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PRESENTS

# PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR LORD

*with Father Hezekias Carnazzo*

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#### **Thursday, June 22: USA – Tel Aviv**

Depart today towards the Holy Land.

#### **Friday, June 23: Tel Aviv – Jerusalem**

In Tel Aviv, meet your tour escort and drive to Jerusalem to enjoy a panoramic view of Jerusalem from Mt. Scopus. **(D)**

#### **Saturday, June 24: Jerusalem – Ein Karem – Shepherds' Field – Bethlehem – Jerusalem**

Before leaving Jerusalem, we will enjoy a panoramic view and Bible study from the Mount of Olives, a most hallowed place for Christians. Afterwards, travel into the "hill country of Judea" to the city of Ein Karem, visiting Mary's well, the Church of the Visitation, and the Church of St. John the Baptist. We then continue to "Boaz's Field" to visit the cave of the Shepherds, where the angels appeared and announced the birth of Christ. Following lunch and a visit to the Bethlehem wood carvers co-op, we will continue to the royal City of David, to pray at the Cave of the Nativity, the birthplace of the Savior. Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame Hotel in Jerusalem. **(BB, D)**

#### **Sunday, June 25: Qasr al-Yahud – Jericho – Nazareth – Tabgha**

Today we begin with a journey to the Jordan River to visit the ancient baptismal site of the Lord. Afterwards, we will continue to Jericho, the city where Joshua and the Israelites began their conquest of the Promised Land, to view the Mountain of the Temptation. Then, we travel to Nazareth for Sunday Mass in the Synagogue Church, followed by a visit to Mary's Well in the Church of St. Gabriel. Enjoy a stroll through Nazareth's colorful bazaar as we walk Mary's road to her home, the site of the Annunciation. Before leaving Nazareth we will visit Mount Precipice. Dinner and overnight at Pilgerhaus Hotel. **(BB, D)**

#### **Monday, June 26: Mt. Arbel – Valley of Doves – Sea of Galilee – Tabgha**

We start our day with a visit to the Valley of the Doves; this valley is the route Jesus would have taken from Nazareth to the Sea of Galilee. Next, will make our way to the seashore to experience the place where our Lord called the Apostles, followed by our first visit to the "Town of Jesus": Capernaum. Here we will enter the ancient Jewish synagogue and view Peter's house. Continuing our day, we will visit the Mount of Beatitudes, the scene of the Sermon on the Mount, as well as the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes. Dinner and overnight at Pilgerhaus. **(BB, D)**

#### **Tuesday, June 27: Capernaum – Tabgha**

This morning we start with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Afterwards, return to Capernaum for a Bible study on the Bread of Life (Jn 6), followed by a visit to the Church of the Twelve Apostles. Then enjoy a free afternoon on the Sea of Galilee and conclude the day with a walk to the Church of Mensa Christi, where Christ appeared to the Apostles after the Resurrection. Return to the Pilgerhaus for dinner and overnight. **(BB, D)**

#### **Wednesday, June 28: Jerusalem**

Leaving the Sea of Galilee, we will begin our day with a drive to Mt. Tabor to enjoy beautiful views of the Plain of Esdraelon. Mount Tabor is the site of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, during which He began to radiate light and was seen conversing with Moses and Elijah. Here we will visit the Monastery of the Transfiguration and enjoy a Bible study from the terrace overlooking the Jezreel Valley. Next, we will journey through the Jordan Valley to Jericho to see the sycamore tree which Zacchaeus climbed so that he might see Jesus. Our last stop will be at the Dead Sea for a dip into its salty waters. Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame Hotel in Jerusalem. **(BB, D)**

### **Thursday, June 29:** *Pater Noster – St. Anne – Pools of Bethsaida & Siloam – Western Wall Excavations – Hezekiah's Tunnel*

Begin the morning with a visit to the church of Pater Noster, followed by the Church of St. Anne, erected over the traditional site of the birthplace of the Virgin Mary. After a Bible study at the Pool of Bethsaida excavations, identified as the scene of the healing of the paralytic, we will visit the Temple Mount area and tour through the southern excavations where Jesus met the woman caught in adultery. Following lunch, we will enjoy an optional walk to Hezekiah's Tunnel and the Pool of Siloam, where Jesus cured a blind man. Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame. **(BB, D)**

### **Friday, June 30:** *Bethany – Dominus Flevit – Gethsemane – Caiphas' House – Way of Christ's Passion*

Today we leave Jerusalem and drive through the Jordan Valley to Bethany, the place of Lazarus' tomb. Walking the Palm Sunday road, we will make our way to the Church of Dominus Flevit, where Our Lord wept over the city of Jerusalem. Continuing down the Mount of Olives into the Kidron Valley, we will pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Our Lord began the way of His Passion. From Gethsemane, we will continue to Mount Zion to visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu and the place of Our Lord's imprisonment in the palace of Caiaphas. We will conclude the day by walking the path of Our Lord's Passion to Golgotha and the Church of the Resurrection where we will attend Vespers before the tomb of Christ. Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame. **(BB, D)**

