tuesday, December 3
DEPART THE USA

Day 2 - Wednesday, December 4
TEL AVIV / BETHLEHEM

Arrive at the Tel Aviv airport and make your way to your hotel in Bethlehem for your six-night stay.

Day 3 - Thursday, December 5
BETHLEHEM / SHEPHERDS' FIELD / MOUNT OF OLIVES / GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE / EIN KAREM

This morning, we visit the Church of the Nativity, the traditional site of the birth of Jesus, the Church of St. Catherine and the Cave of St. Jerome. We walk to the Chapel of the Milk Grotto of Our Lady and then by bus down to Shepherds' Field, where the shepherds wondered at the angels' announcement of Jesus' birth. We drive towards Jerusalem and stop on the Mount of Olives to view the Old City and visit the Church of Pater Noster. We will walk down to the Garden of Gethsemane, passing by the Church of Dominus Flevit (The Lord Wept). Visit the Church of the Agony (Church of All Nations) and then travel to Ein Karem to visit the Church of the Visitation and the Church of St. John the Baptist before returning to our hotel.



Day 4 - Friday, December 6
CAESAREA / HAIFA / MOUNT CARMEL / NAZARETH / CANA

Today, we drive towards the Mediterranean Coast and stop in Caesarea to see the aqueduct. Travel to Haifa and Mount Carmel to visit the Church of Elijah and then travel to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, and St. Joseph's Church. Visit Cana and see the Franciscan Church of the Wedding Feast, where Jesus performed His first miracle turning water into wine. In the afternoon, return to our hotel in Bethlehem.



Day 5 - Saturday, December 7
SAMARIA / JACOB'S WELL / CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

In the morning, we drive to Nablus (ancient Samaria) and view Mount Ebal and Mount Garizim. We stop at Jacob's Well, where Jesus met the Samaritan woman and asked her for water. Return to Bethlehem for last-minute shopping and an afternoon at leisure to rest and pack. After early dinner, we join Catholics from around the world along with the local Catholic community in the Holy Land to participate in the annual "Lighting of the Christmas Tree" ceremony.



Day 6 - Sunday, December 8
SEA OF GALILEE / MOUNT OF BEATITUDES / CAPERNAUM

This morning, we drive through the Jordan Valley to Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee, where we will enjoy a boat ride as Jesus and His Disciples did. Jesus spent much of his ministry along the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Then, head to the Mount of Beatitudes and Capernaum to see the ancient synagogue and the remains of St. Peter's house. Next is Tabgha to see the Church of the Multiplication. Return to our hotel in Bethlehem.

Day 7 - Monday, December 9

BETHANY / JERICHO / RIVER JORDAN / DEAD SEA

Today, we drive to Bethany to visit the Franciscan Church and the tomb of Lazarus. Continue down to Jericho to view the Mount of Temptation and the ruins of Old Jericho. Continue to the River Jordan, where we can renew our baptismal vows. In the afternoon, we spend time at the shores of the Dead Sea, where we can experience the salty water before returning back to our hotel.

Day 8 - Tuesday, December 10

VIA DOLOROSA / CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE / WAILING WALL / MOUNT ZION

Early in the morning, we walk the "Via Dolorosa" (The Way of Sorrows) and stop at the Stations of the Cross until we reach the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where we will celebrate mass at the Tomb of Christ. Then, we return to the hotel for breakfast. Later, we visit the Old City of Jerusalem, the Pools of Bethesda and walk through the narrow streets to the Wailing Wall. Then, we stop on Mount Zion and visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, where Peter denied Jesus. There will be time for shopping before returning to the hotel.

Day 9 - Wednesday, December 11

RETURN TO THE USA

Starting at

\$2,898* FROM NEW YORK

Flights also available from a city near you!

PHILADELPHIA, PA

DALLAS/FT. WORTH, TX

WASHINGTON, D.C.

HOUSTON, TX

MIAMI, FL

LOS ANGELES, CA

CHICAGO, IL

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

\$1,299* LAND ONLY

*Flights not included in land-only price

YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing, Round-trip International Airfare

Additional baggage & optional fees may apply; see fine print for details

Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes

Subject to change

Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees

Daily Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motorcoaches,

First-Class Hotels & much more!

*See back for Pricing details



TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail completed form with payment and passport copy to:

Departure City: Departure Date: 12/03/24 (Z)

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: (Name Tag:) Middle Name: Last Name: Title: Street Address: P.O. Box: City: State: Zip Code: Dietary Restrictions: Phone: Alt. Phone: Email: Birth Date: State of Birth: Sex: M F Emergency Contact: Phone: How did you learn about this tour?

Guest 2: First Name: (Name Tag:) Middle Name: Last Name: Title: Street Address: P.O. Box: City: State: Zip Code: Dietary Restrictions: Phone: Alt. Phone: Email: Birth Date: State of Birth: Sex: M F Emergency Contact: Phone: How did you learn about this tour?

Roommate(s):

If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited - \$399)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan: Guest 1: Guest 2: 1. Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full. 2. Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable. 3. Coverage begins when your premium payment is received (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium). 4. Premium must be paid in full no later than 08/20/24.

\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION FINAL PAYMENT DUE 08/20/24

via check # via credit card (circle): VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX Card Number: Exp. Date: Name on Card: CVN:

PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature:

Guest 2 Signature:

Tour: TH24 Date: 120324 Code: Z ID: V.003 04/24/24

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427E

Table with 8 columns: Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost. Rows show various trip cost ranges and their corresponding plan costs.

Table with 2 columns: Schedule of Coverages, Maximum Benefit. Rows include Part A (Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Missed Connection, Travel Delay), Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation, and Accidental Death & Dismemberment.

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Travel Services. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. For New York Residents Only: Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

Conditions and Limitations

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverage.

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & dinner daily • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Tips for guide & driver • Miscellaneous fees i.e. individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages & baggage fees • Visas for non-US citizens • Visas and Transfers for all ground only passengers • Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule)

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$399 during the basic tour.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Table with 3 columns: Deposit, Payment Amount, Due Date. Rows include Registration Deposit (\$300), Final Payment (Full payment), and Travel Protection Premium Amount.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AUGUST 20, 2024:

We welcome registrations after 08/20/24. Registrations received between 08/21/24 - 09/04/24 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 09/05/24-09/19/24 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received on 09/20/24 or later will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is covered. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

We do not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 08/20/24. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES AND TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and do not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. You may also incur optional fees i.e. food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.

DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:

Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with air deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 10/24/24. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we or our agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. The passenger agrees that we assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers or services.

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.