



Tekton Ministries

"Serving God's people on their journey of faith"

Pilgrimage to the **HOLY LAND and JORDAN**



April 21st - May 3rd, 2015

✧ PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY ✧

✧ Day 1: Depart U.S.A.

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

✧ Day 2: Arrive Tel Aviv / Netanya

After our arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met by our local guide who will arrange the schedule of our visits and make the scripture come alive as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus and the Prophets. Time permitting we will visit Old Jaffa to see St. Peter's Church where we will celebrate Mass. We will then drive north along the Mediterranean coastline to the seaside resort of Netanya for overnight.

✧ Day 3: Netanya / Tiberias

This morning we will drive to Caesarea, the capital of the ancient Roman Procurators of Judea, where St. Peter preached and St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. Visit

- healed the centurion's servant, cast out a demon from a young boy and healed all that were sick (Matt 8:16). We will celebrate Mass, visit the synagogue where Jesus taught, and then drive to Tabgha – the site where Jesus multiplied the Loaves and Fishes and fed over 5000 people (Luke 9:13). Next, we will drive to the Mount of Beatitudes the site of the Sermon on the Mount. In the afternoon we will take an excursion up to the Golan Heights to the Banias Spring that rises from under a cave and is one of the sources of the Jordan River. Then visit Tel Dan and Caesarea Philippi where Our Lord proclaimed "you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church". Return to Tiberias.

✧ Day 5: Tiberias

- This morning we will drive to Cana of Galilee where Jesus, at the request of Mary, performed His first miracle...changing water into wine. It was here also that He blessed marriage and raised it to the dignity of a sacrament. If you wish, you may renew your wedding vows as a lasting remembrance of



the Roman Theater, Crusader's Moat, and the Byzantine Churches. Then continue to the sparkling port city of Haifa and celebrate Mass at the Stella Maris Convent on Mt. Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. We will then continue on to Akko (Acre) whose history dates back almost 4,000 years and which played a pivotal role during the Crusader period. Experience the medieval atmosphere and descend into the subterranean city to visit the fortress of the Hospitallers, the Order of the Knights of St. John. Visit the large halls and imagine the pilgrims, the knights, and the Crusaders dining, celebrating, and running the markets there hundreds of years ago. Return to surface and explore the Ottoman phase of Akko. Then continue on to Tiberias for check-in at our hotel located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

✧ Day 4: Tiberias

This morning, we will enjoy a scenic boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and proceed to the Church of Peter's Primacy (John 21:16). Here on the shore of Galilee, Jesus appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection and confirmed Peter in the role as Vicar of Christ with the words, "Feed My sheep." The rock emerging from the center of the church is the actual table at which they ate breakfast. We will proceed onto Capernaum which for three years was the center of Jesus' public ministry. Here our Lord met his first disciples – Peter, Andrew, James, John and Matthew – and worked many miracles. He healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever, brought a child back to life, cured a leper,

- this holy site. Then proceed to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. In the Church of the Annunciation we will celebrate Mass. Just behind the altar, at the Cave of the Annunciation, we will see the actual room in which Mary said "yes" to the angel Gabriel. From there we will visit St. Joseph's Carpentry Shop and Mary's Well. We will then take an excursion to the summit of Mt. Tabor where Jesus transfigured himself and revealed his Divine Glory to the apostles (Matt 17:2). Return to Tiberias.

✧ Day 6: Tiberias / Amman

- After morning Mass at the Mt. of Beatitudes we depart Tiberias and drive to the Sheikh Hussein Bridge where we will cross from Israel into Jordan. Then drive south to the ancient city of Jerash, which was founded by the soldiers of Alexander the Great in 300 B.C. Jerash now stands as the most complete and best preserved ruins of a provincial Greco-Roman city in the world. Along a two-mile stretch we'll see the oval shaped forum encircled by 56 graceful Roman columns, Hadrian's Arch, the Temples of Artemis and Zeus, and the massive Roman amphitheater. Continue on 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. Upon arrival in Amman we will enjoy a brief sightseeing tour including a visit to the ancient Roman Amphitheater before proceeding to our hotel for check-in.