### **Saturday, July 1:** *Church of the Holy Sepulchre*

Today we will rise early and make our way to the tomb of Christ at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where we will celebrate Mass. Following the Liturgy, we will enjoy a tour of the Church's complex, including a visit to the tomb of our forefather Adam and the tombs of Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. The rest of the day is at leisure. Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame. **(BB, D)**

### **Sunday, July 2:** *Upper Room – Dormition*

Our day will begin with the celebration of Sunday Mass. Then, we will make our way to Mount Zion for a visit to the Upper Room, where the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost. Continue to the Church of the Assumption of Mary. Next, we will make our way to the Kidron Valley and visit the Church of the Dormition, where tradition reveals that the Mother of God was laid in the tomb before her body was taken into heaven. Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame. **(BB, D)**

### **Monday, July 3:** *Jerusalem*

Full day at leisure. Optional walking visit to Mount of Olives, Tomb of the Prophets, and place of the Ascension of Christ. Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame. **(BB, D)**

### **Tuesday, July 4:** *Flight back to the USA*

Early departure to Tel Aviv for your flight back to the USA.

**(BB)** Buffet Breakfast; **(D)** Dinner

*\*In case of unforeseen events, this itinerary is subject to change.*

### RELIGIOUS HIGHLIGHTS

**Ein Karem:** St. John the Baptist

**Bethlehem:** Shepherds' Field, Church of the Nativity

**Tiberias:** Sea of Galilee, St. Peter's House, Mt. of Beatitudes

**Mt. Tabor:** Transfiguration site

**Nazareth:** Basilica of the Annunciation, Church of St. Mary's Well

**Bethany:** Resurrection of Lazarus

**Jerusalem:** Old City, Mt. of Olives, Mt. Zion, Church of the Holy Sepulchre

**Jericho:** Mt. of Temptation, Zaccheus' Tree

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Scheduled roundtrip flights Washington Dulles to Tel Aviv
- Hotel accommodations in:  
Jerusalem: Notre Dame Center  
Tiberias: Pilgerhaus Tabgha
- Deluxe motor-coach for transfers and sightseeing
- Services of a professional English-speaking, Christian tour escort/guide
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Admission fees for included sightseeing
- Porterage for one suitcase per person at hotels
- Medical travel insurance during the trip
- Government taxes and fees

### PRICING INFORMATION

- Pilgrimage price per person (pp) in double occupancy:
  - With air from Washington Dulles: \$3,975 (includes air taxes & surcharges of \$813 as of September 2016, subject to change)
  - Land-only: \$2,495
- Single supplement: \$895
- Non-refundable \$500 pp deposit due by March 15, 2017
- Balance due by April 15, 2017

### ADDITIONAL COSTS:

- Gratuities to tour escort/guide and driver
  - Optional trip cancellation/interruption travel insurance
- (Also see "Not Included" section on the back of this brochure.)

For more information:

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# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## RESERVATION AND PAYMENT

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per passenger and a complete registration form are required to hold space on this pilgrimage. The last day to accept initial deposit without penalty is March 15, 2017. For passengers registering after this date, there is an additional late fee of \$100. Prices after March 15, 2017 are subject to change depending on air space availability. The full balance is due no later than April 15, 2017. To maintain our prices as low as possible and to avoid charges that add cost to our pilgrimages, we do not accept credit cards. Space for this pilgrimage is limited; there are 45 plane seats reserved from Washington Dulles (IAD). Therefore, reservations are processed in the order they are received. A minimum of 20 passengers is needed to form the group.

## PILGRIMAGE PRICES

Pilgrimage prices have been based on current costs of services included in the itinerary and on a minimum of 40 passengers. In the event of less than 40 passengers, change in currency conversion rates or amendments in local government taxes, we reserve the right to adjust the price accordingly. The estimated air taxes and surcharges from Washington Dulles (IAD) are \$813 and are subject to change until ticketed. The exchange rate used is 3.91 Israeli shekels for 1 USD.

## CANCELLATION PENALTIES

All cancellations requested by participants must be in writing and are subject to the following fees. If cancellation is received more than 120 days prior to departure, the deposit will be retained. Then the following per person cancellation fees apply:

- \* 120-90 days prior to depart: 25% of total price
  - \* 89-60 days prior to depart: 50% of total price
  - \* 59-30 days prior to depart: 75% of total price
  - \* 29-0 days prior to depart: 100% of total price
- If air tickets have been purchased at the time of cancellation, the air ticket fare will count as part of the refund, if a refund applies.

