

**14 DAYS  
+1 FREE DAY  
IN ATHENS**

# *Join us on a pilgrimage to* **The Holy Land Greece & Turkey**



*"It is better to see something once than to hear about it a thousand times".*

**\$3699 Cash/Check Discount Price**

**DATES: OCT 9 -23, 2022**

Roundtrip from Omaha, NE (OMA)

**Under the Spiritual Direction of  
Fr. David Reeson**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ABOUT THIS PILGRIMAGE**

## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Bethlehem
- Tiberias
- Jerusalem
- Dead Sea
- Athens
- Ephesus
- Santorini
- 4-Night Cruise

## Day by Day Itinerary

**October 9 Day 1: Depart USA: Flight to Tel Aviv:** Depart for your flights to Tel Aviv. Dinner on-board, relax, and anticipate your arrival tomorrow.

**October 10 Day 2: Tel Aviv: Arrive to The Holy Land:** We are greeted upon arrival by our Holy Land Travel Center Representative. We then transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** Bethlehem (Dinner)

**October 11 Day 3: Bethlehem/ Ein Karem: Visitation of Mary and Birthplace of Jesus:** 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 12 Day 4: Tiberias: The Ministry of Christ in the Galilee:** This morning we depart Bethlehem and head North towards Tiberias. 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. Check in at our hotel in Nazareth for dinner and overnight.

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

**October 13 Day 5: Cana/ Nazareth: Galilee:** After breakfast, we continue to the Basilica of Annunciation where we will celebrate Mass. Next, we enjoy a visit to Joseph’s carpentry shop. After, we drive to Cana, where couples will have the opportunity to renew wedding vows. This afternoon, we head to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration. Continue to Bethlehem.

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

**October 14 Day 6: Mt of Olives/ Mt. Zion: The Passion of Jesus’ Last Hours:** 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 15 Day 7: Old City Jerusalem: The Way of the Cross:** 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, Ecco 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 Sepulcher for Mass.

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

**October 16 Day 8: Bethany/ Jericho: The Wilderness:** We begin our day with a visit to Bethany where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. The desert east of Jerusalem is rich in Christian tradition. At 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, renowned for its healing properties. We then visit the Jordan River to remember our Lord’s baptism. We then head to the Ben-Gurion Airport for our flights to Athens. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

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

**October 17 Day 9: Cruise: Mykonos:** Today we’ll leave Athens early in the morning for Piraeus and at 11:00 a.m. sail into the Aegean Sea. Our first island is one of the islands belonging to the Cyclades group of islands. This mountainous island of Mykonos has about 400 churches and is famous for its picturesque white houses and the island’s trademark: the charming windmills. Mykonos has a unique architecture of Byzantine and Western characteristics. Next, we will visit our Church of the Virgin Paraportiani, the oldest and main church of Mykonos. We then have the chance to explore the main square with its many boutiques and taverns along tiny paved streets.

**Overnight:** Cruise Ship (Breakfast, Dinner)

**October 18 Day 10: Cruise: Ephesus, Turkey and Patmos Greece:** This morning you will arrive at the Turkish port city of Kusadasi. From here you will travel to Ephesus, where the Blessed Virgin Mary lived with St. John in a small house on the hill behind the city. Here you will have Mass before traveling down to the ancient city where you can walk the marble roads rutted by wheels of countless chariots and pass the ruins of architectural masterpieces. It is here that St. Paul preached to the Ephesians, and where he was arrested and cast out of the city. In the afternoon you will visit the island of Patmos, where St. John wrote the apocalyptic Book of Revelations. On our excursion we will visit the cave where he lived, now the site of a monastery housing priceless icons and manuscripts.

**Overnight:** Cruise Ship (Breakfast, Dinner)

**October 19 Day 11: Rhodes:** Today we visit Rhodes Island, famous for the Colossus of Rhodes. While this ancient statue is no longer around, this island is famous for its history and you won’t miss out on many of the ancient ruins that are still there today. We will take a visit to the Old Town of Rhodes which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is a must-see!

