

# A Christ Centered Pilgrimage and Spiritual Exercises in **The Holy Land** 16-28 March 2019

*In the Footsteps of Jesus*

12  
Days

## An Authentic Spiritual Journey and Encounter with Christ

*Walk where He walked, Pray where He prayed!*

## Optional Extension to Jordan

*In the Footsteps of Moses and the Early Christians*

**28-31 March - All Inclusive \$1,145**

- **Spiritual Director: Fr. John Paul Durán, LC**
- **Pilgrimage Coordinator and Escort: Cris Tallent**
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Exclusive itinerary designed by Cris Tallent for Our Lady of Bethesda Pilgrimages

**\*All Inclusive Land Portion only FLIGHT NOT INCLUDED.**

Based on double occupancy, Single room supplement \$935 Minimum Participation 21 Pax\*\*

\*\*Price will be adjusted if less than minimum participants.

**For Flight Information please contact Elite Travel. 203-271-0623**

**Extension to Jordan** does not require a separate flight, we will enter and exit Jordan through Israel at the Allenby Bridge border crossing. \$1,145 based on double room occupancy.

\*\*Minimum Participation 17 Pax. Single room supplement \$165.

**Non refundable \$700 due at time of booking.**

**Initial booking deadline 16 November 2018.**

All Inclusive Land Price  
**\$3,345\***

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVEL

Valid US Passport. Non-US passport holders please check with Israeli consulates; most nationalities do not require visas. Passport must be valid for six months after return date. If your passport has a stamp from other Arab countries (other than Jordan and Egypt), Iran, Venezuela or Indonesia, it is advisable to obtain a new passport.

## Payment Information

**Israel Land Portion** cost of Pilgrimage \$3,345 based on a minimum of 21 participants. If number of participants is less than 21 Price will be recalculated according to the new number. Maximum 32 participants. Price based on double and triple occupancy basis. Single room \$935.

**Jordan Extension Land Portion:** \$1,145 per person based on double room occupancy. Single room \$165. Minimum 17 participants.

- **Non-Refundable \$700 initial deposit due at time of booking**
- **Initial booking deadline 16 November 2018**
- **Full payment due 16 January 2019. Payments may be split. For bookings within 60 days prior to departure full payment is required at time of booking.**

**REGISTRATION AND BOOKING:** contact Cris Tallent at

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- **Payments by credit card, checks or money orders made payable to:** Elite Travel when you register on line.
- **Flights TBD – Recommended Flights Air Canada: DCA/Toronto Flight 84 to Tel-Aviv, Flight 85 Toronto/DCA. A group flight will be offered. Contact Elite for Air Fares and Flight Information,**

**Call Candy at Elite Travel 301-271-0623**

You can make your own flight arrangements but must meet group at Ben Gurion Airport, **Tel-Aviv by 10:45 a.m. 17 March 2019.**

**LAND CANCELLATION POLICY: must be in writing \$700 non refundable deposit. 59-46 days prior to departure 10%, 45-31 days 50%; 30 days prior to day of departure cancellations or no shows no refunds. ++Please read full cancellation policy.**

**TRIP CANCELLATION / TRIP INTERRUPTION/ MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.**

**Hotels: Notre Dame of Jerusalem Ctr. Tiberias: Lake House or Ron Beach**

## Health Requirements & Practical Information

*Pilgrims must be medically and physically fit to participate. This Pilgrimage requires significant walking on steep and uneven terrain. Motor coaches are not permitted to pick up and drop off in front of many of the sites.*

*The Pilgrimage is not wheelchair accessible. Any special medical conditions or equipment usage must be reported at the time of booking. Should any special assistance be required, traveler agrees to bring a companion capable and willing to assist traveler.*

*A Pilgrimage notebook will be provided for each participant. Prior to departure you will receive explicit trip preparation information with helpful hints and suggestions. Sturdy or light hiking shoes highly recommended.*

*The Pilgrimage is open to both men and women. Minimum age of participants is 17 yrs. of age. We try to adhere as much as possible to the printed itinerary but please note that there might be circumstances beyond our control that could alter the order of the day's itinerary.*

*All Masses have been requested at stated place and times; however, the Mass schedule is determined by the Franciscan Holy Land Custody which assigns the Masses a month prior to arrival.*

*For further pilgrimage and itinerary details and booking contact: Cris Tallent at: [ctallent@ourladyofbethesda.org](mailto:ctallent@ourladyofbethesda.org) or at 301-365-0612.*

