

# **2025 DEPARTURES**























# ltinerary

## Day 1 & 2 - USA to the Holy Land

Your spiritual pilgrimage begins as you depart the USA on an overnight flight. You will be welcomed to the Holy Land by our airport representative and transferred to your Bethlehem hotel. Enjoy dinner before retiring for the night.

## Day 3 - Jericho & Bethlehem

Journey to Jericho (considered the oldest city in the world) to visit the ruins of the ancient city conquered by Joshua (Josh. 6:1). From Jericho, in the distance, you can see the traditional site of the Temptation of Jesus (Matt. 4:1). Visit Qasr el Yahud and recall the baptism of Christ. In Bethlehem, visit the cave revered as Jesus' birthplace, which now resides in the world's oldest functioning church (Matt. 1:18-25). Celebrate Mass in St. Catherine's Church and gaze out over Shepherds' Field, where the angels first proclaimed the Good News.

# Day 4 - Ein Karem, Cana, Emmaus & Nazareth

Travel to Ein Karem, the village where John the Baptist was born, and the Virgin Mary visited Elizabeth prior to our Lord's birth (Luke 1:26-40). See the Church of St. John, the birthplace of John the Baptist, and celebrate Mass at the Church of the Visitation. In Emmaus, you'll see the traditional site where Jesus appeared to two disciples after His resurrection. Visit the Franciscan Wedding Church at Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle as He changed water into wine (John 2). Visit Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home (Matt. 2:23).

## Day 5 - The Galilee

Enjoy beautiful Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry, and visit the synagogue located on the site where Jesus taught (Matt. 4:13, 23). Sail across the Sea of Galilee reflecting on the Gospel stories of Jesus calming the storm. On the Mount of Beatitudes (Matt. 5-7), listen to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, and celebrate Mass at the Church of the Beatitudes. At Tabgha, the traditional location of the feeding of the 5,000, visit the Church of the Loaves and Fish (Luke 9:10-17). Take a moment to reflect and pray in the Chapel of the Primacy, where Peter professed his devotion to the risen Christ (John 21). Continue to Jerusalem for your overnight stay.

## Day 6 - Jerusalem

Be inspired by the breathtaking beauty of Jerusalem (the Golden City) as you stand on the Mount of Olives, the place from which Jesus ascended into heaven forty days after His resurrection (Acts 1:9-12). Visit the Church of Pater Noster before walking the Palm Sunday road (time permitting) with a brief stop at the tear-shaped Dominus Flevit Church, built on the traditional site where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Then, celebrate Mass in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed before His crucifixion (Matt. 26:36-44). On Mount Zion, see the House of the High Priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was imprisoned the night of His arrest (Matt. 26:57-65). Nearby is the Upper Room, revered as the location of the Last Supper (Mark 14:12-26). Conclude your day by visiting the Church of the Dormition of Mary.

## Day 7 - Jerusalem and the Old City

Visit the Southern Wall Excavations of the Temple, including the Teaching Steps and the Western Wall. Take a leisurely stroll down the Cardo, the main street of the Old City, where modern shops stand among ancient ones. View the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus performed the Sabbath miracle of healing (John 5:1-31), and sing a hymn in the Church of St. Anne, renowned for its beautiful acoustics. At Herod's Antonia Fortress, see where Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate (Luke 23:1-11). Walk the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, and celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

## Day 8 - Return to the USA









## Day 8 - Fly from Tel Aviv to Rome

Transfer to Tel Aviv to fly to Rome. Your guide in Rome will greet you at the airport and escort you into the city for a driving tour to help you acclimate to where things are. Check into your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay. (D)

## Day 9 - Vatican

Enjoy a guided tour of the Vatican's Museums and the Sistine Chapel. Built by connecting portions of the old papal residence with newer structures, the museum houses a world-renowned collection of art and antiquities. Michelangelo painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel between 1508 and 1512 and later painted The Last Judgment between 1535 and 1541 for Pope Clement VII and Paul III. The primary function of the chapel is the Papal Conclave, providing the place where the College of Cardinals of the church gathers to elect a new pope. Then, walk through St. Peter's Basilica and celebrate Mass here. The present structure, completed in 1590, was built over the Byzantine and Middle Ages structures that marked the tomb of Saint Peter. More than 100 tombs are within the basilica, including most recently, Saint John Paul II. Finish the day at the Pantheon, built by Marcus Agrippa during the reign of Augustus (27 BC to 14 AD). Emperor Hadrian rebuilt it around 126 AD. The building was given to Pope Boniface IV, who converted it into a church - Saint Mary and the Martyrs (Santa Maria Rotunda). Mass continues to be celebrated here. Dinner is on your own tonight. (B)

# Day 10 - Rome

Begin your afternoon with a visit to the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran. Six popes are entombed here. Next door is the Holy Staircase (Scala Santa), brought from Pilate's Palace in Jerusalem by Saint Helena in the 4th century. Climbing the stairs on your knees is a devotion that many pilgrims perform, and a plenary indulgence is granted for completing this feat. Next is the Basilica of Saint Lawrence Outside the Walls (San Lorenzo). Saint Lawrence was one of the first seven deacons of Rome, martyred in 258. The church is built next to catacombs that lead down to his grave. The relics of Saints Justin Martyr and Stephen are also enshrined here. Continue your pilgrim journey to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major (Maria Maggiore). This is the largest Marian church in Rome. Its construction began after the Council of Ephesus in 431 proclaimed that Mary was the Mother of God. Saint Jerome, translator of the Bible into the Latin Vulgate, is buried here. Celebrate Mass in one of the churches here. Dinner is on your own tonight. (B)

