FRANCISCAN MONASTERY of the HOLY LAND IN AMERICA



FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN

May 29-June 8, 2027

GEORGE'S
INTERNATIONAL TOURS

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Saturday, May 29: Depart USA
Our spiritual journey begins as we depart for the Holy Land. Meals and refreshments will be served on board.

Day 2 - Sunday, May 30: Arrive Tel Aviv
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 and make the Scriptures come alive as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Board our motorcoach and drive to our hotel in Tel Aviv. (D)



Day 3 - Monday, May 31: Tel Aviv/Tiberias
This morning depart Tel Aviv and drive northwards to the lower Galilee to Mt. Tabor, the mountain where Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. We will then proceed to Nazareth, Jesus' hometown. Here we visit the Basilica of the Annunciation and St. Joseph's Church, the site of the home of the Holy Family. The Synagogue Church is about a 10 minute walk from the basilica. Next we will make a stop at Cana, the site of the first miracle. Couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage vows here. Our day comes to an end with a drive to Tiberias, our home for the next two nights. (B/D)



Day 4 - Tuesday, June 1: Tiberias
This morning we will take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, the site of many of Jesus' miracles and profound teachings on the Kingdom of God. Nearby are the shrines of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes and the Primacy of Peter (both situated in a region referred to as Tabgha). We will then drive up to the Mount of the Beatitudes, the site of the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus preached to the people. (B/L/D)

Day 5 - Wednesday, June 2: Tiberias/Petra
Depart Tiberias and drive to the Sheikh Hussein Bridge where we cross into Jordan. Our first stop will be the traditional Baptismal Site on the River Jordan where we will renew our Baptismal Promises and view Elijah's Hill, the place from which the great prophet went up into the sky in a fiery chariot. Next stop at Mt. Nebo, the site from which Moses saw the Promised Land and then died. If we have a clear day, we may even capture a glimpse of Jerusalem's skyline. The highlight of our day will be the descent into magnificent Petra, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. (B/D)



Day 6 - Thursday, June 3: Petra/Amman
This morning pass through the "siq" to the ancient city of Petra which was rediscovered in 1912. Sandstone cliffs enclose the valley with shades of red, purple and pale yellow. The Nabatean Arabs founded this "rose-red" city as their capital. We'll be awed as we view the masterpieces of the Treasury made famous by the movie "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," the Monastery, the Triumphal Arch and the Roman Amphitheatre. Then depart Petra and drive to Amman, the capital of Jordan, which like Rome, sprawls over seven hills and was constructed by the Romans according to a traditional city plan. (B/D)

Day 7 - Friday, June 4: Amman/Jerusalem
After breakfast, we check out of our hotel and travel to the Allenby Bridge to cross back into Israel. We continue to ancient Jericho, one of the world's oldest inhabited cities and a place rich in Biblical significance. We will then travel to the Dead Sea to float in its unique, mineral-rich

waters. Before ascending to Jerusalem, we stop in Bethany, the home of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, where we visit the Tomb of Lazarus. We then continue to the Holy City of Jerusalem where we will check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B/L/D)



Day 8 - Saturday, June 5: Jerusalem
This morning we will drive to the summit of the Mount of Olives to visit the Chapel of the Ascension and the Church of Pater Noster. Walking the Palm Sunday Road, we will visit the Chapel of Dominus Flevit. There we have a wonderful panoramic view of the city of Jerusalem. We continue down the road to the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Basilica of the Agony. Nearby is the Grotto of the Judas' Betrayal and Mary's Tomb, the site of Mary's Assumption. This afternoon, we drive along the walls of the Old City to Mt. Zion. Next, we visit the Upper Room's nearby traditional site, 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 Peter's denial. (B/L/D)

Day 9 - Sunday, June 6: Jerusalem
Traveling a short distance south of Jerusalem, we arrive in 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, the Manger and the Grotto of St. Jerome. We will also visit the Franciscan Church of St. Catherine, the site 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. Return to our hotel. This evening, a special dinner will be arranged in our honor at a traditional Middle Eastern restaurant. (B/L/D)

Day 10 - Monday, June 7: Jerusalem
This morning we will enter the Old City of Jerusalem through Saint Stephen's Gate. Our first visit is to the Church of Saint Anne and the Pools of Bethesda, associated with Jesus' healing of the paralytic. We then proceed to the Church of the Flagellation, marking the beginning of the Via Dolorosa, the path Our Lord walked to Calvary. Following the Stations of the Cross, we arrive at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where we visit Golgotha and conclude our devotions at the Sacred Tomb of Jesus. The remainder of the day is free for personal prayer, reflection, or independent exploration in Jerusalem. (B/D)



Day 11 - Tuesday, June 8: Jerusalem/Tel Aviv/USA
Early this morning we will transfer to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv to catch our return flight home.

PILGRIMAGE COST

$5,255.00

per person/double occupancy

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For single occupancy please add $1,170.00.

This price includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from New York JFK
- Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- Accommodation in 4 star hotels 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 and 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 $3,663.00 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.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. Cancellations received after 5PM Pacific Time or on weekends/holidays will be processed the next business day. 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.

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Travel Documents: A passport which is valid for a minimum of 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens require visas for entry to Jordan and the cost of this visa is included in the cost of your trip and George's International Tours will be procuring a group visa on your behalf. U.S. citizens do not require visas for entry to Israel, however they are required to obtain an electronic travel authorization (ETA-IL) which can be done online for a fee of approximately $6.00 per person. Instructions on obtaining the ETA-IL will be provided upon your registration. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to determine your Jordanian visa and Israel ETA-IL requirement status. George's International Tours is not responsible for individual visas, passports or other travel documents.

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.

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: Airfare is in economy class on LOT Polish Airlines (or any other IATA carrier). Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares/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. 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 ($250.00 recommended per person), passport and/or individual visa fees, Israel ETA-IL 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.

Limitation of liability: The airlines, hotels, and other suppliers (jointly: "travel suppliers") providing travel or other services sold by George's International Tours are independent contractors and not agents or employees of George's International Tours. George's International Tours and/or their cooperating selling agents and/or their travel suppliers offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public. To the extent permitted by law, George's International Tours does not assume liability for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay due to an act or omission of a travel supplier, including, without limitation, an act of negligence or the default of a travel supplier. To the extent permitted by law, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage and/or delay due to force majeure, sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, bankruptcy, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or any causes beyond George's International Tours' control. Further, no responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omissions, delays, failure to make connections, non-performance or poor performance, loss of revenue, loss of anticipated profits, any additional expenses or lost business, attributable to you yourself, acts or omissions of any third parties, or acts of any governmental authority, even if George's International Tours has been advised that such damages were possible or probable.

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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 (May 29-June 8, 2027)

Group Reference Number: 270529A

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Name (as printed on your passport): First Name:_____ Middle Name:_____ Last Name:_____		
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):		
Passport number:	**Male** ☐ **Female** ☐	
Passport date of issue:	**Passport date of expiration:**	
Country of citizenship:	**Date of birth:**	
Street address:		
City:	**State:**	**Zipcode:**
Home phone:	**Work phone:**	
Mobile phone:	**Email address:**	

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Please check one:	Double occupancy ☐	Single occupancy ($1,170.00 additional) ☐
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate:		

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Please check one:	Group airfare from New York JFK ☐	Land-Only ☐	Other departure city ☐ _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:

Please enclose a deposit of **$300.00 per person** made payable to **George's International Tours** and mail to:

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