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# THE HOLY LAND & ROME

BETHLEHEM - NAZARETH - TIBERIAS - JERUSALEM - ROME - ASSISI - OVIERTO



OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 7, 2022

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## Day by Day Itinerary

**October 24: Day 1: Departure:** Depart for your overnight flights to Tel Aviv. Dinner on-board. Relax and anticipate your arrival tomorrow morning.

**October 25: Day 2: Arrival in the Holy Land:** Upon arrival into Tel Aviv, we will be greeted by our Holy Land Travel Center representative and tour guide who will be accompanying us during the pilgrimage. We will immediately transfer to our hotel in Bethlehem.

**Overnight:** Bethlehem (Dinner)

**October 26: Day 3: Bethlehem: Ein Karem, Church of Visitation, Shepherd's Fields, Church of the Nativity:** On our first day in the Holy Land, we present an overview for a better understanding of its geography and some of the key sites surrounding the area and what makes it such a unique area to the three major religions – Judaism, Christianity and Islam. We then head to the village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of St John the Baptist and to the Church of Visitation where the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth, and proclaimed the 'Magnificat'. In the afternoon we drive to the Shepherd's Fields where the angels announced the birth of Jesus. Then we visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem that stands upon the site where Jesus was born.

**Overnight:** Bethlehem (Breakfast, Dinner)

**October 27: Day 4: Haifa, Stella Maris, Nazareth, Cana:** After breakfast, we will depart for Haifa. Here we will visit Stella Maris, a Carmelite Monastery with the Madonna of Mt Carmel. Next, we stop at the Baha'i Gardens, which includes a staircase of nineteen terraces extending all the way up the northern slope of Mount Carmel. We continue to Nazareth and the Basilica of Annunciation where we will celebrate Mass. We enjoy a visit to Joseph's carpentry shop before we continue Cana, where couples will have the opportunity to renew wedding vows. We continue to Tiberias where we check into our hotel before dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** Tiberias (Breakfast, Dinner)

**October 28: Day 5: The Ministry of Christ in The Galilee: Tiberias, Boat Ride On Sea Of Galilee, Capernaum, Mt. Beatitudes, Magdala Center:** Some of today's highlights are a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum to see the synagogue and St Peter's house, a visit to the Mount of the Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount was given, to Tabgha to see the splendid mosaic about the miracle of the loaves and fishes, and to the nearby Church of Peter's Primacy where Peter was told 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep.' There will be an unforgettable Mass near the shores of the Sea of Galilee at the Primacy or Mt Beatitudes. Next, we head the Magdala Center, the village of Mary Magdalene, where we visit the newly built church on site and the newly excavated ruins.

**Overnight:** Tiberias (Breakfast, Dinner)

**October 29: Day 6 Galilee: Mount Tabor, Jericho, Dead Sea, Bethany:** This morning we head to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration where we celebrate Mass. Continue to the river Jordan where we remember Christ's Baptism. Afterwards, we proceed to the oasis town of Jericho, visit the excavations of the oldest city in the world and view Mt. Temptation where Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan. On the way back there is time for a swim (or rather a float!) in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea. Continue to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** Bethlehem (Breakfast, Dinner)

**October 30: Day 7 Jerusalem, The Passion of Jesus' Last Hours: Mt Olives, Palm Sunday, Dominus Flevit, Gethsemane, Cave of Assumption, Last Supper, Davids Tomb, Pater Noster, Palace of Caiaphas:** We begin our day with a visit to the Mount of Olives where Jesus prayed, continue to the Chapel of Ascension where Jesus ascended into heaven. Next, we visit the church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught the disciples the Lord's Prayer. Next, we walk the Palm Sunday Road, stopping at Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Then to Gethsemane, the Rock of Agony where Jesus prayed His last prayer before his arrest. Next, we head to Mount Zion, visiting the cave of Assumption (Dormition Abbey) of Mary to heaven. We visit the room of the Last Supper, King David's Tomb, and the Church of St. Peter Gallicantu, where Peter denied Jesus three times. We end our day visiting the Palace of Caiaphas, home of the corrupt Jewish high priest. We enjoy dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Overnight:** Bethlehem (Breakfast, Dinner)

