

Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem
- Eastern Lieutenancy -



CHOOSE BETWEEN TWO (2) PILGRIMAGES TO

THE HOLY LAND

“IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS”

DEC 7TH-16TH, 2021 - OR - APRIL 6TH-15TH, 2022

\$4,973 ALL INCLUSIVE FROM NEW YORK

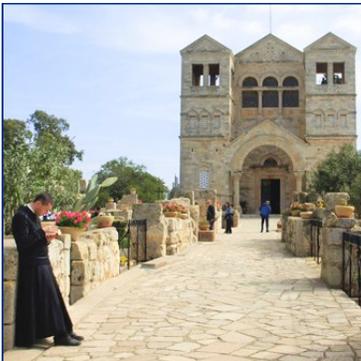
(Optional Pre Tour to Jordan available)

VISITS TO:

MT. OF BEATITUDES CANA * NAZARETH * HAIFA SEA OF GALILEE * TEMPLE MOUNT * MT. TABOR * JORDAN RIVER
JERICHO * JERUSALEM * BETHANY * BETHLEHEM * BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITY * QUMRAN * THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

ALL INCLUSIVE Pilgrimage:

Roundtrip Airfare - All Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges - Centrally located Four/Five Star Hotels - Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner daily -
Transportation by Private Bus - Free Wi-Fi on Motor Coach - Wireless Headsets throughout - Licensed Guide throughout -
Sightseeing and Admission Fees - Daily Liturgy - All Tips and Gratuities - Luggage Handling - Flight Bag and Portfolio



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Sample Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Depart for Israel

Make your way to your local airport where you will board your overnight flight. Your meals are served on board.

Day 2: Arrive at Tel Aviv Airport – Tiberias

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, you will be met by the 206 Tours representatives. They will transfer you to your hotel at the Sea of Galilee. You will have some free time to spend at your own leisure before you make your way to dinner. Return to your room for a restful night sleep.

Day 3: Nazareth—Cana

Theme: The Annunciation

This morning, after breakfast, you will visit Nazareth, where you will visit the Byzantine Church of St. Joseph and Mary's Well. From there you will walk the pilgrimage trail into the Church of the Annunciation to celebrate Mass, and then a quick tour, including the Archaeological Garden where you will see the 1st Century remains of houses from the time of Jesus. Celebrate Mass, followed by a visit to Cana where you will visit the Franciscan Wedding Church. Couples will have the opportunity to participate in the ceremony of renewing their Wedding Vows, led by your Spiritual Director.

**Wedding Vows in Cana: Each couple will receive a "Special" Certificate to commemorate the ceremony.*

Day 4: Sea of Galilee

Theme: The Ministry of Christ in the Galilee

We start the day in Capernaum, from where Jesus launched his Ministry. Visit the Museum where we see inscriptions left by pilgrims venerating the Virgin Mary, including the 2nd century A.D. inscription showing Xeria Maria 'Ave Maria', considered to be the oldest venerating sign of the Blessed Virgin. We will stop for lunch, and then celebrate the Liturgy at the Mt. of Beatitude, the scene of Jesus' great Sermon on the Mount. Nearby is Tabgha, where Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000 and onto the site known as "Peter's Primacy". See the Sower Cove, located midway between Tabgha and Capernaum, where Jesus was pushed out on a boat by the crowd and taught from the parable of sower. Our last visit will be the remains of the fishing village of Magdala (Aramaic for "elegant"). We will end the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. End the day with dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 5: Mt. Tabor – Jordan River – Jericho - Jerusalem

Theme: The Transfiguration

Today, we drive to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration, with time to reflect on Christ's Humanity and Divinity. Celebrating Mass here will be a good preparation for the journey to Jerusalem where Jesus was to suffer the crucifixion and resurrection. Drive down the Jordan Valley to visit the Baptismal site on the Jordan River. From there, we continue on to Jericho, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world, where we view the Mt of Temptation. Continue on our way to Jerusalem, where you will check-in to your hotel in time for dinner and overnight.

Day 6: St. Anne's Church - Ein Karem - Israel Museum

After breakfast, we visit the Church of St. Anne's, the home of Jesus' maternal grandparents (Anne and Joachim). Nearby, we enter the Old City to see the Pool of Bethesda, which supplied the water for the Temple, and where Jesus healed the crippled man. Celebrate Mass, stop for lunch, and then make a short drive to the village of Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptist, to visit the church. Continue to the Israel Museum which houses a replica of the temple to which Jesus was Presented. Your group will visit a model of the Second Temple, as it was in the time of Jesus, as well as viewing the Shrine of the Book (where the Dead Sea Scrolls are on display). This will be followed by our return to Notre Dame for dinner and overnight.

Day 7: Jerusalem: Bethlehem University - Church of the Nativity - Shepherds Fields - Solemn Entry into the Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Theme: The Visitation and Nativity

Following breakfast we will make our way to Bethlehem University for a Tour. From there, we will depart to the Manger Square, which stands in front of one of the oldest of Christian churches, the Church of the Nativity. We will arrive in time to join the Noon procession to the Grotto of the Nativity which marks the spot of Jesus' birth. Beneath the Altar, there is a silver star with the Latin inscription: HIC DE VIRGINE MARIA JESUS CHRISTUS NATUS (Here Jesus Christ was born to the Virgin Mary.) We will celebrate the Liturgy in the Church of Nativity, and then continue our final stop of the day, the Shepherds Fields. We will then proceed to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for Solemn Entry. Return to Notre Dame for dinner and overnight.

