

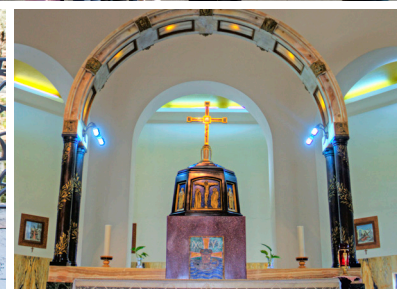
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SEPTEMBER 20 - 29, 2024

HOLYLAND

Pilgrimage

10-Day Catholic Holy Land Pilgrimage
with Fr. Babu Kulathumkal



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ITINERARY

Visiting the Holy Land is a dream of all the Christians. I personally got an opportunity to visit it myself in 2018. It's very hard to express the experience you get there. It is such a 'Holy' and joyful experience. You get to visit most of the places where Jesus did his ministry, from his birthplace to Calvary and finally you get to see the "Empty Tomb". You will get to walk in the Holy ground and spend time in prayer. For me personally it was a great experience and I love to go back and visit again and spend time there!

Fr. Babu Kullathumkal



SEPTEMBER 20 & 21 - 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.

SEPTEMBER 22 - BETHLEHEM, BETHANY & EIN KAREM

In Bethlehem, visit the cave revered as Jesus' birthplace, which now resides in the world's oldest functioning church (Luke 2:1-7). Celebrate Mass in Bethlehem and then gaze out over Shepherds' Field, where the angels first proclaimed the Good News. Visit Bethany, the home of Lazarus, Mary and Martha. Here, Jesus visited on several occasions and raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11). 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). Visit the Church of St. John, the birthplace of John the Baptist.

SEPTEMBER 23 - QASREL YAHUD, WADI QELT, JERICHO, QUMRAN & DEAD SEA

Visit and renew your baptismal vows at the baptismal site of Qasr el Yahud, where tradition says Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Just off the Roman road that Jesus "walked" is the Wadi Qelt gorge, the site of the Monastery of St. George. 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). Celebrate Mass in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Jericho near a sycamore tree and remember Zacchaeus, who climbed a sycamore to see Jesus (Luke 18-19). Travel to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. End your day with the opportunity to take a dip in the mineral-laden waters of the Dead Sea.

SEPTEMBER 24 - CANA, NAZARETH & MOUNT PRECIPICE

Visit the Franciscan Wedding Church at Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle, where He changed water into wine (John 2). Continue on to Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home (Matthew 2:23), and celebrate Mass in the Basilica of the Annunciation. You will also see the House of the Holy Family, St. Joseph's Workshop and St. Joseph's Church (Luke 2:41-52; Matt. 2:19-23). Stand atop Mount Precipice, where Luke describes how Jesus was rejected by those in the synagogue after He taught them. Filled with anger, they "led Him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast Him down headlong" (Luke 4: 29).

SEPTEMBER 25 - 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. Listen to Jesus' words from His Sermon on the Mount at the Mount of Beatitudes (Matt. 5-7) and celebrate Mass at the Church of the Beatitudes. At Tabgha, the traditional location of the feeding of the 5,000, explore 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). In Magdala, once home to Mary Magdalene, visit a recently discovered first-century synagogue.

SEPTEMBER 26 - MOUNT TABOR, MOUNT CARMEL & EMMAUS

As you stand on Mount Tabor, contemplate what it must have been like for Saints Peter, James and John to behold the glory of the Transfigured Christ (Matt. 17:2). Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Transfiguration. Continue on your journey to Mount Carmel, where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18). Biblically, Mount Carmel is referenced most often as a symbol of beauty and fertility. To be given the "splendor of Carmel" was to be blessed indeed (Isa 35:2). In Emmaus, you'll see the traditional site where Jesus appeared to two disciples after His resurrection.

SEPTEMBER 27 - 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, walk the Palm Sunday Road, stopping briefly at the tear-shaped Dominus Flevit Church, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. 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.

SEPTEMBER 28 - JERUSALEM & THE OLD CITY

Take time to pray at the Western Wall, which is all that remains of Herod's Temple. Sit on the Teaching Steps where Jesus once taught. Take a leisurely stroll down the Cardo, the main street of the Old City, where modern shops stand between 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.

SEPTEMBER 29 - DEPART ON AN EXTENSION OR RETURN TO THE USA

Starting at

\$3,698* **FROM NEW YORK, NY**
\$3,996* **FROM NASHVILLE, TN**
\$4,196* **FROM EVANSVILLE, IN**

YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing, Round-trip International Airfare

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Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes

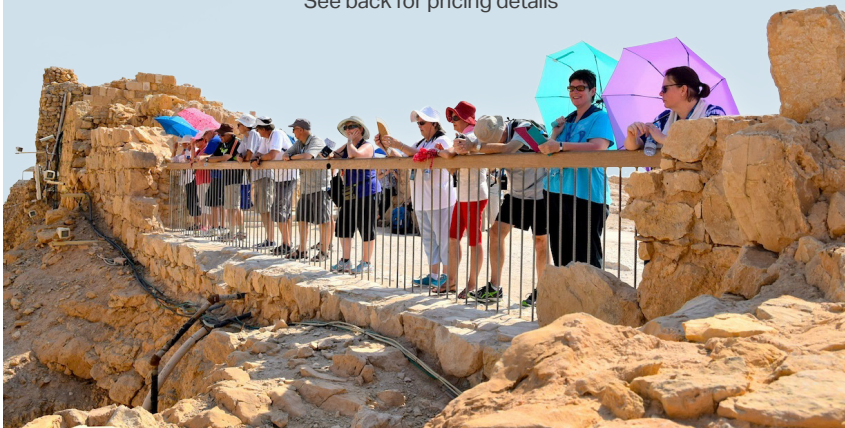
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Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees

Daily Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motorcoaches

First-Class Hotels & much more!