Prices based on double or triple occupancy rooms

**\*The quoted rate of \$3,345 includes:**

- 11 Nights accommodation with all meals (BLD)
- English speaking guide & Deluxe transportation
- All entrance fees in the itinerary & Portage fees at hotels
- Tips for guide, driver, restaurant & hotel staff & Audio guiding system
- **The above rate does not include:**
- Flights. Airport Transfers **OUTSIDE** designated Arrival/Departure Times
- Jordan Extension (no flight required)
- Any personal expenses such as telephone calls; bottled beverages, laundry
- Single room supplement \$935
- Trip cancellation/Trip interruption/Medical Insurance;
- Optional Stipends for Priests or additional personal tips

**Jordan Extension: \$1,145 based on double room occupancy, includes:**

- 3 nights accommodations, BLD, Visa, exit taxes, entrance fees, 4x4 ride, tips, portage fees. Flights are not required. Minimum Participation 17.
- **Not Included:** Single room \$165; Camel, horse or donkey rides, personal expenses, beverages, same as above. Animal rides at your own risk.

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**Day 1 The Visitation:** Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, we proceed to the town of Ein Karem, the site of the Visitation and the birth of St. John the Baptist. After Mass we continue on to Jerusalem. Overnight in Jerusalem.

**Day 2 His Birth:** To begin our footsteps in the life of Jesus, we drive to Bethlehem, the site of his birth, then to Shepherd's Field and Milk Grotto. Mass in the Cave of St. Jerome, beneath the Bethlehem Basilica.

**Day 3 His Baptism and Temptation:** Today we experience the desert. We renew our Baptismal Promises at the Qasr El Yahud Baptismal site, visit the Mt. of Temptations and set out into the desert, walking along the Wadi Qelt. Transfer to Galilee.



**Day 4 His Early Life:** We begin in Nazareth, Jesus' childhood home. We end our day in Cana, site of Jesus' first miracle, optional renewal of marriage vows.

**Day 5 The Calling of his Apostles:** Today we are on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. We start the day in the newly excavated town of Mary Magdalene, Magdala. We continue on to Tabgha, the site of the multiplication of the fish & loaves and on to the church of the Primacy. Evening Holy Hour at the Magdala Center.

**Day 6 His Public Ministry:** Travel to Caesarea Philippi, the site of Peter's affirmation of Jesus. Then once again on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, we will celebrate Mass and spend time in Capernaum, "the town of Jesus." We continue on to the Mount of Beatitudes, the site of the Sermon on the Mount. Weather permitting, we will set sail to Tiberias at sunset.



**Day 7 His Transfiguration and His "Going Up to Jerusalem":** Our day begins with Mass at Mount Tabor, site of the Transfiguration. En route to Jerusalem we'll stop where Jesus met the Samaritan Woman, Jacob's Well.

**Day 8 The Raising of Lazarus & Dead Sea:** Mass in Bethany, at the home of Jesus' friends, Martha, Mary and Lazarus. We conclude the day with a refreshing pause at a Dead Sea resort.

**Day 9 His entry into Jerusalem and His Last Days:** We enter into his Passion, walking along the Palm Sunday Road, with stops at the Pater Noster and Dominus Flevit Churches. We will pray in the Garden of Gethsemane and continue to Caiaphas' house, and the site of Peter's betrayal, St. Peter in Gallicantu.

**Day 10 His Passion and Crucifixion:** Our day starts very early tracing Jesus' footsteps along the Via Dolorosa and onto Calvary. Afterwards we will retrace his steps among the 1st Century sites in Old Jerusalem, the Western Wall and Temple Mount. Evening Holy Hour in the Garden of Gethsemane.



**Day 11 His Resurrection and Pentecost:** Very early Morning Mass inside the Holy Tomb and visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We conclude the morning at the site of the Ascension followed by a visit to the Cenacle - to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit! The afternoon is on your own to experience Jerusalem. Farewell Dinner.

**Day 12 Filled with His Holy Spirit and apostolic zeal:** we return to the USA or on to Jordan, for the optional Extension.

## JORDAN EXTENSION - In the Footsteps of Moses and the Early Christians

**Day 1 Mount Nebo:** After crossing the Jordan River, we will visit Mt. Nebo to see what Moses saw and the Israeli encampment site. Overnight in Madaba.

**Day 2: Madaba, Umm ar Rassas:** Visit the Shrine of St. John the Baptist, then onto the World Heritage Site of Umm ar Rassas to trace the footsteps of the early Christians among the magnificent 3rd-9th century Byzantine mosaics. Overnight in Petra.

**Day 3: Petra:** Will explore this amazing wonder of the ancient world. Overnight in tents in the Wadi Rum Desert where Father will preach "Abraham's Holy Hour" under the stars.

**Day 4: Wadi Rum and Departure:** we will cross the River Jordan once again to Tel-Aviv for our USA departure.

\*\*Itinerary is subject to confirmations.

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