

Join Fr. Brian Eilers & Deacon Jerry on a Pilgrimage to

# The Holy Land

Bethlehem - Galilee - Nazareth - Jerusalem - Dead Sea



December 28, 2023 -  
January 6, 2024



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**\$3599**  
Per Person

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## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a joy to invite you to join us on our pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Since our youth we have been hearing the Gospel stories about Jesus walking and teaching in Jerusalem, Capernaum, and Galilee. He worked miracles around the sea of Tiberius, Jericho, and Cana. We will be seeing all those places and much more. Our pilgrimages will give us an opportunity of walking in the footsteps of Jesus, our Blessed Mother, and the first disciples.

Each day we will celebrate Mass and reflect on the Gospel text appropriate to the place we visit. This will be a pilgrimage of a lifetime and it will forever change the way you read and understand the Scriptures. We hope you will be able to join us on what promises to be a grace-filled journey to the Land from which has come our salvation.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Brian Eilers & Deacon Jerry Klement

## Day by Day Itinerary

**December 28 Day 1: Depart USA: Flight to Tel Aviv:** Depart for your flights to Tel Aviv. Dinner on-board, relax, and anticipate your arrival the next day.

**December 29 Day 2: Tel Aviv: Arrive to The Holy Land:** We are greeted upon arrival by our Holy Land Travel Center Representative who will accompany us throughout the pilgrimage. We then transfer to our hotel for a welcome dinner and overnight.

**Overnight:** Bethlehem (Dinner)

**December 30 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. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

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

**December 31 Day 4: Caesarea/ Carmel/ Cana/Tabor:** After breakfast, we head to Caesarea by the Sea to visit the Roman Crusader remains before we continue to visit Stella Maris, a Carmelite Monastery with the Madonna of Mt Carmel. We continue to Nazareth where we visit the Basilica of the annunciation. Afterwards we transfer to Cana, where couples will have the opportunity to renew wedding vows. Continue to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration, and we will celebrate Mass. Continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

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

**January 1 Day 5: Tiberias: The Ministry of Christ in the Galilee:** This morning we take our tour to Caesarea Philippi, an ancient city known for its remnants of Roman temples, ancient theatres and the Cave of Pan, where the transformative confession of Peter took place. We return to Galilee and take 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.

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

**January 2 Day 6: Jordan River / Dead Sea / Jericho:** After breakfast, we head to the Magdala Center, the village of Mary Magdalene, where we visit the newly built church on site and the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**





newly excavated ruins. Next we visit Beit Shan. These breathtaking archaeological ruins offer everything from an impressive Roman amphitheater to its well-preserved Roman and Byzantine remains, this site immerses visitors in the grandeur of a once-thriving ancient city. We continue to Qumran known for the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. After lunch, we have time for a float in the mineral-rich waters of Dead Sea, renowned for its healing properties. We continue on, stopping along the way at the Jordan River to remember our Lord's Baptism and to the town of Jericho to visit the excavations of the oldest city in the world and view Mt. Temptation where Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan.

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

#### **January 3 Day 7: Mt of Olives: The Passion of Jesus' Last Hours:**

We begin our day with a visit to the Mount of Olives where Jesus prayed, continue to 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. Time for lunch before we head to Herodion, a remarkable fortress and palace complex built by King Herod the great.

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

**January 4 Day 8: Mt. Zion: Dormition Abbey / Upper Room / Wailing Wall / Peter Gallicantu:** Today we head to Mount Zion, visiting the cave of Assumption (Dormition Abbey) of Mary to heaven. We visit the room of the Last Supper, and the Church of St. Peter Gallicantu, where Peter denied Jesus three times. We end our day visiting the Wailing Wall before we continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

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

#### **January 5 Day 9: Old City Jerusalem: The Way of The Cross:**

The Way of The Cross: Via Dolorosa: 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. Our walk ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher for Solemn Entry, where we will have exclusive and

### **Mount of Olives**



private access to the Church. This sacred area is home to the site of Jesus' crucifixion, known as Calvary, as well as the Holy Tomb of Jesus Christ. We then continue to the Office of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem where you will be able to meet the Patriarch of Jerusalem and the new members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem will receive their very own Pilgrim Shell. Following our visit, we will make our way to the Notre Dame Center in Vatican property, where we will visit the Museum of the Shroud of the Man (three-dimension replica of the Shroud of Jesus).

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

**January 6 Day 10: Depart Tel Aviv: Return to the USA:** Today we bid farewell to the Holy Land and will return with memories and keepsakes that will last a lifetime.

## **Pilgrimage Details**

### **PRICE PER PERSON**

Double occupancy with base airfare **\$3599.00\***

\*Discount check price

### **OPTIONS:**

• For a single room: add \$750

\*Subject to availability

• Travel Insurance: add \$284

\*Available only for travelers with primary residence in USA or Canada

<b>FIRST DEPOSIT</b>	\$500	DUE: NOW
<b>SECOND PAYMENT</b>	\$1249	DUE: JULY 31, 2023
<b>THIRD PAYMENT</b>	\$1000	DUE: SEPT 29, 2023
<b>FINAL PAYMENT</b>	REMAINING	DUE: NOV 13, 2023

### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Roundtrip airfare from Houston, TX (IAH)
- All excursions
- 8 Nights' accommodation
- Tour guide / Tour escort
- Meals per itinerary

*Price does not include: lunches, drinks with meals*

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# **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 90 days prior to departure. 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.

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

- 1) Minimum cancellation fee is \$500 from time of registration 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 before submitting your final payment. Coverage takes affect once payment is received. 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 indicated on the 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.

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**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 20.

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