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Invites You to Experience

Spiritual Exercises in the Holy Land

A Destination Retreat

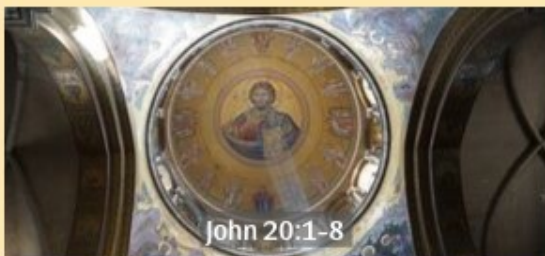
Main Holy Land Trip: March 14-26, 2020
With Optional Pilgrimage Adventure to Jordan : March 26-31, 2020



John 1:14



John 19:17



John 20:1-8

Come and see where He made His dwelling!
All inclusive land price, double occupancy
from **\$3,545** per person



Optional Jordan Extension:
Petra, Mt. Nebo, Um ar
Rassas. Plus "GLAMPING" in
the Wadi Rum! From \$1,395
double occupancy

**With Fr. Peter Hopkins, LC
& Cris Tallent**



For more information and registration visit our website!

www.ourladyofbethesda.org

Pilgrimage Day 1 *My spirit rejoices* Today's itinerary depends upon airline arrivals. We proceed to the town of Ein Karem, the site of the Visitation and the birth of St. John the Baptist. Mass at Ein Karem TBD. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 2 *And the Word was made flesh*: We begin tracing the footsteps of Jesus in Bethlehem, the site of his birth, then to Shepherd's Field. Mass in the Cave of St. Jerome, Grotto level beneath the Bethlehem Basilica.

Day 3 *This is my beloved Son*: Today we experience where Jesus was baptized, at Qasr El Yahud on the banks of the River Jordan, and where He experienced his temptations in the solitude of the Judean Desert. Transfer to Galilee. Mass in Jericho.

Day 4 *He made his dwelling among us*: We encounter Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Nazareth and Cana. Mass in Nazareth.

Day 5 *Put out into the deep and lower your nets*: We start the day walking where Jesus walked, then pray where he prayed, in the synagogue of the newly excavated town of Mary Magdalene. In the afternoon we walk along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, the Primacy of Peter and Tabgha, the site of the multiplication of the fish & loaves.

Day 6 *But who do you say I am?*: We travel to Caesarea Philippi, the site of Peter's affirmation. In the afternoon we walk on the mountain where the Beatitudes were proclaimed. Mass in the town of Jesus, Capernaum. Weather permitting, a sunset sail on the Sea of Galilee.

Day 7 *Lord it is good that we are here*: We experience the site of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, en route to Jerusalem, where we'll stop where Jesus met the Samaritan Woman, at Jacob's Well.

Day 8 *Where have you laid him?*: We travel to Bethany, the home of Jesus' friends, Martha, Mary and Lazarus and site of Lazarus' burial, will celebrate Mass there. We conclude the day with a refreshing pause at a Dead Sea resort.

Day 9 *I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!*: Today we enter into his Passion, we begin with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem walking along Palm Sunday Road, with stops at the Pater Noster and Dominus Flevit Churches to the Garden of Gethsemane, across the Kedron Valley to the site of Peter's betrayal. Evening Holy Hour in the Gethsemane.

Day 10 *Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*: We retrace Jesus' footsteps along the Via Dolorosa and onto Calvary. Afterwards we will retrace his steps among the 1st Century sites in Old Jerusalem.

Day 11 *Woman why are you weeping?*: Very early morning visit to the Holy Tomb to celebrate the Resurrection, the Ascension and Pentecost in the Upper Room. The afternoon is on your own to experience Jerusalem. Farewell Dinner.

Day 12 *Go therefore*: return to the USA or on to the Jordan Extension.

In the Footsteps of Moses and the Early Christians

Day 1 *Mount Nebo*: After crossing the Jordan River, we will visit Mount Nebo to see what Moses saw. 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., Mass among ruins of Petra's 5th century Byzantine Basilica. Camel caravan to luxury tent camp in the Wadi Rum Desert. Overnight in Wadi Rum.

Day 4: *Wadi Rum*: Sunrise Mass, 4x4 ride across the desert back to our bus. Return to Jerusalem. Farewell Dinner. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 5: *Jerusalem / USA Departure*: Early morning Mass prior to airport transfers.

**Itinerary is subject to confirmations and security conditions.

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 and or consult with Israeli Consulate.

Payment Information

Israel Land Portion 12 days/11 nights all inclusive cost of Pilgrimage \$3,545 based on a minimum of 21 participants. **If number of participants is less than 21 cost of the pilgrimage will be \$4,675 per person.** Price based in double and triple occupancy basis. Single room supplement \$1,020. Minimum number of participants 10, maximum number 30.

Jordan Extension 4 night all inclusive 1: \$1,395 per person based on a minimum of 15 participants in double room occupancy basis. If less than 15 participants cost of \$1,645 per person, double room occupancy. Minimum 10, maximum 20 participants. Single room supplement \$265.

1 Excludes Camel Caravan. Cost \$120.

- **Non-Refundable \$700 initial deposit due at time of booking**
- **Initial booking deadline 15 November 2019**

• **Full payment due 15 January 2020. Payments may be split. For bookings within 60 days prior to departure full payment is required at time of booking.**

INFORMATION, REGISTRATION AND BOOKING: contact Cris Tallent at ctallent@ourladyofbethesda.org or 301-365-0612

• **Payments: On line registration www.ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/pilgrimages by credit card; checks/money orders payable to: Elite Travel.**

• **FLIGHTS NOT INCLUDED.**

Recommended Flights Air Canada 80 or United 84 to Tel-Aviv.

For Air Fares and Flight Information BEST to contact:

Call Candy at Elite Travel 203-271-0623

Designated Times: You can make your own flight arrangements but must meet group at Ben Gurion Airport, **Tel-Aviv by 11 a.m. 15 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 on web page.

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

Hotels: Notre Dame of Jerusalem and Magdala Center Guest House, Tiberias

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. Prior to departure you will receive explicit trip preparation information with helpful hints and suggestions. Modest attire is required. 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.

Included Holy Land: the quoted prices include 11 nights accommodation, 11 days of meals, English speaking Christian guide, deluxe transportation, entrance fees, tips for guide, driver, restaurant & hotel staff, hotel luggage service, farewell dinner.

Not Included Holy Land: Flights, airport transfers OUTSIDE of the designated arrival and departure times, bottled beverages, Jordan Extension, single room supplement, trip cancellation, optional stipends for Priests or additional personal tips, personal expenses and insurances.

Included Jordan Extension: 4 Nights accommodations with B, D, 5 lunches, all entrance fees, tips for guide, driver, restaurants & hotel staff, entry visa, relevant border crossing taxes, deluxe transportation, 4x4 ride in the Wadi Rum, farewell dinner. **Not Included Jordan Extension:** Camel Caravan ride \$120, personal expenses, bottled beverages and insurance.