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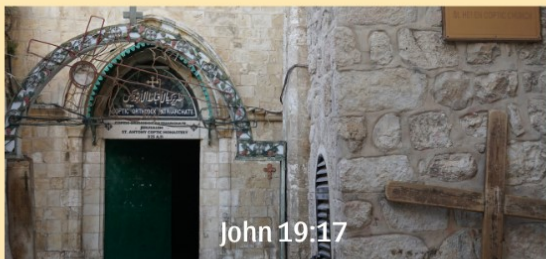
Spiritual Exercises in the Holy Land

A Destination Retreat

Main Holy Land Trip: June 21- July 1, 2022
With Optional Pilgrimage Adventure to Jordan : July 1-5, 2022



John 1:14



John 19:17



John 20:1-8

Come and see where He made His dwelling!
All inclusive LAND price, double occupancy

\$3,500 per person



Optional Jordan Extension:
Petra, Mt. Nebo, Um ar
Rassas. Plus "GLAMPING" in
the Wadi Rum! \$1,725 double
occupancy

With Frs. Peter and Edward



**Hopkins, LC
& Cris Tallent**



For more information and registration visit our website!

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Come and experience the Holy Land, walk where Jesus walked, pray where Jesus prayed!

*Holy Land June 21 - July 1, 2022; Jordan July 1-4***

Our Lady of Bethesda's Pilgrimages are unique because we present the pilgrimage in the order of the life of Christ and in the tradition of the Spiritual Exercises. Come and you will see!

Pilgrimage Holy Land Itinerary**

- 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 at Baptismal site.
- 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.
- 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, security permitting, where we'll stop where Jesus met the Samaritan Woman, at Jacob's Well.
- Day 8 I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!:** Today we enter into The Passion, we begin with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem walking along Palm Sunday Road, with stops at the Pater Noster and Dominus Fleuit Churches to the Garden of Gethsemane, on the Mount of Olives, then across the Kedron Valley to the site of Peter's betrayal. Evening Holy Hour in the Garden of Gethsemane.
- Day 9 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 10 Woman why are you weeping?:** Very early morning visit to the Holy Tomb to celebrate the Resurrection, then onto Mount of Olives to celebrate the Ascension and Mount Zion to celebrate Pentecost in the Upper Room. The afternoon is on your own to experience Jerusalem. Farewell Dinner.
- Day 11 Go therefore:** return to the USA or on to the Jordan Extension.

Jordan Pilgrimage Itinerary: 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, then onto **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 2: Petra:** An entire day and evening to explore this amazing wonder of the ancient world., Mass among ruins of Petra's 5th century Byzantine Basilica. Overnight in Petra
- Day 3: Wadi Rum:** Exploring the aweing Wadi Rum Desert with an optional camel caravan to our overnight accommodations at the Memories Aicha luxury tent camp in the Wadi Rum. Sunrise Mass, 4x4 ride across the desert back to our bus. Overnight in Wadi Rum.
- Day 4/5: Jerusalem / USA Departure:** Return to Jerusalem, depending on return flight times, free time, overnight in Jerusalem, morning Mass prior to airport transfers.

****Itinerary is subject to confirmations and security conditions. Departs USA June 20; Jordan Pilgrimage returns USA July 5.**

Hotels: Notre Dame Jerusalem Center, Notre Dame Magdala, Galilee. Jordan: Petra Guest House, Aicha Camp. Itinerary designed by Cris Tallent

For Health Requirements, Practical Information & Booking Details: Visit our registration page.

- ♦ 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 at all times. Subject to Israeli & US Covid-19 requirements.