## PILGRIMAGE CANCELLATION

If Catholic Heritage Tours cancels the pilgrimage before June 22, 2017 due to lack of participants, it will refund all monies paid to Catholic Heritage Tours for the scheduled pilgrimage, with the exception of airline cancellation fees, if any. There is no additional liability. Catholic Heritage Tours cannot assume responsibility for any additional cost or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellations of individual air tickets or other arrangements made for this pilgrimage.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

For travelers under 80 years of age and who are residents of the US, Canada or Puerto Rico, the pilgrimage price includes travel insurance during the trip covering trip delay, baggage delay, baggage loss, accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency medical transportation. To qualify for coverage of a pre-existing medical condition, the insurance premium must be paid within 15 days of the initial trip deposit. We also offer and strongly recommend optional trip cancellation and interruption insurance, which is not included. Travelers who are 80 years of age and

older may still purchase travel insurance through Catholic Heritage Tours. Please call for details.

## AIRLINE SEATING

Seating requests under the group air reservation may be made; however, please know that sometimes airlines do not provide group seating assignments prior to departure, and sometimes when they do, changes cannot be made until check-in at the airport. In these cases, we will ask that the request be made directly to the airline at the ticket counter on the day of departure. Passengers may also exchange seats with other group members once on the plane.

## GROUP TRAVEL

This is a group pilgrimage – not an individual trip – with its goal being the benefit of the group as a whole. All planned activities are for the entire group; therefore passengers are expected, but not required, to participate in these activities. One may choose not to participate in parts of the sightseeing; however, there is no refund for missed sightseeing.

## GROUP AIR RESTRICTIONS

Due to the airlines' reduced capacity and restrictive group reservation terms, group air reservations are often difficult to coordinate. The number of connections, length of layovers, and all conditions surrounding air travel cannot be guaranteed and may change before departure. Accordingly, if passengers require specific air travel needs and are not flexible concerning group air travel, they may wish to consider purchasing the Land-Only package and secure their own preferred air arrangements.

## SINGLE ROOMS AND ROOMMATES

A limited number of single rooms are available at the single supplement price. In case they are all taken, there may be an additional fee for a double room in single occupancy. If passengers wish to have Catholic Heritage Tours assign a roommate, we will do our best; however, if we cannot find a roommate, we will ask if the passenger would like to pay the single supplement fee.

## PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE

Catholic Heritage Tours' itineraries depend mainly on the opening times of the visited shrines and on the celebration of Holy Mass. Pilgrimage itineraries are prepared in advance and are subject to change.

## PHYSICAL HEALTH

Participants will take full responsibility for being fully able to participate in the daily scheduled activities of the group, noting that pilgrimages organized by Catholic Heritage Tours require physical fitness in order to keep up with the group's pace. There is daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, and at times sidewalks and terrain may be uneven. We recommend preparing oneself by walking before the trip. One may choose not to participate in parts of the sightseeing; however, there is no refund for missed sightseeing. For their safety, passengers 80 years of age and older as well as anyone in need of walking assistance are required to be accompanied by a travel companion who can assist.

## BAGGAGE

Porterage at the hotels for one suitcase on the pilgrimage is included.

## NOT INCLUDED

Beverages and food not included on the menu served on the pilgrimage; laundry; fees for excess baggage; fees for passport/visas; Mass stipends; tips for tour escort/guide and driver; and all other items of a personal nature.

## PASSPORTS AND VISAS

A valid passport with expiration date at least 6 months after traveling dates is required for all participants. As of September 2016, US citizens are not required to have a tourist visa for Israel. Other nationalities, please contact the Israeli embassy or consulate.

## TRAVEL ADVISORIES

From time to time the State Department ([www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)) and other government agencies and departments issue travel advisories or warnings for one or more of the destinations that participants may be visiting on their pilgrimage. We encourage participants to contact these agencies directly to obtain the most current information. Catholic Heritage Tours cannot change the cancellation terms or conditions based on the issuance of any such warning or advisory or the occurrence of any terror, health or other incident in one or more of the places this pilgrimage is scheduled to visit. All cancellation penalties must remain in full force and effect as outlined in these Terms & Conditions.

## RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY

Catholic Heritage Tours acts only as an agent for the various independent suppliers that provide hotel accommodations, transportation, sightseeing, activities, or other services connected with this pilgrimage. Such services are subject to the terms and conditions of those suppliers. Catholic Heritage Tours and their respective employees, agents, representatives, and assigns accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or any other incident which may be caused by the negligence, defect, default of any company or person in performing these services. Responsibility is not accepted for losses, injury, damages or expenses of any kind due to sickness, mental disorders, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, local laws or other such causes.



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