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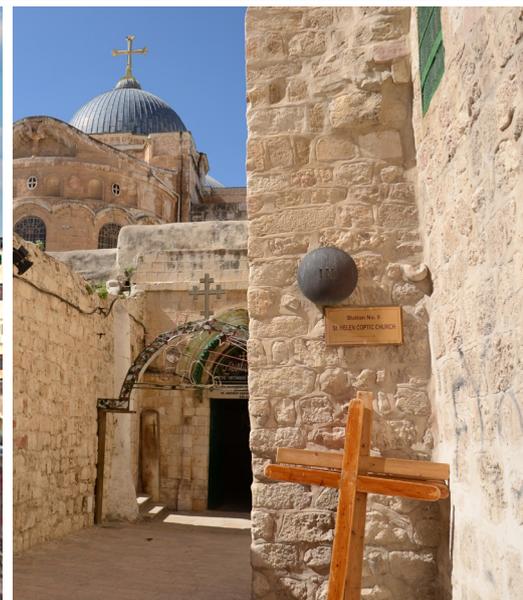


# HOLY LAND

## CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE

— *with Group Leader Nick Wallmark* —

· NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 6, 2023 ·



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# ITINERARY

**Day 1 - Tuesday, November 28, 2022**

**DEPART THE USA**

\*Flights are on your own.

**Day 2 - Wednesday, November 29, 2022**

**TEL AVIV / BETHLEHEM**

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

\*Transfers available for an additional fee.

**Day 3 - Thursday, November 30, 2022**

**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 Church of Milk Grotto and then travel by bus down to Shepherds' Field, where the shepherds wondered at the angels' announcement of Jesus' birth. We drive toward 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 1, 2022**

**CAESAREA / HAIFA / MOUNT CARMEL / NAZARETH / CANA**

Today, we drive toward the Mediterranean Coast and stop in Caesarea to see the aqueduct. Next, head to Haifa and Mount Carmel to visit the Church of Elijah and then to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, and St. Joseph's Church. On to Cana to visit 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 2, 2022**

**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 a leisurely afternoon to rest and pack. After early dinner, we join Catholics from around the world and with the local Catholic community in the Holy Land to participate in the annual "Lighting of Christmas Tree" ceremony.

**Day 6 - Sunday, December 3, 2022**

**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, drive to the Mount of Beatitudes and then to Capernaum to see the ancient synagogue and the remains of St. Peter's House. Proceed to Tabgha (The Church of the Multiplication) and then return to our hotel in Bethlehem.



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**Day 7 - Monday, December 4, 2022**

**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 5, 2022**

**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. Time for shopping before returning back to the hotel.

*\*Overnight is not included. Transfer to airport for overnight flight home available for an additional fee.*

**Day 9 - Wednesday, December 6, 2022**

**RETURN TO THE USA**

**\$999**

**GROUND ONLY**

**YOUR PRICE INCLUDES:**

**Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing,  
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:**

**Mary Beth Brown | By the Sea Travel  
PO Box 543 - Solomons, MD 20688**

443-623-6368 | marybeth@bytheseatravel.com

**Departure City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Departure Date:** 11/28/23 (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 - \$398)

<p><b>Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.</li> <li>Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.</li> <li>Coverage begins when your premium payment is received (separate from deposit &amp; clearly designated as your travel protection premium).</li> <li>Premium must be paid in full no later than 08/15/23.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Guest 1:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I Accept <input type="checkbox"/> I Decline</p> <p><b>Guest 2:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I Accept <input type="checkbox"/> I Decline</p>
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**\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION  
FINAL PAYMENT DUE 08/15/23**

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:** TH23 **Date:** 112823 **Code:** Z ID: 32872 **V.004** 03/21/23

**Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates**

For a full description of the plan, go to: [www.tripmate.com/wpF427X](http://www.tripmate.com/wpF427X)

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000	..... \$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	..... \$299	\$4501 to \$5000	..... \$499	\$6501 to \$7000	..... \$699
\$1001 to \$1500	..... \$149	\$3001 to \$3500	..... \$349	\$5001 to \$5500	..... \$549	\$7001 to \$8000	..... \$799
\$1501 to \$2000	..... \$199	\$3501 to \$4000	..... \$399	\$5501 to \$6000	..... \$599	\$8001 to \$9000	..... \$899
\$2001 to \$2500	..... \$249	\$4001 to \$4500	..... \$449	\$6001 to \$6500	..... \$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	..... \$999

Schedule of Coverages	Maximum Benefit
<b>Part A *</b>	
Trip Cancellation	..... Trip Cost
<b>Part B</b>	
Trip Interruption	..... Trip Cost
Missed Connection	..... \$500
Travel Delay (Up to 10 days up to \$200 Per Day)	..... \$2,000
<b>Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation</b>	
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

**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 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 or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency service of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster, a documented theft 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, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. **This plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Easton, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9223 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-888-7292 (\*in CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).**

**PROGRAM CONDITIONS**

**INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

- 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

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

- Round-trip international airfare • Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day): will be collected by your bus captain on tour
- Miscellaneous fees i.e. passports, laundry, lunches, beverages & baggage fees, transfers • Visas for non-US citizens
- Travel Insurance

**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: \$398 during the basic tour.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Deposit	Payment Amount	Due Date
<b>Registration Deposit</b>	\$300	At time of registration
<b>Final Payment</b>	Full payment	08/15/23   If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
<b>Travel Protection Premium Amount</b>		The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 08/15/23 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 after August 15, 2023:**

We welcome registrations after 08/15/23. Registrations received between 08/16/23-08/30/23 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 08/31/23-09/14/23 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 09/15/23 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 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 any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. 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 suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used 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 tour is canceled beyond the control of us, we will provide a refund or a 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 administration fee.

**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 will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring 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 08/15/23. 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.

**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. 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.

**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. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary 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 time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines. You will receive your flight information 60-30 days prior to departure. Final 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:**

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. 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.

**VALIDITY DATE:**

This brochure is valid until 09/21/23. 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 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 other act of any third party.