## Day 11 - Pilgrimage in Rome

You will begin your day at the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls this morning. The present structure stands over the place where Constantine built the first church over Saint Paul's grave. The church features a portrait of every pope who has served the church, with the face of Pope Francis I illuminated as the present pontiff. Step beneath the surface into the Catacombs of Callixtus, built along the Appian Way. Here, sixteen popes from the 2nd through 4th centuries were interred, though they have been removed to various churches over the centuries. San Sebastian Outside the Walls is another of the seven Pilgrimage churches, built over the Catacombs of Saint Sebastian. The remains of Peter and Paul were temporarily protected here during the Valerian Persecution of 258. Our seventh and final pilgrimage stop is the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. Saint Helena brought Passion relics here, and the floor was covered with soil from Jerusalem. Relics here include Thomas's index finger that touched Christ's wounds after His resurrection and a piece of the Good Thief's Cross. Those who want to complete the seven-church pilgrimage as declared by Saint John Paul II in 2000 can continue to one more stop at the Shrine of Our Lady of Divine Love. Here, a pilgrim pursued by dogs appealed to Our Lady, and she intervened for his safety. Pilgrims began to frequent the site, and a chapel was built here in 1745. Celebrate Mass in one of the churches. Dinner is on your own tonight. (B)

Day 12 - Return to the USA

# **SELECT YOUR DEPARTURE DATE & EXTENSION**

## All-inclusive basic prices based out of New York<sup>†</sup>

• Extension price not included. Taxes, tips & fees for extensions are charged separately (subject to change).

DEPARTURE DATE	DAY OF WEEK	PER PERSON BASIC PRICE <sup>†</sup>	ROME
January 8	Wednesday	\$3,298	•
January 22	Wednesday	\$3,298	•
February 12	Wednesday	\$3,498	•
March 5	Wednesday	\$3,598	•
April 20	Sunday	\$3,698	•
July 9	Wednesday	\$3,998	•
September 3	Wednesday	\$3,698	•
November 12	Wednesday	\$3,598	•
December 3	December 3 Wednesday		•

## Additional dates in 2025 to be announced!



Tour: TH25 Date: Code: E ID: V.002 02/29/24

# **Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates**

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

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000 \$1001 to \$1500 \$1501 to \$2000 \$2001 to \$2500	\$199	\$2501 to \$3000 \$3001 to \$3500 \$3501 to \$4000 \$4001 to \$4500	\$349 \$399	\$4501 to \$5000 \$5001 to \$5500 \$5501 to \$6000 \$6001 to \$6500	\$549 \$599	\$6501 to \$7000 \$7001 to \$8000 \$8001 to \$9000 \$9001 to \$10,00	) \$799 ) \$899
Schedule of	Coverages		Maximum Bene	fit			
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Trip Interruption .....Trip Cost Missed Connection Travel Delay (Up to 10 days & up to \$150 Per Day) . . . \$1,500

Part B

Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation
Accident and Sickness Medical Expense. \$25,000
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation \$50,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment. ...\$25,000
Baggage and Personal Effects ...\$1,000 Baggage Delay . . . . . \$200

Travel Services Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allow

Travel Services Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Educational Travel Services travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With his Educational Travel Services Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be refunded in Educational Travel Services travel certificates. Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Educational Travel Services website (www.etstours.com). Premiums must be paid in addition to initial or second departs from the final payment addition to initial or second departs from the final payment. addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

Part A -Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educatio \*For New York Residents Only: Part A Benefits are travel arra nal Travel Services. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co.

## Conditions and Limitations

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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 coverages (The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Educational Travel Services at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first.), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events on their consequences. Cancellation or interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete essastion of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to the emergency service of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented the of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more, or Revocation of military leave. For further information ask for the Certificate of Coverage which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, youn request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. The Travel Protection Plan is only available for citizens or residents of the United States of America. This plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatnothown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc.\*, 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-888-7292 ("in CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

#### 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:

Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day): will be collected by your bus captain on tour • Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Extensions • 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) • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

ALSO NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE - will appear on your statement:
Extension Border taxes, visas, tips and other fees; \$100 for Rome. Contact your travel advisor for more information.

#### 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: \$698 during the basic tour; \$499 for Rome Extension. Contact your travel advisor for more information.

Deposit	Payment Amount	Due Date		
Registration Deposit	\$300	At time of registration		
Final Payment	Full payment	105 Days Prior   If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.		
Travel Protection Premium Amount	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 105 days prior to departure to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.			

## REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED less than 105 days prior to departure:

We welcome registrations after 105 days prior to departure. Registrations received between 104-90 days prior will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 89-75 days prior will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 74 days prior or less will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

### **CANCELLATION FEES:**

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100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid
and reason for cancellation is coverable. 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. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged the airline and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges:
104-00 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost.
In addition, cancellation fees for Nile Cruise are: 59-31 days = 25% of extension cost; 30-0 days = 100%. Submit cancellation
in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

#### 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 supplier include all four operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainlined to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by us, and we reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a four is canceled beyond the control of us, we will provide a refund or future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable. travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150

## 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. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. I hose needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the four extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines regiming distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in our sole judgment, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please contact us for more details.

## PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 105 days prior to tour. 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. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date

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 toffrom 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. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact your travel advisor for further details.

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or All lights are subject to triangle by the allinities without advance floute. We are not expositible for such classys and do not relimburs 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. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-his in secessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure. Enall documents are sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

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:

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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 aritine, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the timerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour. Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will

be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included. This brochure is valid until 08/29/24. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date

## RELEASE INFORMATION:

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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 lariffs 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 travel services and in no event snall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, logging 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 of service. 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 third party.

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