

Join Fr. Jeremy Hazuka on a pilgrimage to

# THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN

# TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Bethlehem
- Amman
- Cana
- Jerusalem
- Sea of Galilee
- Dead Sea

12 Days: January 13-24, 2025

Roundtrip Airfare from Omaha, NE (OMA)

## Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I would like to invite you to join me for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Our journey will allow us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin, and the first disciples. We will visit Bethlehem, where Jesus was born, and Nazareth, where he grew up. The pilgrimage will take us to important places of Christ's public ministry, such as the Jordan River, Cana, and the Mount of the Beatitudes, places where Jesus was baptized, performed His first miracle, and fulfilled the law with His teaching. Our time in Jerusalem will allow us to see where Jesus made his triumphal entry on Palm Sunday, and where He carried the Cross and died for our salvation. The high point of our pilgrimage will be the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where Jesus was laid to rest and in three days rose from the dead! These are just few of the many places we will visit.

Each day Mass will be offered, and we will take time for prayer, reflecting upon the gospel texts appropriate to the places we visit. This will be a pilgrimage of a lifetime and it will forever change the way we read and understand the Scriptures. I pray that you can join us on what promises to be a grace-filled journey to the land from where our Salvation has come.

God Bless, Father Jeremy Hazuka

# Day by Day Itinerary

**January 13 Day 1: Departure**: We depart on our overnight flights to Amman. Dinner on-board, relax, and anticipate our arrival tomorrow morning.

**January 14 Day 2: Arrival in Amman Jordan:** Upon arrival in Amman, we are met by our representative who will remain with us for the duration of the tour. We continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Amman (Dinner\*)

January 15 Day 3: Petra: After breakfast, we depart on the "King's Highway" to the ancient city of Petra for a walking tour. The tour begins with a walk through the Siq to the Treasury. We continue through the main street with the magnificent structures on each side carved into the mountains, to the colonnaded street, ending at the Petra Museum. We will lose ourselves in the history of the Nabateans, who meticulously carved massive structures out of the rose-colored sandstone. We will see the influence of the people that followed including the architecture of the mighty Romans and a beautiful Byzantine chapel decorated with ancient, stunning mosaics that have been carefully preserved.

January 16 Day 4: Mount Nebo, Dead Sea: This morning we leave Petra and head to Mount Nebo, where Moses was laid to rest, and where the late Pope John Paul II tread on his first pilgrimage of the millennium. We will visit the Sanctuary at Nebo: the memorial of Moses, the presumed site of his death and burial place, and a center for pilgrimage since early Christian times. We'll be inspired by the biblical feel from start to finish as we experience this divine tour. Mount Nebo is one of the most revered holy sites of Jordan, for this is where Moses was buried. The site's association with the last days of Moses is described in moving words in Deuteronomy. After we celebrate Mass, we continue to our resort on the Dead Sea for a swim (or rather a float!) in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea, renowned for its healing properties.

Overnight: Dead Sea (Breakfast, Dinner)

Overnight: Amman (Breakfast, Dinner)

January 17 Day 5: Mount Tabor, Cana: This morning we cross the Jordanian/Israeli border and head to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Later we visit Cana where Jesus preformed his first miracle, turning water into wine; here we have a

chance to renew wedding vows. This evening we continue to Galilee for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Nazareth (Breakfast, Dinner)

January 18 Day 6: The Ministry of Christ in Galilee: Tiberias, Boat Ride on Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Mount of the Beatitudes: Some of today's highlights are a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum to see the synagogue and Saint Peter's house, a visit to the Mount of the Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount was given, a stop at Tabgha to see the splendid mosaic about the miracle of the loaves and fishes, and a trip to the nearby Church of the Primacy of Saint Peter 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 Church of the Primacy or at the Mount of the Beatitudes.

