



# PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

November 9-19, 2019

with

Msgr. Edward Dillon

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#### Day 1 - Saturday, Nov. 9: Depart USA

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart the United States on our overnight flight to Israel. Meals and drinks served aloft.

#### Day 2 - Sunday, Nov. 10: Arrive Tel Aviv

After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv we will be met by our local guide and then transfer by motorcoach to our hotel for check-in.

### Day 3 - Monday, Nov. 11: Tel Aviv / Galilee

This morning we'll depart Tel Aviv and drive along the Mediterranean coast to ancient Caesarea where St. Peter preached and St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. Here we'll visit the Roman Theater, Crusader's Moat and the Byzantine Churches. Our drive continues to the sparkling port city of Haifa, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, for Mass at Stella Maris. Then drive on to Galilee for check in at our hotel.



#### Day 4 - Tuesday, Nov. 12: Galilee

This morning we will enjoy a scenic boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, home of Our Lord during His ministry. After visiting the synagogue where He taught, we will proceed to Tabgha, the site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, and then to the nearby Church of the Primacy of Peter. Then drive up to the Mt. of the Beatitudes for Mass at the site of the Sermon on the Mount. This afternoon, ascend the Golan Heights and visit the Banias Spring that rises from under a cave and is one of the sources of the Jordan River. It was here near Banias at ancient Caesarea Philippi where Peter made his confession of faith in Jesus. Mount Bental can be found in the middle of Golan Heights towards the Syrian border. Mount Bental is one of Israel's favorite mountain peaks to visit, partly due to the fabulous panoramic views of the Golan but also it was the site of a battle fought during Israel's war for the Golan.



Day 5 - Wednesday, Nov. 13: Galilee

This morning we'll enjoy a tour of Nazareth where Jesus spent most of his life including visits to the Basilica of the Annunciation and St. Joseph's Church, the site of the home of the Holy Family. We will then drive to Cana where Jesus' first miracle took place. Those who wish may renew their wedding vows, and all can remember Mary's words: "Do whatever he tells you." In the afternoon we will ascend the heights of Mt. Tabor, where Jesus took Peter, James, and John and was gloriously transfigured in their sight.

#### Day 6 - Thursday, Nov. 14: Galilee / Jerusalem

Today we will depart Galilee and follow the Jordan River south from the Sea of Galilee through its fertile valley to Jericho where we will visit the ruins of the ancient city which was conquered by Joshua. While in Jericho, we will also view the Mt. of Temptation, the place of Jesus' temptation by the devil and stop at a Sycamore tree which will help us recall Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus, the tax collector. Then proceed to the Jordan River which we will visit to recall Our Lord's Baptism by St. John, and to renew our baptismal vows. We will then make a stop in Bethany, the home of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, before continuing to Jerusalem for check-in at our hotel.



#### Day 7 - Friday, Nov. 15: Jerusalem

Traveling a short distance south of Jerusalem, we arrive in Bethlehem. We begin our visit in the countryside at the Shepherds' Field to remember the angels' glad tidings to the shepherds. Within the town of Bethlehem, we go to venerate the Holy Grotto of the Nativity, as well as the Manger and the Grotto of St. Jerome. We also will visit the Franciscan church of St. Catherine of Alexandria, site of Bethlehem's Christmas Midnight Mass. This afternoon we travel to Ein Karem to visit the Church of St. John the Baptist, the birthplace of the Precursor of the Lord, and the Visitation Church where we recall Mary's prayer of praise: the Magnificat.



Day 8 - Saturday, Nov. 16: Jerusalem

This morning we'll enter the Old City of Jerusalem through St. Stephen's Gate where our first stop is at the Church of St. Anne and the Pools of Bethesda. Next, we will follow the Way of the Cross, carrying a wooden cross along the streets and among the markets and shops as Jesus did on His journey to Calvary following the Via Dolorosa. We enter the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and within the church, we visit Golgotha and complete our devotions at the Sacred Tomb of Jesus. In the afternoon we go to the Western Wall or Wailing Wall, where prayers are offered up at these remaining holy stones of the glorious second temple compound. We are aware that now the only structures standing on the Temple Mount are the Moslem Shrines of the Dome of the Rock and the Al Agsa Mosque. Then drive along the walls of the Old City to Mt. Zion where we will visit the traditional site of the Upper Room, remembering the Last Supper, a post-Resurrection appearance, and Pentecost. Nearby we see Dormition Abbey Church which honors Mary's "falling asleep." We then end the day with a visit to St. Peter in Gallicantu, which marks the site of Peter's denial.

### Day 9 - Sunday, Nov. 17: Jerusalem

This morning we'll drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught the Lord's prayer to his Disciples and the Chapel of Ascension where Jesus ascended into Heaven forty days after his resurrection. Then walk along the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. We then continue down the road to the Garden of Gethsemane for Mass and a visit to the Basilica of the Agony. This evening a special cocktail and dinner party will be arranged in our honor at our hotel.



### Day 10 - Monday, Nov. 18: Jerusalem

Following breakfast, we drive through the Judean Wilderness and along the Dead Sea (the lowest spot on earth) to Qumran, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, to see the ruins of the buildings of the Essene community. Afterward, we will have the opportunity to take a dip in the salty, mineral-laden waters of the Dead Sea before returning to Jerusalem.

Day 11 - Tuesday, Nov. 19: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv / USA Bid farewell to the Holy Land today as we transfer to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv to catch our return flight home.

# PILGRIMAGE COST

\$4,165.00

per person/double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$780.00.

#### This price includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from Atlanta
- Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- Accommodation in 4 star hotels
- All hotel taxes
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Land transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- All transfers and baggage handling at hotels
- Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary
- ➡ All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Daily Mass

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Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

For further information on this pilgrimage please contact:

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# **RESERVATION APPLICATION**

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Group Reference Number: 191109A

Name (as printed on your p	passport):				
First Name:	Middle Name:	<u>:</u>		Last Name:	
Name (as you wish it to app	pear on your name badge):				
Passport number:		Ma	Male  Female		
Passport date of issue:		Pas	Passport date of expiration:		
Country of citizenship:		Dat	Date of birth:		
Street address:					
City:		Sta	ate:		Zipcode:
Home phone:		Wo	Work phone:		
Mobile phone:		Em	Email address:		
ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION  Please check one: Double occupancy   Single occupancy (\$780.00 additional)					
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:					
If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person? Yes □ No □					
EMERGENCY CONTACT					
Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:					

Please enclose a deposit of \$300.00 per person made payable to George's International Tours and mail to:

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