

A Summer Family Pilgrimage to the Holy Land All Inclusive Land Price \$3,295* JULY 30- AUGUST 10, 2019

For Information and Booking:

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With Fr. Peter Hopkins, LC in a Cris Tallent designed itinerary Walk where Jesus walked, pray where Jesus prayed!



*All Inclusive Land Price of \$3,295 per person on double or triple occupancy basis. No additional discounts for multiple family members. Minimum age of participants is 12 years of age. Online Registration must be accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of \$700 per person. Price based on 15 participants. Less than 15 participants Land Price will be \$3,528 per person double or triple occupancy, minimum 10 participants. Single room supplement \$620. Space is limited to 20 participants. Booking deadline 60 days prior to departure.

Day 1 *"Blessed are you who believed"*: 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 *"Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see...":* Today we spend the day in Bethlehem to see where Jesus was born, and where the Shepherds kept their watch. Mass Grotto of St. Jerome Bethlehem Basilica.

Day 3 "*This is my beloved Son*": Today we experience the desert. We renew our Baptismal Promises at the Qasr El Yahud Baptismal site, visit the Mount of Temptations and set out into the desert, walking along the Wadi Qelt. Transfer to Galilee.

Day 4 The favor of God was upon him: We begin the day in Nazareth, the home of Mary and Joseph and Jesus' childhood home. We end our day in Cana, site of Jesus' first miracle, with an optional renewal of marriage vows for parents. Mass: Nazareth Basilica.

Day 5 "*This is the time of fulfillment*": Walking where He walked, we begin our day with an early morning hike at the foot of the Arbel and the Valley of the Doves. We spend the day in the town of Mary Magdalene, where we will experience the newly discovered archeological digs of 1st century Magdala. Mass: Magdala. Weather permitting, we will sail on the Sea of Galilee.

Day 6 "*Put out into the deep*": Today we are on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Will visit Tabgha, the site of the multiplication of the fish & loaves and on to the church of the Primacy. We will ascend Mt. Tabor for Mass.

Day 7 It became known that he was at home: 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. On way up to Jerusalem, will stop at the Dead Sea.

Day 8 "*They took palm branches and went out to meet him*": 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 Galicantu. Mass: Garden of Gethsemane. Evening Holy Hour in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Day 9...*"they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian"*: Our day starts very early tracing Jesus' footsteps along the Via Dolorosa and onto Calvary. After breakfast, we will retrace his steps among the 1st Century sites in Old Jerusalem, to include visits to the Western Wall, Temple steps and Temple Mount.

Day 10 "At daybreak on the first day of the week": Very early Morning Mass and visit of 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 11 Go therefore: Filled with the Holy Spirit, we return to the USA.

*Itinerary is subject to confirmations.

The Land rate includes:

- 10 Nights' accommodations with full board (B,L,D) in doubles or triples
- English speaking Christian guide & Deluxe transportation
- All entrance fees in the itinerary & Porterage fees at hotels
- One farewell dinner at NDC Wine & Cheese Restaurant
- Tips for guide, driver, restaurant & hotel staff
- Audio guiding system The above rate does not include:
 - Flights
 - Any personal expenses such as telephone calls, bottled beverages, laundry or medical services.
 - Single room supplement
 - Trip cancellation/Trip interruption/Medical Insurance;
- Optional Stipends for Priests or additional personal tips As much as possible we support Christian owned businesses

REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVEL

Valid US Passport. 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. Non-US passport holders please check with Israeli consulates; most nationalities do not require visas.

Payment Information

Land Portion cost of Pilgrimage \$3,295 based on a minimum of 15 participants. If number of participants is less than 15 price will be \$3,528 with a minimum of 10 participants. Maximum 20 participants. Price based on double and triple occupancy basis. Single room \$620

- Non-Refundable \$700 pp initial deposit due at time of booking
- Initial Booking and Registration as of 15 April 2019
- Full payment due 60 days prior to departure. Payments may be split. For bookings within 60 days prior to departure full payment is required at time of booking.

<u>For BOOKING</u>: <u>Pilgrimage Registration Page</u> or contact Cris Tallent at ctallent@ourladyofbehtesda.org or 301-3615-0612

- **Payments** by credit card, checks or money orders made payable to: Elite Travel when you register on line.
- Recommended Flights Air Canada: DCA/Toronto Flight 84 to Tel-Aviv, Flight 85 Toronto/DCA. Group flight upon request. Consult Elite for Air Fare and Flight Information, Call Candy at Elite Travel 203-271-0623

You can make your own flight arrangements but must meet group at Ben Gurion Airport, **Tel-Aviv by 10:00 a.m. Wednesday 31 July 2019**.

LAND CANCELLATION POLICY: must be in writing. See on line registration for details. \$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. ++

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

Hotels: Knights Palace Jerusalem. The Sea of Galilee Hotel, Migdal.

Health Requirements & Practical Information

Pilgrims must be medically and physically fit to participate. <u>This</u> <u>Pilgrimage requires significant walking on steep and uneven terrain.</u>

The Pilgrimage is not wheelchair accessible.

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.

This Pilgrimage is specifically designed for families, open to both men and women. Minimum age of participants is 12 years 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. Temperatures can be very warm at this time of the year, the itinerary has been designed with this factor in mind and will be adjusted accordingly.

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 or at 301-365-0612.

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