

# HOLY LAND

## CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

### to the Christmas Tree Lighting

November 28 - December 6, 2023



## ITINERARY

Limited Seats Available - First Come, First Served

### DAY 1 - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

#### Depart The USA

\*Flights are on your own.

### DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023

#### Tel Aviv / Bethlehem

Arrive at 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, 2023

#### 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 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 Fleuit (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, 2023

#### 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. Continue 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, 2023

#### Samaria / Jacob's Well / Christmas Tree Lighting

In the morning, we drive to Nablus (ancient Samaria) and view Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim. 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 an early dinner, we join Catholics from around the world and with local Catholics in the Holy Land to participate in the annual "Lighting of Christmas Tree" ceremony.

### DAY 6 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

#### 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). Return to our hotel in Bethlehem.

### DAY 7 - MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

#### 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, 2023

#### Via Dolorosa / Church Of The Holy Sepulchre / Wailing Wall / Mount Zion

Early in the morning, we walk the "Via Dolorosa" (The Way of Cross) 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 not included. Transfer to airport for overnight flight home available for an additional fee.

### DAY 9 - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

#### RETURN TO THE USA

#### 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!

## 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 • Transfers
- 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</b>	\$300	At time of registration
<b>Final Payment</b>	Full payment	08/15/23   <i>If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.</i>

### 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.

### ABILITY 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, those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting to their experiences. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of us, 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.**

### 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.**

### 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 **03/23/22**. 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.