**Overnight:** Cruise Ship (Breakfast, Dinner)

**October 20 Day 12: Cruise: Santorini, Crete:** Today on the last day of the cruise, the group will enjoy on their own visiting Heraklion on the island of Crete and visit to Fira town on the island of Santorini – optional excursion on Crete to Knossos Palace is offered for those interested on more activities on the last cruise day.

**Overnight:** Cruise Ship (Breakfast, Dinner)

**October 21 Day 13: Disembark/Athens/Corinth:** Today we disembark our cruise ship and we will be visiting and exploring the city of Athens (Acts 17: 16-34). Acropolis with Parthenon the greatest monument of antiquity, dedicated to the goddess Athena, from here one can see Areopagus (Areios Pagos = Hill of Ares) visited by Pope John Paul II same hill where St. Paul gave his famous sermon of “Unknown God”, and more of it today. Located on the north side of Acropolis we will also visit Erechtheion, a temple to Athena and Poseidon, as well as the Temple of Olympian Zeus located on east side of Acropolis. Remainder of afternoon at leisure before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

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

**October 22: Day 14: Athens:** Following breakfast this morning we drive to Corinth first across the Corinthian Canal, started by roman emperor Nero and then to one of the oldest towns of Greece, where St. Paul came after he left Athens and. After a stop at the ancient Corinth (18: 1-18; Cori.) we again meet with the St. Paul, here he remained for one and a half-year. We will be visiting marketplace where the Apostle preached to the Corinthians, the Temple of Apollo and the Corinth Museum. Enjoy exploring the marketplace this afternoon before we retire to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

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

**October 23 Day 15: Return Home:** Today marks the end of your pilgrimage. Prepare for your departure to the airport and your flights home!

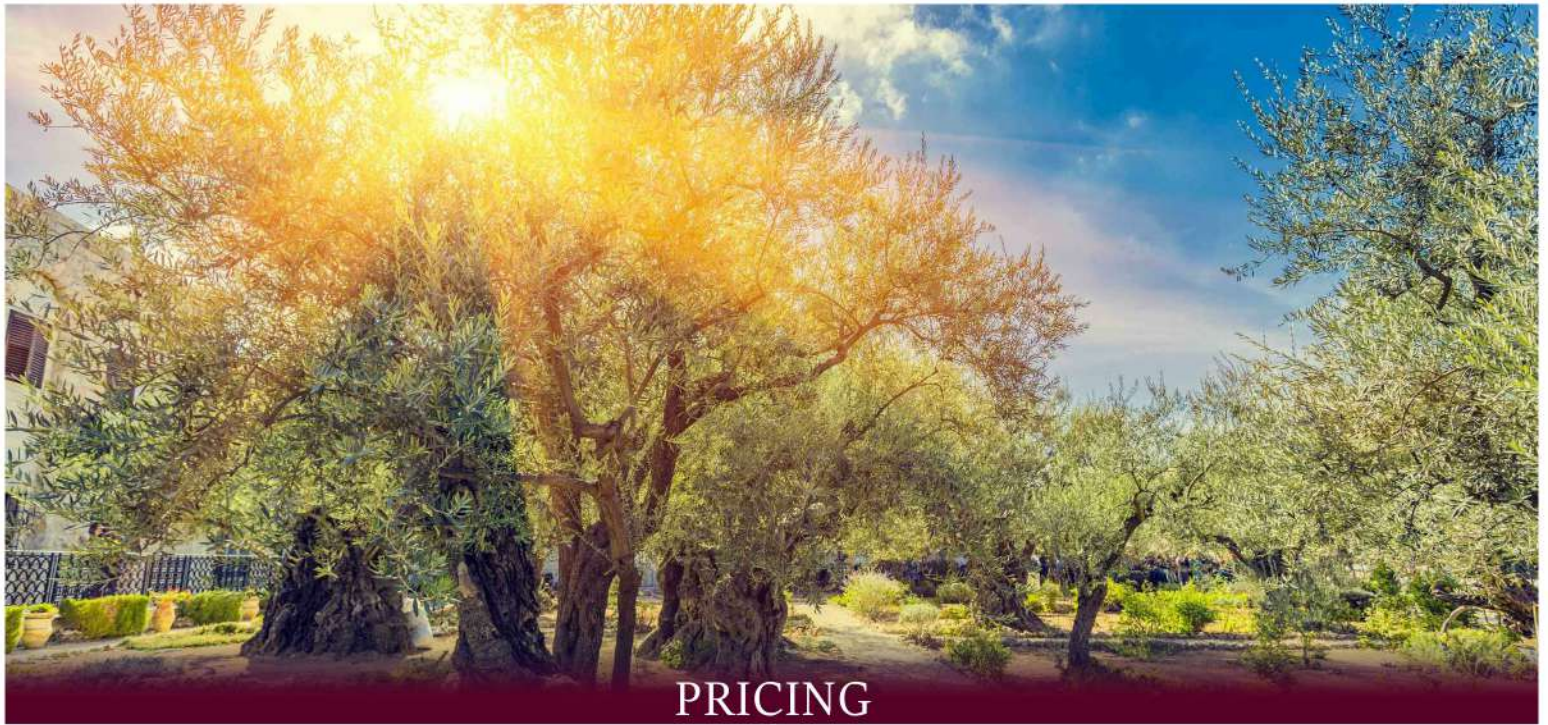
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## PRICING

