

THE HOLY LAND

A PILGRIMAGE ENCOUNTER WITH THE LORD

September 3-12, 2023✕

All Inclusive Land Price

\$3,465*

Double Room Occupancy



With Fathers
Peter Hopkins, LC and Fr. Vinh Pham, LC
in a Cris Tallent designed itinerary



✕Departure date for this pilgrimage is 2 September 2023



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✳️**USA Departure Day September 2, 2023:** Suggested flights Delta Flt 248 (IAD-ATL) or Delta Flt 242 (BWI-Boston) to TLV 9:15 am arrival September 3, 2023. Pilgrimage meeting point Tel-Aviv Airport NLT 10:30am.

Day 1 Sunday 3 September: Arrival Israel: **Setting the Scene:** Encountering the 1st Century with a visit to Caesarea Maritima – Pilate’s residence and the Aqueduct that Peter saw! After lunch we proceed to the town of Mary Magdalene, will visit the archeological site, followed by Mass in the Duc in Altum chapel. Overnight Caesar’s Hotel* (*Pending availability at the Magdala Center).

Day 2 Monday 4 September: **“The Word was made flesh Here”:** We begin the day in Nazareth, the home of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Visiting St. Joseph’s workshop and Mary’s Well in the church of St. Gabriel. Mass and Angelus at the Basilica of the Annunciation. After lunch we proceed to Cana, site of Jesus’ first miracle, with an optional renewal of marriage vows.

Day 3 Tuesday 5 September: We will experience **“Jesus rising early to pray”** and walking where he walked, through in the Valley of the Doves on the Jesus trail and visiting the newly discovered ruins of a 1st-2nd century synagogue. We will then proceed to Capernaum, the “Town of Jesus.”. Mass Outdoor Altar. After a lunch of St. Pete’s fish, we will return to Magdala for a special Holy Hour at the Encounter Chapel.

Day 4 Wednesday 6 September: Today we start our day with a visit to the Mount of Beatitudes. Following our visit, we will have an optional hike down the Mount of the Beatitudes to Tabgha to the Church of the Primacy, where Jesus asked Peter three times **“Do you love me?”** We will have Mass there, followed by a visit to Tabgha, to the site of the Multiplications of the Loaves & Fishes. We end the day with a visit to Ginosar, the 1st century boat exhibit, followed by, weather permitting, a Sunset Sail on the Sea of Galilee.

Day 5 Thursday 7 September: **“This is my beloved Son”:** We will say farewell to Galilee. On our way ‘up’ to Jerusalem, we will stop at Mount Tabor. We will proceed to Judea, to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord as well as the renewal of our own Baptismal Promises. Mass at the Baptismal site. Time permitting, we will experience walking in the Judean Desert, as Jesus did after his Baptism. Overnight next 5 nights Gloria Hotel* (or, pending availability, Notre Dame Jerusalem Center).

Day 6 Friday 8 September: **“Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see...”:** Today we begin our day in the “Hill Country” of Ein Karem, site of the Visitation and where John the Baptist was born. We will proceed to Bethlehem to see where Jesus was born, and where the Shepherds kept their watch. Mass in Bethlehem Basilica. We will make a shopping stop for religious goods and, time permitting, we will walk along Star street, the original gateway into Bethlehem. TBD International Evening Holy Hour Garden of Gethsemane 8:00p.m.

Day 7 Saturday 9 September: **They took palm branches and went out to meet him:** We now begin to enter into The Passion. Our day starts very early, tracing Jesus’ footsteps along the Via Dolorosa and onto Calvary. After breakfast, we continue, walking along the Palm Sunday Road, with stops at the Pater Noster and Dominus Flevit Churches with Mass, Garden of Gethsemane. (Optional) Walking across the Kedron Valley, we continue to Caiaphas’ house, the site of Peter’s betrayal, St. Peter in Gallicantu. Evening visit to the exhibit of “The Man of the Shroud.”

Day 8 Sunday 10 September: **“Where have you laid him”:** We start out early with a visit the to Temple Steps, the Western Wall and security permitting, to Temple Mount. We will then proceed to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary. We will celebrate Mass there. After lunch, we will stop (security permitting) at the church of St. Pothina, the home of Jacob’s Well and the site of Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman.

Day 9 Monday 11 September: **At daybreak on the first day of the week:** Very early in the morning will have Mass in the Holy Sepulcher followed by a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We conclude the morning with visits to the site of the Ascension and the Cenacle, where we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. The afternoon is free, for you to experience Jerusalem on your own. In the evening, Farewell Dinner and the awarding of Pilgrimage Certificates.

Day 10 Tuesday 12 September: Morning Mass in the church of the Flagellation, followed by a visit to the First Station Franciscan Museum and Lithostrotos. After lunch and filled with the Holy Spirit, we will proceed to the airport for our evening flight departure at 11:55p.m. Delta Flt 235. [FOR REGISTRATION CLICK HERE](#)

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This itinerary is subject to modifications to accommodate security and weather conditions. Mass locations are subject to approval by the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land. This is a unique itinerary, totally Christ centered. We will visit all the traditional shrines associated with our Lord in addition to experiencing what Pope Benedict XVI called the “Fifth Gospel.” The natural and physical elements of the Holy Land, walking where He walked and praying where He prayed! Picture Credits: C. Tallent 2022 OLB Pilgrimage with Fr. Peter Hopkins, LC

All-inclusive Land Price based on double occupancy. Single room supplement \$950. Not included flights and expenses of a personal nature.