Day 8: Jerusalem: Bethany – Mt. Of Olives – Mt. Zion – Meeting with Apostolic Administrator (Receive Pilgrim Shell)

Theme: Palm Sunday, the Agony in the Garden, and The Last Supper

We will start the day with visit to Bethany, where Lazarus was raised from the dead. Drive to the Mount of Olives, where we will take in the panoramic view of Jerusalem. Then to the Pater Noster shrine, where Jesus taught His disciples the Pater Noster - The Lord's Prayer. Walking down the Palm Sunday Road, we will stop at the beautiful little church, Dominus Flevit - "The Lord wept." Then make our way to Gethsemane to reflect on Jesus' final night. The Garden contains trees, whose roots go back to the time of Jesus. Visit and celebrate Mass at the Church of All Nations, to pray at the "Rock of Agony," a section of bedrock identified as the place where Jesus prayed

alone in the garden on the night of His arrest. Following Mass, we will visit the Church of the Assumption, and then make our way to Mt. Zion, overlooking the Kidron Valley. Now called Peter in Gallicantu ("Crowing Rooster"), this beautiful Church also commemorates Peter's denial of Christ, his repentance and then being forgiven by Jesus. We will make a stop for lunch and then continue on to Mt. Zion, the Upper Room where we commemorate the Last Supper. Nearby is King David's Tomb, and the Benedictine Church of the Dormition. We will visit the Office of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, where all Knights and Dames will receive the Pilgrim Shell. We will return to Notre Dame where you will have some time to stop at your room and freshen up before dinner, and return to your room for a restful night's sleep.

Day 9: Jerusalem: Via Dolorosa - Church of the Holy Sepulchre – Our Lady of Palestine - Final Day in Jerusalem

Theme: The Way of the Cross, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection

Today is an early morning, as we will depart the Hotel at 5:30 A.M. and make our way to begin the Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross) at the Antonia Fortress. This is the spot where Jesus was condemned to death by Pontius Pilate. Following His condemnation, He was taken (on the Road to Calvary) to His place of Crucifixion. Your group will reflect upon the Stations of the Cross as you travel through the markets of the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This Sacred destination is the site of Calvary (Jesus' crucifixion place) and, His tomb. The Liturgy your group will be celebrating this morning is High Mass at the Tomb of Christ in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Continue to the Western Wall, the holiest site to Jews. Return to Notre Dame for breakfast, and then you will have some free time to relax. Travel along the Valley of Elah, where the famous encounter between David and Goliath has taken place, reaching Deir Rafat Monastery. This Monastery is dedicated to Our Lady of Palestine. The then Latin Patriarchate, Luigi Barlassina, established this Monastery in 1927. The facade in the Convent Church bears the Latin inscription "Reginae Palaestinae", meaning "to the Queen of Palestine". It carries a six (6) meter statue of the Virgin Mary. The Church ceiling is decorated with a painting showing angels carrying banners with the first words of the "Hail Mary" prayer in 280 languages. Return to the Notre Dame for your Farewell Dinner, and overnight.

Day 10: Return Home

Free time to spend at your own leisure before you return home. With heartfelt farewells, you will gather on to your bus for your transfer to Tel Aviv Airport for your return flight(s) home.

**Return flights to the US depart between 11:30 P.M. – 12:40 A.M. For that reason, we depart in the evening to arrive at the airport three (3) hours prior to your flight to check-in and go through security.*

Day 11: Arrive Home

Pre-Tour to Jordan:

Day 1: Depart for Amman, Jordan

Make your way to the airport for your overnight flight to Amman.

Day 2: Arrive in Amman

Afternoon or evening arrival in Amman. Collect your luggage in the baggage claim area, and continue to the Arrival's Hall where you will be greeted by a tour guide. Your group will transfer to your hotel in Amman. Enjoy dinner at the hotel before retiring for the evening.

Day 3: Petra

This morning, you will transfer to the "lost" city of Petra, located amongst rugged desert canyons and mountains. En route to Petra we will stop at the Christian Town of Ader or Smakieh for Mass with the local Christian community and tea. On to Petra. Enjoy lunch, then a walking tour of the former capital and trading center. Visit to the Siq, a mile-long gorge that contains a number of magnificent structures that are carved into the mountains. The walk will culminate with a visit to the Petra Museum. The Museum holds artifacts from the Neolithic period of the Nabataean history, architecture from the Romans as well as, a Byzantine chapel. Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4: Petra - Karak - Madaba - Mt. Nebo - Amman

Today, your first transfer will be to the Castle of Karak. It is the largest castle among Mountain-top crusaders. On to the "City of Mosaics," Madaba. While in this city, you will visit St. George's Church. This Church houses the oldest map of the Holy Land which includes Israel, Palestine, and Southern Egypt. Lunch, then visit Mt. Nebo, the most revered holy sites of Jordan. This mountain was mentioned in Deuteronomy 34, "Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah". While here, you will tour the Holy site of where Moses died and was buried. Following your visit to this sacred place, return to Amman for dinner and an overnight.

Day 5: Amman - Baptismal Site "Bethany beyond the Jordan" - Mt. of Beatitudes *Crossing the Jordanian Border into Israel*

Following breakfast, you will depart for Bethany beyond the Jordan visiting the Baptismal Site where Jesus was baptized, and the place where the Israelites crossed into the promised Land and from where Elijah the prophet was taken into heaven. Crossing the border at Allenby bridge into Israel meeting your guide and driver. Lunch, and continue to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

CUSTOMIZE YOUR TRIP!

Upgrades are available Everywhere - from the Seats on your flights, to the room you are staying in! Add an extra day or night to your tour.

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