### BASE PRICE PER PERSON

\$3699.00\*

Double occupancy with base airfare

\*Discount cash/check price

### OPTIONS

- For a single room\*: add \$700

\*Subject to availability

- Land-only option: \$2799 (no flights or airport transfers included)

- Travel Insurance: add \$248

FIRST PAYMENT	\$500.00	DUE: NOW
SECOND PAYMENT	\$1249.00	DUE: MAY 12, 2022
THIRD PAYMENT	\$1000.00	DUE: JULY 11, 2022
FINAL PAYMENT	REMAINING	DUE: AUG. 25, 2022

### BASE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from Omaha, NE (OMA)
- All activities per itinerary
- 13 Nights accommodation
- Meals per Itinerary
- Tour guides /escorts
- Spiritual director
- 4-Night Greek Isles Cruise with unlimited beverage package
- Gratuities

## 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 whose payments are 30 days late and to apply applicable cancellation/penalties indicated below. No registrations can be made over the telephone.

**INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS:** Upon cancellation of participation of tour by you, the registrant, for any reason, and only after HLTC receives your signed cancellation, HLTC will then refund your payment for services not received by you, minus applicable cancellation fees per person, according to the following schedule:

In addition to any cancellation fees specific to your tour, the following fees apply.

1. Minimum cancellation fee is \$350 from time of registration up to 120 days prior to the tour's departure date.
2. From 119 to 60 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$350 + 20% of total price.
3. From 59 days to 8 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$350 + 50% of total price.
4. From 7 days prior to departure day onward, no refund is possible.

**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 before submitting your final payment. If you chose to purchase outside of the time sensitive period outlined in the plan, you will not be eligible for time sensitive benefits. All plan premiums are non-refundable. 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-protection/](http://www.holylandtc.com/travel-protection/)

**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 \$700.

**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 making their own flight arrangements should not purchase non-refundable, non-changeable tickets. We cannot guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. If flight schedules change, we reserve the right to lengthen or shorten the itinerary accordingly, and if changes or flight schedules necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged at normal hotel rates. Land Only packages do not include airport-hotel transfers.

**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:** Transatlantic and transpacific 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.

**PRICES:** All prices are based on exchange rates and fares applicable at time of quotation and based on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure and are therefore subject to change if fares change (including fuel surcharges increase), if group does not reach minimum or if exchange rates fluctuate. Minimum number of paying passengers is 30.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Passport and Visas, meals not mentioned, beverages with meals, extra beyond standard menu, excess baggage, luggage on domestic flights, telephone calls, fuel surcharges increase.

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