

# Join us on a pilgrimage to

# The Holy Land & Egypt

# With 3-night Nile River Cruise \$4999 Cash/Check Discount Price

**15 DAYS: April 10 - 24, 2024** Roundtrip from New Orleans (MSY)

## Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Martin J. Gillespie (Fr. G)

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## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Bethlehem
- Jerusalem
- Nazareth
- Cana

- Aswan
- Luxor
- Cairo
- 3-Night Cruise

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## Day by Day Itinerary

**Day I: Departure:** Depart for you overnight flights to Tel Aviv. Dinner on-board, relax, and anticipate your arrival tomorrow morning.

Day 2: Arrival in the Holy Land: Upon arrival into Tel Aviv, we will be greeted by our guide and transfer to our hotel on the coast. Overnight: Tel Aviv (D\*)

#### Day 3: Galilee: Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Stella Maris, Cana,

Nazareth: We travel along the coast to Caesarea, where the Romans held Paul prisoner. Visit the Roman and Crusader ruins. Drive through the Carmel Mountains heading for Galilee. In Haifa, we visit Stella Maris, a Carmelite Monastery with the Madonna of Mt Carmel. Continue to Mubarak where Elijah confronted the false prophets of Baal and where the Carmelite Order was started. Drive to Cana, the village of Jesus's first miracle of changing water into wine. Here, couples may renew their wedding views. Continue to the Basilica of Annunciation in Nazareth where we will celebrate Mass and visit Mary's well and the Church of the Angel Gabriel.

**Overnight**: Nazareth (B, D)

Day 4: The Ministry of Christ in the Galilee: Tiberias, Boat Ride on Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Mt. Beatitudes: Some of todays 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. In the afternoon we continue to Mount Tabor, scene of the Transfiguration. Later we will visit the Jordan River, remembering our Baptism. Overnight: Nazareth (B, D)

Day 5: Jerusalem and Bethlehem: Mt. Olives, Church of Visitation, Shepherd's Fields, Church of the Nativity: On the first day in Jerusalem, we present an overview for a better understanding of its geography and some of the key sites surrounding the area. This includes a dramatic view of the Old City from the Mount of Olives, revealing a city with 4000 years of history. From this vantage point we see much of what makes Jerusalem such a unique city to the three major religions -Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. We then head to the village of Erin 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 (B, D)

Day 6: Jerusalem the Passion of Jesus' Last Hours: Mt. Olives, Palm Sunday, Dominus Flevit, Gethsemane, Cave of Betrayal, Cave of Assumption, Pater Noster: We begin our day with a visit to the Mt of Olives to walk the Palm Sunday route 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. Visit the Cave of Betrayal then the Cave of Assumption of Mary to heaven. Back on the Mt. of Olives we visit the Pater Noster with the Lord's Prayer in every language, and the ascension from where Jesus ascended to heaven. Overnight: Bethlehem (B, D)

Day 7: The Way of the Cross: Via Dolorosa, St Anne's Church, Eccentric Homo, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Wailing Wall, Upper Room, Dormition: Early in the morning we retrace the last steps of Jesus. As we walk along the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow), through the markers of the Old City praying the Stations of the Cross, we reflect on the greatness of His sacrifice. Finally, we arrive at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher for Mass. After breakfast at our hotel, we return to the Old City of Jerusalem to visit St. Anne's Church, home of the Virgin Mary and her parents Saints Joachim and Anne. We pass the Eccentric Homo where Pilate proclaimed "Behold the man" then the Wailing wall, the most holy place for Jews. We then visit the nearby Hezekiah Tunnels followed by the Dome of the Rock and the Haram al Sharif or Temple Mount. We exit at Mt. Zion. At the Cenacle we visit the Upper Room of the Last Supper. Next, we visit the Dormition Abbey where we believe the Blessed Mary died. We end the day at St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Him thrice.

