

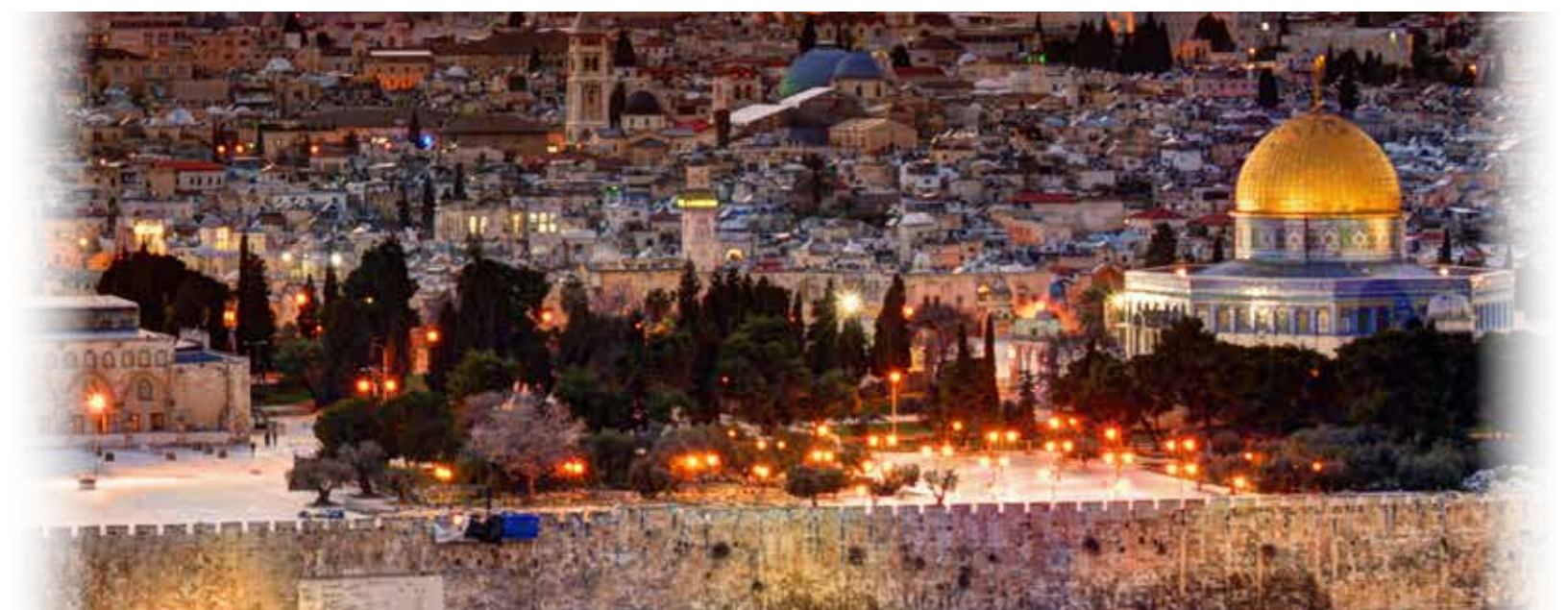


# Tekton Ministries

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

*Pilgrimage to*

## THE HOLY LAND *and* JORDAN



May 22<sup>nd</sup> - June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

## PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

### ☞ Day 1 – May 22: Depart Cincinnati

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our overnight flight to Amman.

### ☞ Day 2 - May 23: Arrive Amman

Upon arrival in Amman we will be met at the airport and transfer to our hotel for check-in.

### ☞ Day 3 - May 24: Amman

This morning we will enjoy a brief sightseeing tour of Amman including a visit to the impressive Roman Amphitheater which once accommodated 6,000 spectators and the hilltop Citadel. We will then depart Amman and drive to the traditional baptismal site on the Jordan River, known as Bethany Beyond the Jordan, where we will have an opportunity to renew our baptismal vows.



Then proceed to Mount Nebo for Mass where Moses first viewed the promised land. Next we will stop at Madaba, a Byzantine center of master mosaics, to see the oldest surviving map of the Holy Land. Return to Amman for overnight.

### ☞ Day 4 - May 25: Amman / Galilee

Depart Amman and drive north to the Sheik Hussein border-crossing where we will cross from Jordan into Israel. Then enjoy a scenic boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. Continue on to Capernaum, home of Jesus during His ministry. After Mass visit the synagogue where he taught, drive to Tabgha - site of the multiplication of loaves and fishes. Next, proceed to the Mount of Beatitudes to visit the site of the Sermon on the Mount. Pray a scriptural rosary together before we continue on to our hotel located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

### ☞ Day 5 - May 26: Galilee

Following breakfast, 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 marriage vows. Proceed to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation. After Mass visit St. Joseph's Workshop and Mary's Well. Return to our hotel with the remainder of the day free.

### ☞ Day 6 - May 27: Galilee

This morning we will take an excursion to the summit of Mt. Tabor to visit the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Celebrate Mass and then after lunch visit the Taybeh Beer Brewery. Take a visit to the new Magdala Center before we return to our hotel with the remainder of the day free.