**October 31: Day 8 The Way of the Cross: Via Dolorosa, St Anne's Church, Ecce Homo, Church of The Holy Sepulcher, Notre Dame Center:** After breakfast we head to Jerusalem and start our visit with St Anne Church (the traditional birthplace of the Virgin Mary). Continue to view the Sisters of Zion, Ecce Homo where Pilate proclaimed "Behold the man." Next, we retrace the last steps of Jesus as we walk along the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow), through the markets of the Old City praying the Stations of the Cross at each station shrine, we reflect on the greatness of His sacrifice. Finally, we arrive at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for Mass. We visit the Notre

Dame Center in Vatican property, where we visit the Museum of the Shroud of the Man (three-dimension replica of the Shroud of Jesus). Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Overnight:** Bethlehem (Breakfast, Dinner)

**November 1: Day 9: Tel Aviv / Rome:** After breakfast we head to the airport for our flight to Rome. After visa formalities, we immediately continue our pilgrimage by visiting the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, which houses the remains of St. Paul under its main altar. Next, we enjoy a walking tour of Rome, featuring a stroll to the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and Piazza Navona. Continue on to our hotel for overnight.

**Overnight:** Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

**November 2: Day 10: Rome: Vatican City, Papal Audience, Basilica of St. Mary Major, Basilica of St. John:** After an early breakfast we depart for Vatican City, the spiritual capital for all Catholics around the world. Vatican City is its own city-state nestled within Rome, and it even has its own currency and postage! We make our way to St. Peter's Basilica where we will attend the Papal Audience given by His Holiness Pope Francis. We then continue to visit the remaining major Basilicas of Rome. We start by visiting to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the most important and the oldest church dedicated to Our Lady, which contains relic from the manger of the infant Jesus. Continue to the Basilica of St. John the Lateran, the Pope's Cathedral church where relics of both Peter and Paul remain under the main altar. See the Holy Staircase which is believed to be from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem and brought to Rome by St. Helen in the 4th century. Time permitting, climb the steps on your knees in memory of Christ's Passion.

**Overnight:** Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

**November 3: Day 11: Basilica of St. Peter, Vatican Museums:** This morning we head to the magnificent Basilica of St. Peter, where we will celebrate Mass. Continue on to the Vatican Museums, an astonishing series of galleries which contain the most impressive spiritual and art treasures. You will see awe-inspiring relics and works of art donated throughout centuries as tributes of faith. We will visit the Tapestry Gallery, the Raphael Rooms and the breathtaking Sistine Chapel where we will see Michelangelo's masterpiece the Last Judgment. Continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

**November 4: Day 12: Assisi: Basilica of Santa Maria Degli Angeli, Chapel of Transitus, Basilica of St. Francis, Basilica of St. Clare:** Today we leave Rome and head to Assisi in the Umbria's region. Upon arrival we visit the sites of Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis, including the Basilica of Santa Maria Degli Angeli (Our Lady of Angels). Inside this Basilica, we explore the Portiuncola, the Chapel of the Transitus, and the Rose Garden. We continue to the Basilica of St. Clare, the Town Hall Square, and the Basilica of St. Francis. We enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore the lovely town with its quaint streets and alleys.

**Overnight:** Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

**November 5: Day 13: Orvieto / Rome:** Today we travel to Orvieto, situated on a high cliff above the Paglia Valley. Your visit will include the extraordinary Duomo of Orvieto, which was inspired by the Miracle of Bolsena, where in 1263 a consecrated host began to bleed onto the corporal (the small cloth upon which the host and chalice rest during Mass). With its remarkable façade, the Duomo of Orvieto is truly among Italy's greatest Romanesque Gothic cathedrals. Free time on our own before we continue to Rome for dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

**November 6: Day 14: Rome: Catacombs:** Today we make our way for a visit to the Catacombs of San Callisto, a vast underground cemetery for the earliest Christians. We'll explore the sprawling subterranean caverns and then emerge into the sunlight for a short ride to our campus. The evening is free to explore before heading back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

**November 7: Day 15: Return Home:** Today we board our return flights home, carrying with us memories and keepsakes that will last a lifetime.

