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GRAYMOOR'S PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN

OCTOBER 11-22, 2023

GEORGE'S
INTERNATIONAL TOURS

Day 1 - Wednesday, October 11: Depart USA

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our overnight flight to Tel Aviv. Meals and drinks will be served aloft.

Day 2 - Thursday, October 12: Arrive Tel Aviv / Bethlehem

Upon arrival at Tel Aviv Airport we will be met by our spiritual tour guide, Father Jim Gardiner, SA, who will accompany us throughout our pilgrimage and make the scripture come alive as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We drive to Bethlehem and check-in at our hotel. (D)

Day 3 - Friday, October 13: Bethlehem

We begin our visit to the countryside at Shepherds' Field to remember the angels' glad tidings to the shepherds. Within the town of Bethlehem, we go to venerate the Holy Grotto of the Nativity, as well as the Manger and the Grotto of St. Jerome. We also will be in the Franciscan Church of St. Catherine, scene of Bethlehem's Christmas Midnight Mass. This afternoon we travel to Ein Karem to visit the Church of St. John the Baptist, the birthplace of the Precursor of the Lord, and the Visitation Church where we recall Mary's prayer of praise: the Magnificat. (B/D)



Day 4 - Saturday, October 14: Bethlehem / Jerusalem

This morning we will drive to the summit of the Mt. of Olives to visit the Chapel of the Ascension and the Church of Pater Noster. Walking the Palm Sunday Road, we will next visit the chapel of Dominus Flevit. Here too, we have a magnificent panoramic view of the city of Jerusalem. We continue down the road to the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Basilica of the Agony. This afternoon we return to Bethlehem to visit the University, which is staffed by Christian Brothers where we will meet students and faculty. This University which is celebrating its 50th anniversary enhances the lives of many young people in Palestine by providing higher education to both Christians and Muslims. Our lunch will be provided by the hotel management Department of Bethlehem University. Next we drive to The Tantour Ecumenical Institute just outside

of Bethlehem. We end our day in Jerusalem and check-in at our hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 5 - Sunday, October 15: Jerusalem

Drive to visit Bethany, home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus to see the tomb of Lazarus. We will proceed 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 Zacchaeus, the tax collector. Our next stop will be Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Then enjoy a swim in the salty, mineral laden, and unsinkable waters of the Dead Sea before returning to our hotel. (B/D)



Day 6 - Monday, October 16: Jerusalem

Enter the Old City where everyday life and customs have remained much the same over centuries. View the Temple Area – the melting pot of all three religions which features the Dome of the Rock, Al Aqsa Mosque, and the Wailing Wall. Then walk through the narrow cobble-stoned streets of this historic capital. Sing a hymn in the Church of St. Anne and view the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the man who had been crippled for 38 years. Visit the Chapel of Flagellation, the Church of the Condemnation, Lithostrotos where soldiers played the Game of Kings and the Arch of the "Ecce Homo." Follow Our Lord on the Way of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where we'll visit Calvary and the Tomb of Our Lord. In the afternoon we visit the traditional site of the Upper Room, remembering the Last Supper, a post Resurrection appearance, and Pentecost. Nearby we see Dormition Abbey Church that honors Mary's "falling asleep." We end the day with a visit to St. Peter in Gallicantu which marks the site of Peter's denial. This evening there will be a special Middle Eastern dinner party. (B/D)

Day 7 - Tuesday, October 17: Jerusalem / Petra

Depart Jerusalem and drive to the Allenby Bridge where we will cross from Israel into Jordan. Our first stop will be the Baptismal Site of Jesus. Next we drive to Mount Nebo where Moses first 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 8 - Wednesday, October 18: Petra / Amman

This morning will be spent exploring the "Rose Red City" of Petra which is 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. In the afternoon we drive to Amman. (B/D)

Day 9 - Thursday, October 19: Amman / Tiberias

This morning drive north to the Sheikh Hussein Bridge where we will cross from Jordan back into Israel. Proceed to Tiberias, a town on the shores of the Sea of Galilee and embark on a boat ride remembering the Scripture passages of Jesus and His apostles on this lake before check-in at our hotel. (B/D)



Day 10 - Friday, October 20: Tiberias

Drive to Capernaum, known as the Second City of Jesus, where we will see the ruins of the second century synagogue (John 6) and the ancient structure of the House

of Peter. We visit Tabgha, the places of Jesus' miracle of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes. We come to the Church of Primacy of Peter, the place where our Lord confirmed Peter as leader of the apostle and of the whole Church. Here we will pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. Then visit the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus gave His Sermon on the Mount. After lunch, we'll drive to Cana, where Jesus' first miracle took place. During our visit couples in our group will have the opportunity to renew their wedding vows and all can remember Mary's words, "Do whatever he tells you." We proceed south to Mount Tabor, the site for the Transfiguration. Ascending to the top, we venerate the place where Peter, James and John beheld Our Lord gloriously transfigured between Moses and Elijah. (B/L/D)

Day 11 - Saturday, October 21: Tiberias / Netanya

Drive to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of 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. Our drive continues to Netanya for overnight. (B/D)

Day 12 - Sunday, October 22: Netanya / Tel Aviv / USA

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

PILGRIMAGE COST

\$4,432.00

per person/double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$870.00.

This price includes:

- ✂ Roundtrip airfare from New York JFK
- ✂ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✂ Accommodation in 4 star hotels for 10 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
- ✂ Daily Mass

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

For those who prefer to arrange their own flights the Land-Only cost is \$3,156.00 per person.

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.

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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 20 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.

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