*See back for pricing details



Optional Extension WONDERS OF PETRA & THE DEAD SEA

SEP. 29 - OCT. 3 | STARTING AT \$1,098*

SEPTEMBER 29 - JERASH

This morning, you will journey across the Allenby Bridge on your way to Jerash, one of the best-preserved Roman cities in the world. Stroll through the oval piazza and wander along colonnaded streets etched by the wheels of ancient chariots. Stand in the grand theatre where an onstage whisper can be heard in the top row. Continue to your hotel to check in for dinner and overnight.

SEPTEMBER 30 - PETRA

Begin your journey south towards Petra today. Explore the city of Petra. Its entrance passes through a long, narrow gorge known as the Siq and can only be accessed by carriage, horseback or on foot. Once inside the city, marvel at the intricate detail of a city that was cut into the cliffsides of rose-colored rock. Return to your hotel at the Dead Sea for dinner and overnight.

OCTOBER 1 - MADABA & MOUNT NEBO

Travel to Madaba, the City of Mosaics, to visit the Church of Saint George with its sixth-century, Byzantine, mosaic map showing Jerusalem and other holy sites. Continue to Mount Nebo, where Moses caught a glimpse of the Promised Land (Deut. 34). On a clear day, you can see all the way across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea to the rooftops of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

OCTOBER 2 - FREE MORNING AT THE DEAD SEA

Enjoy a free morning at your hotel. Cross the border back into Israel and enjoy dinner in Jerusalem. Afterward, you will travel to the airport in Tel Aviv to begin your journey home.

OCTOBER 3 - RETURN TO THE USA

Optional Extension CAIRO & THE ROUTE OF THE EXODUS

SEP. 29 - OCT. 4 | STARTING AT \$1,298*

SEPTEMBER 29 - JERUSALEM TO EGYPT

Travel the Caravan Route from Jerusalem through the Sinai. Transfer to your hotel for overnight.

SEPTEMBER 30 - SAINT CATHERINE'S MONASTERY

View Mount Sinai and Saint Catherine's Monastery. Stay in Sharm el Sheikh overnight

OCTOBER 1 - ROUTE OF THE EXODUS

Trace the route of the Exodus along the eastern Sinai coast to Wadi Feiran, Elim & Marah by the Red Sea. Continue to Cairo for dinner and overnight.

OCTOBER 2 - MEMPHIS, SAQQARA, THE GREAT PYRAMIDS & THE SPHINX

Tour the rural region of traditional Egyptian farming. Travel as Abraham did to Memphis (Biblical Noph) and on to Saqqara, where you will see the Step Pyramid, the world's oldest stone structure. See the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx.

OCTOBER 3 - CAIRO

Visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities and tour the Old City and see the Citadel of Saladin. View the Alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali and visit the Abu Serga Church. Prepare for your return flight home.

OCTOBER 4 - Return to the USA

TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail completed form with payment and passport copy to:

Shelly Maffia | Vacations by Shelly
6641 Waterford Place - Owensboro, KY 42303
812-719-0452 | shellymaffia@vbstravel.com

Departure City: Departure Date: 09/20/24 (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? Tour Selection: Basic Program Only Add Cairo Add Petra

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? Tour Selection: Basic Program Only Add Cairo Add Petra

Roommate(s): If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited - \$898)

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 06/07/24. I Accept I Decline I Accept I Decline

\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION FINAL PAYMENT DUE 06/07/24

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: 09/20/24 Code: Z ID: 40947 V.002 04/28/23

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wp427E

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Table with 2 columns: Schedule of Coverages, Maximum Benefit. Includes Part A (Trip Cancellation), Part B (Trip Interruption, Missed Connection, Travel Delay), Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation, and Baggage and Personal Effects.

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 services 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., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-888-7292 (*in CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

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 \$600 • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change) NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE: • Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Extensions and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees • Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents • Visa for non-US citizens ALSO NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE - will appear on your statement: Extension Border taxes, visas, tips and other fees; \$138 for Petra and \$158 for Cairo. 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: \$898 during the basic tour; \$398 for Petra; \$448 for Cairo. Contact your travel advisor for more information.

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 June 7, 2024:

We welcome registrations after 06/07/24. Registrations received between 06/08/24-06/22/24 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 06/23/24-07/07/24 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received after 07/08/24 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. 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 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 06/07/24. 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. 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 10/28/23. 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 or 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.