✧ Day 7: Amman / Petra

- This morning we will depart Amman and drive south to Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land. After Mass,

drive to Madaba, a Byzantine center of master mosaics, to see the oldest surviving map of the Holy Land. The highlight of our day will be the descent into magnificent Petra, one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Day 8: Petra / Dead Sea

This morning will be spent exploring the "Red Rose City" of Petra which is literally carved into the sides of a deep gorge. Riding on horseback (the horseback ride is optional and no riding experience is required) between the 100 foot cliffs we will see a remarkable sight: temples, tombs, and dwellings chiseled right into the limestone walls. 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 Amphitheater. After our sightseeing of Petra we will travel north to the Allenby Bridge where we will cross from Jordan back into Israel. We will drive to St. Joseph's for Mass in Jericho and then proceed south to our hotel located on the shores of the Dead Sea.

Day 9: Dead Sea / Jerusalem

This morning we will visit Masada, the fortress stronghold built by Herod the Great, and later the scene of the final siege of The Great Revolt in 73 AD. Continue on to Qumran where we



will visit the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We will then proceed to the Baptismal Site at Qasr al Yehud, the traditional site where John the Baptist baptized Jesus. After renewing our baptismal vows we will proceed on to Bethany to visit the site of the House of Mary, Martha & Lazarus and the Tomb of Lazarus. After Mass we will drive a short distance to Jerusalem for check-in at our hotel.

Day 10: Jerusalem

This morning drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. We will visit the Church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, Ascension Chapel the site where Jesus ascended into Heaven, and then walk the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit, where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. Then we will proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Church of All Nations for Mass on the Rock of Agony. In the afternoon, we will drive to Bethlehem and visit the Shepherd's Fields. Above the traditional Grotto of Jesus' birth, we will visit the Nativity Church, built by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century. Also tour the Manger, Grotto of St. Jerome, the Church of St. Catherine and the Milk Grotto.

Day 11: Jerusalem

After an early morning Mass at the Tomb of Our Lord we will return to our hotel for breakfast. Then we will go to the Temple Area of the Old City to visit the "Wailing Wall" and view the

Temple Mount featuring the Dome of the Rock and El Aqsa Mosque. While in the Old City, visit the Church of St. Anne where the Blessed Virgin Mary was born. Next to this site is the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic man. Then proceed to Mount Zion to visit St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times and the Upper Room, the site where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper. Last, we will pray our Rosary together in the Church of Dormition, where Mary was assumed into heaven. The remainder of the day will be free to explore the quarters of the old City on our own.

Day 12: Jerusalem

This morning we will walk along the Via Dolorosa finishing prayerfully in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where we will have Holy Mass. There we will climb Mt. Calvary and pray at the site of the crucifixion. We will venerate the site where Jesus' body was anointed, the tomb where he was buried and rose from the dead, and the Chapel of St. Helena where the true cross was found. In the afternoon we will drive to Ein Karem to see the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous "Magnificat" and the Church of St. John the Baptist where St. John the Baptist was born.

Day 13: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv / U.S.A.

Today our Holy Land pilgrimage comes to an end as we transfer to the airport in tel Aviv to catch our return flight home.

Pilgrimage Price: \$4,225.00

per person/double occupancy

For a single occupancy please add \$735.00

For land only, please subtract: \$1,223.00

These rates include:

- * Arrangements for daily Mass
- * Roundtrip economy class airfare from Dallas-Ft. Worth to Tel Aviv on Iberia/American
- * Airline fuel surcharges
- * 11 nights accommodation
- * All hotel taxes and service charges
- * Breakfast and dinner daily
- * Middle Eastern farewell dinner in Jerusalem
- * Comprehensive sightseeing with licensed Christian guides in the Holy Land and Jordan
- * Horse ride in Petra
- * Jordanian entry visa
- * Land transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- * Arrival and departure transfers
- * Porterage of one piece of luggage
- * All gratuities to driver, guide, and hotel staff

These rates do not include:

- * Airline taxes (currently \$153.20 per person, subject to change until the time of ticketing)
- * Israel/Jordan border crossing taxes (currently \$65.00 per person but subject to change)
- * Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature

Departures from other airports available upon request.



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Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 75 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 74 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 23 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$150.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 14 - 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.

Travel Documents: A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U. S. citizens. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for Israel. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

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

Air Transportation: Air travel is in economy class on Iberia/American Airlines. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

Not Included: Airline taxes (currently \$153.20 per person subject to change until the time of ticketing), passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

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