



# FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN

March 10-20, 2018



#### Day 1 - Saturday, March 10: Depart USA

Our spiritual pilgrimage begins as we depart on our transatlantic overnight flight to Tel Aviv.

Day 2 - Sunday, March 11: Arrive Tel Aviv / Jerusalem After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport we will clear customs and then transfer by motorcoach to our hotel in Jerusalem for check-in. (D)

## Day 3 - Monday, March 12: 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 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. Then drive to Bethany where Our Lord would come to recuperate in the home of His loving friends, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus before setting out once more on His mission. After visiting 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 and the Mt. of Temptation, and the Sycamore tree to remind us of the story of Zaccheus, the tax collector. Then enjoy a swim in the salty, mineral-laden and unsinkable waters of the Dead Sea before returning to Jerusalem. (B/L/D)



Day 4 - Tuesday, March 13: Jerusalem

Traveling a short distance south of Jerusalem, we arrive in Bethlehem. We begin our visit in the countryside at the 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, birth place of the Precursor of the Lord, and the

Visitation Church, where we recall Mary's prayer of praise: the Magnificat. (B/L/D)

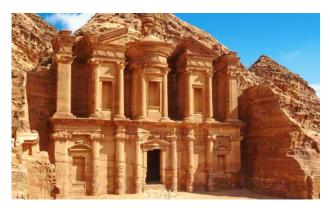


Day 5 - Wednesday, March 14: Jerusalem

This morning we enter the Old City of Jerusalem at St. Stephen's Gate where our first stop is at the Church of St. Anne and the Pools of Bethesda. Next we make the Way of the Cross, carrying a wooden cross along the streets and among the markets and shops as Jesus did on His journey to Calvary following the Via Dolorosa. We enter the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and within the church we visit Golgotha and complete our devotions at the Sacred Tomb of Jesus. In the afternoon we go to the Western Wall or Wailing Wall, where prayers are offered up at these remaining holy stones of the glorious second temple compound. We are aware that now the only structures standing on the Temple Mount are the Moslem Shrines of the Dome of the Rock and the El Aqsa Mosque. We drive along the walls of the Old City to Mt. Zion. Next we visit the nearby 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 with drinks, coffee and tea. (B/D)

### Day 6 - Thursday, March 15: Jerusalem / Petra

After an early morning, Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre return to our hotel for breakfast. Then depart Jerusalem and drive to the Allenby Bridge to cross into the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Meet our Jordanian tour guide and drive to visit the traditional Baptismal Site on the River Jordan. Travel south to Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land. 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 7 - Friday, March 16: Petra / Amman

This morning take a horse-ride through the Siq to the ancient city of Petra which was rediscovered in 1912. The valley where Petra is located is enclosed by sandstone cliffs with shades of red, purple and pale yellow. This "Rose-Red" city was founded by the Nabatean Arabs as their capital city. 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. The remains of Petra bear eloquent testimony to its former power, wealth and architecture. Depart Petra and drive 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. (B/L/D)

#### Day 8 - Saturday, March 17: Amman / Tiberias

Depart Amman and drive north to the Sheikh Hussein border-crossing where we will cross from Jordan back into Israel. Then proceed to the Sea of Galilee and enjoy a scenic boat ride on its waters. Afterwards we will proceed to the town of Tiberias for check-in at our hotel located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. (B/D)



## Day 9 - Sunday, March 18: Tiberias

This morning drive to Mt. Tabor to visit the traditional site of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Then return to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and visit Capernaum, home of Our Lord during His ministry. After visiting the Synagogue where he taught we will proceed to Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Then stop at the Church of Peter's Primacy where Peter was told "feed my

lambs, feed my sheep." Next drive up to the Mount of the Beatitudes for Mass at the site of the Sermon on the Mount. (B/L/D)

## Day 10 - Monday, March 19: Tiberias / Netanya

Depart Tiberias and 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 wedding vows. Continue our 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. Then drive along the Mediterranean coast to our hotel located in seaside resort of Netanya. (B/D)

## Day 11 - Tuesday, March 20: 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. (B)

## PILGRIMAGE COST

\$3,845.00

per person/double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$655.00.

#### This price includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from New York JFK
- Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- Accommodation for 9 nights in 4 star hotels
- 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
- Israel/Jordan border crossing taxes
- 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 \$2,855.00 per person.

Please visit <u>www.holylandpilgrimages.org</u> for information on additional pilgrimages being organized by the Franciscan Monastery.

#### **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. 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 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 15 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:** Air travel is in economy class on British Airways (or any other IATA carrier). Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing. Fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

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**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 <a href="www.georgesintl.com">www.georgesintl.com</a>. 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 (\$175.00 recommended per person), passport and/or individual visa 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.

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Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

For further information on this pilgrimage please contact:

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## **RESERVATION APPLICATION**

## Franciscan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Jordan (March 10-20, 2018)

Group Reference Number: 031018A

# PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Name (as printed on your pa	assport):		
First Name:	Middle Name:		Last Name:
Name (as you wish it to app	ear on your name badge):		
Passport number:		Male □	Female □
Passport date of issue:		Passport date of expiration:	
Country of citizenship:		Date of birth:	
Street address:			
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ROOM ASSIGNMENT I	NFORMATION		
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If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person? Yes $\square$ No $\square$			
EMERGENCY CONTACT			
Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:			
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Please enclose a deposit of \$300.00 per person made payable to George's International Tours and mail to:

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