Overnight: Bethlehem (B, D)

### Day 8: The Wilderness: Bethany, Jericho, Mt. Temptation, Dead Sea:

We begin our day with a visit to Bethany where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Further East, just off the Roman road that Jesus "walked", is Wadi Qelt gorge, site of the Monastery of St. George. At the oasis town of Jericho, we visit the excavations of the oldest city in the world and view Mt. Temptation where Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan. We then head to the ancient fortress of Masada before we go for a swim (or rather, a float!) in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea, renowned for its healing properties. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. **Overnight**: Bethlehem (B, D)

Day 9: Cairo: This morning we take our flights from Tel Aviv to Cairo. After visa formalities, we are immediately transferred to our hotel for dinner and overnight. Overnight: Cairo (B, D)

Day 10: Cairo, Museum, Pyramids, Sphinx: Today we visit the Egyptian Museum. This is a place of true discovery and without a doubt one of the greatest collections of all time. Over 250,000 genuine artifacts are presented, including an exhibit dedicated to the Tut-Ankh-Amon collection of treasures, gold, and jewelry, as it was enclosed in his tomb for over 3,500 years before it was discovered in the 1920s when his tomb was excavated. We then visit the great Pyramids of Cheops, Chephren, & Mykerions. Cheops is the most colossal pyramid ever built. Next is a close-up look at the Sphinx - a huge funeral complex guarded by the legendary lion body with the face of king Chephren. Later we will visit the Khan el Khalili Bazaars.

Overnight: Cairo (B, D)

**Day II: Aswan - Nile Cruise:** This morning we fly to Aswan for our Nile cruise. Upon arrival, we are welcomed by our local representatives and transfer to the cruise ship. Following our embarkation, we enjoy lunch on board. We then visit the High Dam and the Philae Temple. Sail to Kim Ombo. Afternoon tea followed by a visit to the temple shared by the two Gods Sobek and Haroeris. Sail to Edfu. Dinner on board accompanied by a disco party.

**Overnight:** Cruise Ship (B, D)

Day 12: Kim Ombo - Edfu: Breakfast on board followed by a visit to the Temple of Horus in Edfu. Cross the lock. Sail to Luxor. Afternoon tea. Tonight, we gather for dinner on board and a Galabya party. Overnight: Cruise Ship (B, D)

**Day 13: Luxor:** Breakfast on board. Today, we explore the ancient and famous Temples of Karnak and Luxor. Afternoon tea as always. Tonight, we gather once again for dinner on board and a belly dance show. **Overnight:** Cruise Ship (B, D)

Day 14: Luxor - Cairo: Breakfast on board. Today we discover the Necropolis of Thebes, Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Hatshepsut, and the Colossi of Memnon. Disembark and fly back to Cairo where we will celebrate with our last dinner of the journey. Overnight: Cairo (B, D)

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

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BASE PRICE PER PERSON	\$4999.00*	BASE PRICE INCLUDES:				
Double occupancy with base airfare		Roundtrip airfare from New Orleans (MSY)				
*Discount cash/check price						
Land Only Price:	\$3799.00*	* Costs from other airports may vary				
		All activities				
OPTIONS		13 Nights accommodation				
For a single room*: add \$900		Meals per Itinerary				
*Subject to availability						
Travel Insurance: add \$313 *Available only for travelors with primary residence	in USA or Canada	Tour Guides /Escorts				
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FIRST PAYMENT	\$500.00	DUE: NOW			
SECOND PAYMENT	\$1249.00	DUE:	SEPT	23,	2023
THIRD PAYMENT	\$1000.00	DUE:	NOV	12,	2023
FINAL PAYMENT	REMAINING	DUE:	JAN	11,	2024

## Charter Bus to and from (MSY) from St. Mary

Spiritual Director

Gratuities - Driver, Tour Guide, and Hotel Staff

## Why Travel with Us?

Holy Land Travel Center is a family-run business that prides itself on providing pilgrims with an unmatched religious travel experience. Operated by the Qumsieh family, one of the oldest Christian families of the Bethlehem suburb of Beit Sahour; the Center has helped thousands of people deepen their faith and enrich their lives through pilgrimage.

Our trips feature superb food, accommodations, and Christian guides to ensure a comfortable and informative experience for all our guests. Whether you're an experienced traveler or someone looking to take that "once in a lifetime" trip, we are eager to show you why so many have trusted Holy Land Travel Center to deliver an unforgettable travel experience!

## 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/

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. If 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 indicated on brochure.

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 22" x 14" x 9" 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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Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary, either due to changes to the airline schedule, government regulations, travel restrictions, or any other reason. Holy Land Travel Center reserves the right to change the itinerary or name alternate dates due to such unforeseen circumstances or emergencies