



# FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN

September 3-13, 2017

GEORGE'S  
INTERNATIONAL TOURS

**Day 1 - Sunday, Sep. 3: Depart U.S.A.**

Our spiritual pilgrimage begins as we depart on our transatlantic overnight flight to Tel Aviv.

**Day 2 - Monday, Sep. 4: Arrive Tel Aviv / Jerusalem**

After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we'll be welcomed by our Franciscan spiritual director who will accompany us throughout our pilgrimage in the Holy Land and make the Scripture come alive as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Board our motorcoach and drive to Jerusalem, our home for the next four nights. (D)

**Day 3 - Tuesday, Sep. 5: Jerusalem**

After breakfast this morning we will enjoy a tour of Bethlehem including visits to the Nativity Church which was built above the traditional Grotto of Jesus' birth, the Manger, the Grotto of St. Jerome, the Church of St. Catherine, and the Shepherds' Fields. In the afternoon we will drive to Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist, to see the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous "Magnificat". We will also visit the Franciscan Church of St. John the Baptist, the birthplace of John the Baptist. (B/L/D)



**Day 4 - Wednesday, Sep. 6: Jerusalem**

This morning we will drive to the Mt. of Olives for a panoramic city view of the "Golden City" of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of Pater Noster (commemorating the Our Father) and the Chapel of Ascension. Then walk along the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. Continue on to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Church of All Nations followed by a stop at the tomb of the Virgin Mary. Then drive to Bethany where Our Lord would come to recuperate in the home of His loving friends, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus before setting out once more on His mission. After visiting the Tomb of Lazarus we will continue on to Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western World. From the top of the ancient "tel", we'll have an excellent view of Elisha's Fountain, the Mt. of Temptation and the Sycamore tree to

remind us of the story of Zaccheus, the tax collector. Then proceed to the Dead Sea for a swim in its salty, mineral-laden waters before returning to Jerusalem. (B/L/D)



**Day 5 - Thursday, Sep. 7: Jerusalem**

This morning we will enter the Old City through St. Stephen's Gate and visit the Church of St. Anne, the Pool of Bethesda, the Chapel of Flagellation and the Arch of the "Ecce Homo". Then follow the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross) to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to visit the Golgotha and the Tomb of Our Risen Savior. This afternoon we will view from the outside the Temple Area of the Old City featuring the Dome of the Rock and el-Aqsa Mosque and visit the Wailing Wall which is the holiest shrine in the world for Jews. Next proceed to the Mt. Zion to visit the Upper Room which was the location of the Last Supper, Dormition Abbey where Mary "fell into eternal sleep" and St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times before the rooster crowed. This evening enjoy a special Middle Eastern Dinner party with drinks, coffee and tea. (B/D)

**Day 6 - Friday, Sep. 8: Jerusalem / Petra**

After an early morning Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre we will return to our hotel for breakfast. Then depart Jerusalem after breakfast and drive to the Allenby Bridge to cross into the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Once in Jordan we will visit the traditional Baptismal Site on the River Jordan and view Elijah's Hill, the place from which the great prophet went up into the sky in a fiery chariot. Then travel south to Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land. The highlight of our day will be the descent into magnificent Petra, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. (B/D)

**Day 7 - Saturday, Sep. 9: Petra / Amman**

This morning will be spent exploring the "Rose Red City" of Petra which is literally carved into the sides of a deep gorge. The only entrance is through the "Siq", a narrow slit in the rock enclosed by beautiful limestone cliffs.



Riding on horseback (no riding experience required) between the 100 foot cliffs we will see a remarkable sight: temples, tombs, and dwellings chiseled right into the limestone walls. After visiting Petra we will drive to Amman, the capital of Jordan, which like Rome, sprawls over seven hills and was built by the Romans according to a traditional city plan. (B/D)



**Day 8 - Sunday, Sep. 10: Amman / Tiberias**

Depart Amman and drive north to the Sheikh Hussein border-crossing where we will cross from Jordan back into Israel. Then proceed to the Sea of Galilee and enjoy a scenic boat ride on its waters. Afterwards we will proceed to the town of Tiberias for check-in at our hotel located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. (B/D)



