

Join us on a pilgrimage to

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## THE HOLY LAND

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Under the Spiritual Direction

of Fr. Alec J. Sasse

- Bethlehem
- Mt Tabor

Nazarath

■ Tiberias

Mt Beatitudes 10 Days: March 7 - 16, 2024

Jerusalem Roundtrip from Eppley Airfield, (OMA)

## **Day by Day Itinerary**

DAY I, MARCH 7TH: DEPART USA: Depart for your flights to Tel Aviv. Dinner on-board, relax, and anticipate your arrival the next day.

DAY 2, MARCH 8TH: 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 in Bethlehem to check in for our two-night stay. We will then make the short journey to celebrate Mass at a nearby church before returning to our hotel for a welcome dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Bethlehem (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 3, MARCH 9TH: 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'. There, we will enjoy time for prayer and reflection before continuing our journey. In the afternoon we drive to the Shepherd's Fields where the angels announced the birth of Jesus. We then discover the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem that stands upon the site where Jesus was born. After celebrating a special Mass we will return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Bethlehem (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 4, MARCH 10TH: Caesarea/ Haifa/ Nazareth: After breakfast, we head to Haifa. Upon our arrival, we will visit Stella Maris, a Carmelite Monastery with the Madonna of Mt Carmel. After our tour and an hour of prayer and reflection we will proceed to the Basilica of the Annunciation where we will celebrate Mass. In the afternoon, we will continue East to explore the House of the Holy Family and, time permitting, enjoy a visit to Joseph's carpentry shop. We end the day by checking in to our hotel in Tiberias before sharing a delicious dinner as we look out over the Sea of Galilee.

Overnight: Nazareth/Tiberias (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 5, MARCH 11TH: Tiberias: The Ministry of Christ in the Galilee: Today we will 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 we will experience 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. Here, we will also enjoy an hour for prayer and reflection to close this amazing day. We then continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Nazareth/Tiberias (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 6, MARCH 12TH: Cana/ Mt Tabor: After breakfast, we drive to Cana, the place where, according to the Fourth Gospel, Jesus performed "the first of his signs", his first public miracle, the turning of a large quantity of water into wine at a wedding feast (John 2, John 2:1–11). We then head to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration. Here we will celebrate a special Mass together followed by Holy Hour atop the mountain. After descending the mountain, we will proceed on our journey with a stop at the Jordan River to remember our Lord's baptism before continuing to a visit (or rather, a float!) in the Dead Sea. We end the day by checking in to our hotel in the Holy City of Jerusalem where we will enjoy dinner and some deserved rest.

Overnight: Jerusalem (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 7, MARCH 13TH: Mt Of Olives/ Mt. Zion: We begin our day with a visit to Bethany where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Afterwards, we proceed to the Mount of Olives where Jesus prayed and then 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. Together, we will pray the Lamentations of Jeremiah before continuing 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 then visit the room of the Last Supper, and the Church of St. Peter Gallicantu, where Peter denied Jesus three times. After dinner at our hotel, we will have the chance to pray a Holy Hour in the Garden of Gethsemane.

\*\*Optional Activity\*\*

Tonight is the first of two opportunities for a very limited number of your group to stay overnight in the Holy Sepulchre.

Overnight: Jerusalem (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 8, MARCH 14TH: Old City Jerusalem: The Way of The Cross: To avoid the crowds, we start our day early with a view of the Sisters of Zion and 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 followed by an afternoon of free time in the Old City of Jerusalem for individual prayers and exploration. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.





\*\*Optional Activity\*\*

Tonight is the second of two opportunities for a very limited number of your group to stay overnight in the Holy Sepulchre.

Overnight: Jerusalem (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 9, MARCH 15TH: Bethany/ Jericho: The Wilderness: We begin our day with a visit to the Wailing Wall – the most sacred place in the world for Jews. We then take a short walk over the Church of the Assumption to celebrate Mass and afterwards view the Tomb of Mary. Our journey together through Jerusalem culminates in a visit to St Anne Church (the traditional birthplace of the Virgin Mary). The rest of our time in the Holy City is reserved for individual exploration and prayer. This evening, we will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant before returning to our hotel for a night of rest to prepare for our flights home.

Overnight: Jerusalem (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 10, MARCH 16TH: 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

\$4229.00\* \*Discount cash/ check price

- OPTIONS: For a single room: add \$750
  - Travel Insurance: add \$313 (Single Supp.) add \$248 (Double Occ.)

FIRST DEPOSIT SECOND PAYMENT FINAL PAYMENT

\$500 \$1249

REMAINING

Due: Now

**DUE: OCT 17, 2023** Due: Dec 8, 2023

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfaire from Eppley Airfield (OMA)
- Meals per itinerary
- All excursions
- 8 nights' accommodation
- Tour guide / Tour escort
- Gratuities : Drivers/ Guides / Hotel Staff
- Transportation to and from (OMA) from UNL

Price does not include: lunch & drinks with meals

Tour Number: UNL-0307/10D

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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. Registrations are processed in the order received by HLTC A second payment of \$1249 is required on or before 180 days prior to departure. Final payment is due 120 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.

- Minimum cancellation fee is \$350 from time of registration up to 180 days prior to the tour's departure date.
- From 179 to 120 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$350 + 20% of total price
- From 119 days to 60 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$350 + 50% of total price.
- 4. From 59 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. Travel from U.S. airports other than those specified on your trip brochure will be priced on an individual basis within 30 days of receipt of registration. Once presented with a price for your individual flight itinerary, you will be expected to pay the full balance of that flight cost regardless of the payment

schedule outlined in your trip brochure or be transferred to "Land Only" status on your registration. "Land Only" travelers are expected to make their own flight arrangements. 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-fundable, non-changeable tickets. We cannot guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. If flight schedules change such that Holy Land Travel Center is required by the airline to make new flight arrangements that exceed the airfare budget mentioned on your brochure then we reserve the right to charge our travelers the difference in cost. We also reserve the right to lengthen or shorten the itinerary to better account for changes to your flight schedule, and if changes or flight schedules necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged at normal hotel rates. Land Only packages 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