♦ For further pilgrimage information contact Cris Tallent at: ctallent@ourladyofbethesda.org or at 301-365-0612. ♦

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REGNUM CHRISTI

A Pilgrimage Adventure in Jordan

JULY 1-5, 2022

In the Footsteps of Moses and the Early Christians

**Mount Nebo, Madaba, Petra, Umm ar Rasas &
'Glamping' in the Wadi Rum**

**All inclusive
\$1,725**



**Join Fr. Peter Hopkins, LC and Cris Tallent in this
exciting "after the Holy Land" Pilgrimage Adventure!**

Come with Fr. Peter Hopkins, LC & Cris on this amazing adventure!

PROPOSED ITINERARY [1]

Day 1 – Mount Nebo, Friday July 1, 2022 We depart bright and early for Jordan, crossing the land border at the Allenby King Hussain Bridge.

Our first destination will be Mount Nebo, where Moses stood and viewed the Promised Land. Since the 3rd century the early Christians made this a site of pilgrimage, building a large basilica by the 6th century. Though little remains of the original buildings, you can still see today the magnificent Byzantine mosaics from that basilica in the newly renovated chapel atop Mount Nebo.

We continue on to **Madaba**, (Medba in Scripture) which is an ancient town in Jordan, southwest of the capital Amman, situated on the ancient King's Highway trade route. The height of Madaba's splendor coincides with the early centuries of the Christian era, when under Byzantine rule, it became the center of a school of mosaics, an industry that still flourishes to the present day.

Today Madaba is best known for its 6th-century mosaic map of the Holy Land in the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George, which we will visit. Madaba was destroyed around 746AD by an earthquake, remaining abandoned until 1880 when Christians resettled there. They made this amazing discovery in 1884. Madaba was originally a Moabite town. We will see Ruth's well as well visit the shrine of the beheading of St. John the Baptist - which holds a relic of the True Cross.

After lunch we set out to visit **Umm ar Rasas**, also a Moabite town, biblically known as **Kastron Mefaa**. The prophet Jeremiah mentioned the city (as "Mephaath") in his condemnation of Moab (Jeremiah 48:21). In the 4th century, after starting as a Roman garrison town, Umm ar Rasas was converted and became an important ecclesial center. During the 4th-7th centuries Christian pilgrimage activities intensified, with many traversing the desert in search of sites with scriptural significance and many choosing to settle and establish monastic communities in these desert outposts.

Umm ar Rasas was one of these communities, boasting at least 16 Byzantine churches. With the Muslim conquest, many of these outposts incurred tremendous destruction, were abandoned, and lost in time. Excavations began in 1986 and are still ongoing. In 2004, the site was declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Among the notable finds unearthed at Umm-ar Rasas is the Church of Saint Stephen, which features elaborate and sophisticated mosaics dating from 785AD, we will celebrate Mass among the ruins. Dinner and overnight in Petra, Guest House Hotel.

Day 2 – Petra, Saturday July 2, 2022 after a hearty breakfast, we begin our adventures in the **Rose City of Petra**. Although inhabited since ancient biblical times, it is said that Arab nomadic Bedouin tribes of these lands were descendants of the first born of Ishmael. Their Arabic dialect was written in Arameic! Petra and the Nabatean civilization flourished from about 6BC to 106AD. They were successful traders, experts in water management and in the carving of magnificent buildings in the red sandstone of the region. Herod Antipas was married to the daughter of the Nabatean king Aretas IV, Phasaelis, whom he divorced in order to marry Herodias!

The Nabateans were conquered by the Romans in 106AD and Petra eventually became the capital of the Byzantine province of Palestina Tertia. Several Christian churches were built there and the remnants of three still exist today with their exquisite mosaic floors. We will visit the 'Petra Church' and plan to have Mass there. Petra went into decline after suffering earthquakes, the shifting of trade routes and by the Muslim conquest. It was eventually abandoned in the 7th century and re-discovered in 1812. It was declared one of the 'New Seven Wonders of the World' and declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1985.