**Day 9 - Monday, Sep. 11: Tiberias**

This morning we will drive to Cana of Galilee where Our Lord performed the first miracle, changing water into wine at the wedding feast. Here, we'll invite couples to renew their wedding vows. We then drive to Mt. Tabor to visit the traditional site of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Next we will return to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and stop at Capernaum, the home of Our Lord during His ministry. After visiting the Synagogue where he taught, we will proceed to Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Continue on to the Church of Peter's Primacy where Peter was told: "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep." Then drive up to the Mount of the Beatitudes for Mass at the site of the Sermon on the Mount. (B/L/D)



**Day 10 - Tuesday, Sep. 12: Tiberias / Netanya**

Depart Tiberias and drive through the rolling hills to Nazareth to visit the Annunciation and St. Joseph's Workshop. After Mass we will proceed to Mount Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, to visit Muhraqa which is the site of the sacrifice of Elijah. Then drive along the Mediterranean coast to our hotel located in seaside resort of Netanya. (B/D)

**Day 11 - Wednesday, Sep. 13: Netanya / Tel Aviv / U.S.A.**

Today our Holy Land pilgrimage comes to an end. Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv early in the morning to catch our return flight home. (B)

P I L G R I M A G E C O S T

\$3,767.00

per person/double occupancy

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For single occupancy please add \$610.00.

**This price includes:**

- ✘ Roundtrip airfare from New York JFK
- ✘ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✘ Accommodation for 9 nights
- ✘ All hotel taxes
- ✘ Meals as per itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- ✘ Land transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- ✘ All transfers and baggage handling at hotels
- ✘ Comprehensive sightseeing with all entrance fees
- ✘ Jordanian entry visa
- ✘ Israel/Jordan border crossing taxes
- ✘ Daily Mass

*Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.*

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*For those who prefer to arrange their own flights the Land-Only cost is \$2,865.00 per person.*

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## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

**Reservations and Payment:** Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. Final payment is due 65 days prior to departure.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days prior to departure, \$250.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking. Additional cancellation charges may apply depending upon the cancellation terms of our suppliers.

**Refunds:** Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, George's International Tours agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

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**Travel Documents:** A passport with a minimum of 6 months validity remaining is required of all U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens do not require visas for entry to Israel but visas are required for entry to Jordan. The cost of the Jordanian visa is included in the cost of your trip and George's International will be procuring a group visa on your behalf. If you are not a U. S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. George's International is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

**Tour Cost:** All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 15 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

**Tour Documents and Tickets:** Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 3 weeks of departure.

**Baggage:** Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. You will be responsible for paying to the airline any additional charges for additional checked baggage or overweight baggage (if excess weight is permitted). George's International Tours is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

**Air Transportation:** Air travel is in economy class on Turkish Airlines (or any other IATA carrier). Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing. Fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

**Hotels:** Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted, and should be requested at the time of booking.

**Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend that you have comprehensive travel insurance. Insurance may be purchased directly through George's International Tours and registration forms will be provided upon receipt of your deposit or you may purchase online at [www.georgesintl.com](http://www.georgesintl.com). George's International Tours acts only as an intermediary between you and the insurance provider and in no event shall George's International Tours be liable to any person or entity whatsoever for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, compensatory, consequential, or punitive damages related to insurance coverage purchased.

**Not Included:** Gratuities (\$175.00 recommended per person), passport and/or individual visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of airport allowance, optional sightseeing tours, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

**Responsibility Clause:** The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. George's International Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries.

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Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

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## RESERVATION APPLICATION

**Franciscan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Jordan (September 3-13, 2017)**

Group Reference Number: 090317A

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)**

<b>Name</b> (as printed on your passport): First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____	
<b>Name</b> (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):	
<b>Passport number:</b>	<b>Male</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Female</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Passport date of issue:</b>	<b>Passport date of expiration:</b>
<b>Country of citizenship:</b>	<b>Date of birth:</b>
<b>Street address:</b>	
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b> <b>Zipcode:</b>
<b>Home phone:</b>	<b>Work phone:</b>
<b>Mobile phone:</b>	<b>Email address:</b>

### **ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION**

<b>Please check one:</b> Double occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (\$610.00 additional) <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:</b>
<b>If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

<b>Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:</b>
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Please enclose a deposit of **\$300.00 per person** made payable to **George's International Tours** and mail to:

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