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## PRICING

### BASE PRICE PER PERSON

\$4999.00\*

Double occupancy with base airfare

\*Discount check price

### OPTIONS

- For a single room\*: add \$800

\*Subject to availability

- Land-only option: \$3999 (no flights or airport transfers included)

- Travel Insurance: add \$290

FIRST PAYMENT	\$500.00	DUE: NOW
SECOND PAYMENT	\$1249.00	DUE: MAY 27, 2022
THIRD PAYMENT	\$1000.00	DUE: JULY 26, 2022
FINAL PAYMENT	REMAINING	DUE: SEPT 9, 2022

### BASE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from St. Louis, MO (STL)
- All activities on itinerary
- 13 nights' accommodation
- Tour guides /escorts
- Spiritual director
- Meals per itinerary

## Why Travel with Us?

The Holy Land Travel Center is a family-run business providing pilgrims with an unmatched religious group travel experience. Operated by a husband and wife team from the Qumsieh family, one of the oldest Christian families from the Bethlehem suburb Beit Sahour; the center offers a unique opportunity to be fully immersed in the Christian community of the Holy Land.

The tours are professionally organized to ensure that pilgrims receive the highest quality in travel and lodging. But we pride ourselves most on offering a personalized experience. From the first day you are treated like family, welcomed into the local Christian homes, offered stories of faith by residents, and unfettered access to holy sites.



## Terms & Conditions

By making any payments (cash, credit card or otherwise) towards any tour constitutes your unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions stated in this brochure. Holy Land Travel Center shall be referred to as HLTC within this document.

**DOCUMENTS:** US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies.

**REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:** Deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form on or before. Registrations are processed in the order received by HLTC. A second payment of \$1249 is required on or before 150 days prior to departure. A third payment of \$1000 is due 90 days prior to departure. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. Late payments are subject to \$50 late fee. HLTC reserves the right to cancel reservations that are not paid 30 days prior to departure and to apply applicable cancellation/penalties indicated below. No registrations can be made over the telephone.

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1. No cancellation fees up to 120 days prior to the tour's departure date.
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**TRAVEL PROTECTION:** Travel insurance is recommended to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer travel protection. If you do not wish to purchase now, the plan can be purchased any time prior to departure date. If you chose to purchase outside of the time sensitive period outlined in the plan, you will not be eligible for time sensitive benefits. To view/download the plan, which provides the full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusion please visit our website: [www.holylandtc.com/travel-insurance/](http://www.holylandtc.com/travel-insurance/)

**MEDICAL CONDITION:** We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Participants who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the participants' well-being. This pilgrimage demands a lot of walking and can be strenuous. HLTC is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior to, during, or after the tour.

**LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS:** By private deluxe motor coach.  
**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom with tub or shower. In the event that one does not sign up with a roommate and is not able to be paired with another traveler, there will be a single supplement charge to the account. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost of \$800.

**MEALS:** Meals in accordance with the itinerary. All beverages are extra.

**TIPPING:** Unless it is specified in the tour brochure, the price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the tour guide and motor coach driver approximately \$6 and \$4 per person, respectively, per day to each: Hotel tips are approximately \$2 per day per person. Tips may be pre-collected before the pilgrimage for your convenience.

**AIRLINE TICKETS AND ITINERARY LENGTH:** Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard carriers utilizing non-refundable, non-amenable tickets. Preliminary international flight schedules are available 60 days prior to departure and may change before they are finalized. Therefore, if you book the domestic flight on your own, you will be responsible for changing your domestic flights and incurring any change fees that would be generated by this adjustment. We are not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and do not reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from such occurrences. Travelers

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**SEAT ASSIGNMENT:** THERE IS NO ADVANCE SEAT SELECTION FOR TOUR DEPARTURES. HLTC cannot guarantee specific seats, which are at the discretion of the airline and are pending availability. When HLTC disperses travel packages, you will receive your record locator. You can use this locator to do online seating arrangements, if permitted by the airline.

**BAGGAGE:** International flights to and from the USA allow the passenger to bring one (1) checked bag, which may have a maximum weight of 50 lbs., and maximum combined dimensions of 62 inches. Also, one (1) "carry-on" with maximum dimensions of 8"x12"x20" is permitted. Luggage on domestic flights will cost extra. Luggage is the passenger's responsibility and that of the airlines. For lost luggage, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly. Check with your carrier regarding carry-on luggage rules and regulations.

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