Overnight: Nazareth (Breakfast, Dinner)

January 19 Day 7: Galilee: Mount Carmel, Stella Maris, Nazareth, Basilica of the Annunciation: We start our morning with a visit to the Basilica of Annunciation in Nazareth where we will celebrate Mass and visit Mary's well and the Church of the Angel Gabriel. We then drive through the Carmel Mountains heading to Haifa, where we visit Stella





Maris, a Carmelite Monastery with the Madonna of Mount Carmel. We will visit Roman and Crusader ruins. We continue to Muhraka where Elijah confronted the false prophets of Baal and where the Carmelite Order was founded. Next we head to the nearby port of Jaffa and the Church of Saint Peter. We continue to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight. Overnight: Bethlehem (Breakfast, Dinner)

January 20 Day 8: Jerusalem and Bethlehem: The Mount of Olives, Church of Visitation, Shepherd's Fields, Church of the Nativity: Today we begin with 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 will see what makes Jerusalem such a unique city to the three major religions – Judaism, Christianity and Islam. We then head to the village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of Saint John the Baptist and to the Church of the 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. Mass in Bethlehem or at the Shepherds Fields.

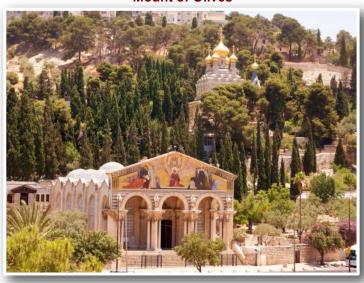
January 21 Day 9: Jerusalem, the Passion of Jesus' Last Hours: the Mount of Olives, Palm Sunday, Dominus Flevit, Gethsemane, Cave of the Betrayal, Cave of the Assumption, Church of the Pater Noster: We start our day at the Mount of Olives to walk the Palm Sunday route stopping at Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. We then walk to Gethsemane and the Rock of Agony where Jesus prayed before his arrest. We visit the Cave of the Betrayal then the Cave of the Assumption of Mary to heaven. Back at the Mount of Olives, we visit the Church of the Pater Noster, build to commemorate Jesus ascension into heaven and where the Lord's Prayer is displayed in many languages.

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January 22 Day 10: The Way of the Cross: Via Dolorosa, Saint Anne's Church, Ecce Homo, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Wailing Wall, Upper Room: Early in the morning we retrace the last steps of Jesus. As we walk along the Via Dolorosa, through the markets 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. We return to the Old City of Jerusalem to visit Saint Anne's Church, the home of the Virgin Mary and her parents Saints Joachim and Anne. We pass the Ecce Homo where Pilate proclaimed, "Behold the man", then the Wailing Wall, the most holy place for Jews. Nearby is the Dome of the Rock and the Temple Mount. We exit at Mount Zion. At the Cenacle we visit the Upper Room of the Last Supper. Next, we go to Dormition Abbey where we believe the Blessed Mary died. We end the day at Saint Peter in Gallicantu, where Peter denied Him thrice.

#### **Mount of Olives**



January 23 Day II: The Wilderness: Bethany, Jericho, the Mount of Temptation, Jordan River, Qumran: We begin our day with a visit to Bethany where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. At the oasis town of Jericho, we visit the excavations of the oldest city in the world and view the Mount of Temptation where Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan. We then visit the Jordan River and the authentic baptismal site of Our Lord. Next at Qumran we will look, literally only a stone's throw away, into the cave where the original Dead Sea Scrolls were found. We return to our hotel for our farewell dinner and restful overnight.

Overnight: Bethlehem (Breakfast, Dinner)

**January 24 Day 12: Return Home:** We bid farewell to the Holy Land and will remember our pilgrimage for a lifetime.

# Pilgrimage Details

Overnight: Bethlehem (Breakfast, Dinner)

#### PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare \$3999.00\*

\*Discount cash/ check price

Land Only (no flights or airport transfers included): \$2999.00\*

#### OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add \$800
- Travel Insurance Available:

 FIRST DEPOSIT
 \$500

 SECOND PAYMENT
 \$1249

 THIRD PAYMENT
 \$1000

 FINAL PAYMENT
 REMAINING



Due: Now
Due: July 17, 2024
Due: Sept 15, 2024
Due: Nov 14, 2024

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfaire from Omaha, NE (OMA)
- Meals per itinerary
- All excursions
- 10 nights' accommodation
- Tour guide / Tour escort
- Spiritual Directors

Price does not include: lunch & drinks with meals

Tour Number: OMA-0114/12D Holy Land Travel Center: Pilgrimages@holylandtc.com Tel. (402) 315-1435

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LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS: By private deluxe motor coach.

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