To enter the city of Petra, we will walk through the famous Siq, the passageway that cuts through the winding fissure in the canyon that leads to the Rose City. We will explore this amazing wonder throughout the day, learning of its historical importance as the desert-trade center of the region. The fascinating architectural technologies deployed in the city were considered advanced for their time. Christians were martyred here during the Diocletian persecution in the 4th century. We will try to have Mass in the ruins of the Byzantine Basilica. Dinner and overnight at the Petra Guest House Hotel.

Day 3 – Wadi Rum, Sunday July 3, 2022 After a leisurely breakfast, we will head to the **Wadi Rum**, to begin our adventures in the red desert, where we will spend the night under the stars. Upon arrival we will be transported by jeep to our camp, with sight seeing along the way with an option to arrive at camp on a camel caravan! As the sun goes down, we need to be on the lookout for the very first star to appear. A special aspect of visiting the Wadi Rum, weather permitting, is the ability to see a myriad of stars at night. We will be there during a new moon phase which makes for optimal viewing of the beautiful night sky. A sight which can only be appreciated by an overnight stay! Mass and Holy Hour under the stars. Dinner and overnight at the Memories Aicha Luxury Camp.

Day 4 – Wadi Rum, Monday July 4

Wadi Rum is one of Jordan's main tourist attractions being the most stunning desert scape in the world, lying 320 km southwest of Amman, 120 km south of Petra and 68 km north of Aqaba on the Red Sea. It's uniquely shaped massive mountains rise out of the pink/red desert sands, which separate one dark mass from another in a magnificent desert scenery of strange breathtaking beauty, with towering cliffs of weathered stone. After breakfast, we will enjoy an unforgettable jeep tour through the desert. With our visit complete, we begin our journey back to Jerusalem, crossing back into Israel at the Allenby King Hussain Bridge border crossing. Overnight in Jerusalem, Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center. Farewell Dinner.

Day 5 - Jerusalem, Tuesday July 5 Late night of the 4th or early morning hours of the 5th flight are recommended.

[1] Please note that this itinerary is subject to changes without prior notice to adapt to climate conditions, time limitations, availability or other circumstances beyond our control. This program is physically demanding. **The visit to Petra requires walking minimum 5-8 miles. You may ride a horse* to the entrance of the park, ride a donkey^ while in the Park, or take a very bumpy carriage ride in and out of the park* but all visitors should be able to walk through the canyon to enter and exit the park site to fully appreciate the wonder of this landscape. The Siq or canyon has a distance of 2 kilometers or 1.5 mile each way.**

Daily: Mass, Rosary, Meditations and fabulous faith filled adventures!

ACCOMMODATIONS

Petra: Petra Guest House Hotel – July 1-3, 2022 (two nights)
Wadi Rum: Memories Aicha Luxury Camp – July 3-4 (one night)
Notre Dame Jerusalem Center - July 4-5 (one night)

PRICE, PAYMENT & REGISTRATION**

Price per person in double occupancy: [3] **\$1,725**

All inclusive price *\$1,725 for minimum of 10 participants, double occupancy. Single room supplement \$410.

Registration on line at the same time as you register for your Pilgrimage

****The above rate includes:**

Four nights' accommodation on half-board basis (breakfast & dinner)
Daily lunches and Farewell Dinner.
English speaking guide; Entrance fees; 4x4 ride in the Wadi Rum
Porterage at hotels (1 small suitcase per person)
Deluxe transportation as per program
Jordanian Visa and exit taxes
Tips for guides, drivers, and hotel & restaurant staff

****Rate does not include:**

Any personal expenses such as telephone calls, beverages, laundry, or insurance. ^Carriages & Animal rides, horse, donkey or camel, at your own expense and risk. Wadi Rum camel caravan \$120pp. Any deviations or exceptions from the above itinerary Anything not mentioned above

[3] **Prices are based on 10 participants** minimum and on exchange rates known at time of publication and expected to be in effect at the time of departure. Any devaluation or revaluation of currencies may affect the published price.

DEADLINES AND CANCELLATION POLICY IS THE SAME AS FOR THE HOLY LAND. Final payments due April 19, 2022.

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