### ☞ Day 7 - May 28: Galilee / Bethlehem

Depart Galilee and drive south through the Jordan Valley to ancient Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western world. In 1250 B.C., Joshua encircled the city and at the blast of the priests' trumpets, the walls came tumbling down (Joshua 6). Many times Jesus passed through this city on his way to Jerusalem. The sycamore fig, the tree which Zacchaeus climbed in order to catch a glimpse of Jesus, still grows in this area. From the ruins of ancient Jericho, we will



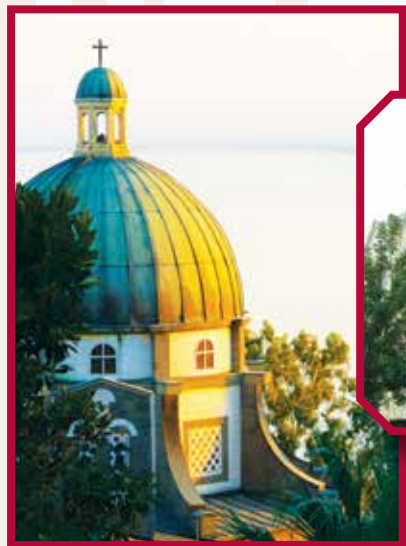
ascend the Mount of Temptation where Jesus fasted and prayed forty days to resist the devil. We will then drive to Bethany for Mass, visiting the site of the House of Mary, Martha & Lazarus and the Tomb of Lazarus. Continue on to Bethlehem for overnight.

#### ☞ Day 8 - May 29: Bethlehem

This morning we will visit the our sister parish in Beit Jala for Mass. Then visit the Nativity Church in Bethlehem, built by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century over the traditional grotto of Jesus' birth. Tour the Manger, the Grotto of St. Jerome, the Church of St. Catherine, the Milk Grotto and the Shepherd's Fields. The remainder of the afternoon will be free.

#### ☞ Day 9 - May 30: Bethlehem / Jerusalem

This morning we will visit the Franciscan Family Center and the Bethlehem Boy's Home. Then depart Bethlehem and drive to Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist, 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. Then proceed to the top of the Mt. of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of Pater Noster, Ascension, and then walk the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit, where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. Proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane for Mass and a visit of the Church of All Nations. Continue on to our hotel for check-in.

#### ☞ Day 10 - May 31: Jerusalem

After a very early morning wake up, we will walk the Via Dolorosa finishing prayerfully in the church of the Holy Sepulcher. Celebrate an early morning Mass in the Holy Sepulchre and then return to the hotel for breakfast. Afterwards, we will enter the Old City of Jerusalem through St. Stephen's Gate to 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. Return to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. There we will climb Mt. Calvary and pray at the site

of the crucifixion. We will venerate the site where Jesus' body was anointed and the Chapel of St. Helena where the true cross was found. While in the Old City, we will also see Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Chapel of Flagellation, the Arch of Ecce Homo, the "Wailing Wall", and we will view the Temple Mount. The afternoon will be free to explore the Old City on your own.

#### ☞ Day 11 - June 1: Jerusalem

This morning we will proceed to Mt. Zion to visit the Upper Room where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper, Dormition Abbey where Mary fell into eternal sleep, and St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times. We will celebrate Mass at the Franciscan chapel at Mt Zion. Based on his schedule we will have an option to visit the Patriarch's church and have an official visit with him. The remainder of the afternoon will be free. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner.

#### ☞ Day 12 - June 2: Tel Aviv / Cincinnati

Today our Holy Land pilgrimage comes to an end. Transfer to the airport in Tel Aviv to catch our return flight home.

### Pilgrimage Price: \$3,885.00

*per person/double occupancy*

*For a single occupancy please add \$570.00*

*For land only, please subtract: \$882.00*

#### These rates include:

- \* Arrangements for daily Mass
- \* Roundtrip economy class airfare from Cincinnati on Delta Airlines/Air France
- \* 10 nights accommodation
- \* All hotel taxes and service charges
- \* Breakfast and dinner daily
- \* Farewell Middle Eastern dinner in Jerusalem
- \* Comprehensive sightseeing with licensed Christian guides
- \* All entrance fees as per itinerary
- \* Land transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- \* Arrival and departure transfers; group flights only
- \* Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$542.77 / person, subject to change until the time of ticketing)
- \* Jordan-Israel border crossing tax (currently \$15.00 per person, but subject to change)
- \* Gratuities to guides/driver/hotel staff
- \* Porterage of one piece of luggage
- \* Jordanian entry visa
- \* Whisper headsets

#### These rates do not include:

- \* Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature
- \* Balance of Airline taxes/fuel surcharges exceeding \$542.77
- \* Balance of Jordan-Israel border crossing tax exceeding \$15.00.

*Departures from other airports available upon request.*

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**Registration Deadline:**  
**October 15th, 2015**

**Reservations and Payment:** Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking, due before October 1st, 2015. 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 15 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 Delta Airlines/Air France. 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:** Balance of airline taxes/fuel surcharges exceeding \$542.77, balance of Jordan-Israel border crossing tax exceeding \$15.00, 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.

**Refunds:** Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to Tekton Ministries/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 Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and

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