



NORTH CENTRAL LIEUTENANCY

*Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem*



# PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

**February 15-26, 2024**

**GEORGE'S**  
INTERNATIONAL TOURS



## Day 1 – Feb. 15: Depart USA

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our overnight flight to Israel.

## Day 2 – Feb. 16: Arrive Tel Aviv

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met by our local guide who will escort us throughout our stay in the Holy Land and make the scripture come alive as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Drive to our hotel in Tel Aviv for overnight.



## Day 3 - Feb. 17: Tel Aviv / Tiberias

This morning we will depart Tel Aviv and drive north along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, the capital of the ancient Roman Procurators of Judea where St. Peter preached and St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. Visit the Roman Theater, Crusader's Moat, and the Byzantine Churches. Continue to the sparkling port city of Haifa. Ascend Mt. Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. Continue to Tiberias for check-in at our hotel located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.



## Day 4 - Feb. 18: Tiberias

This morning we will visit the Nof Ginosaur Kibbutz to see the ancient wooden "Jesus Boat" that was discovered on the shores of the Sea of Galilee in 1986. Then 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, proceed to Tabgha, site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, and to the nearby Church of the Primacy of Peter. Then drive up to the Mt. of the Beatitudes to visit the site of the Sermon on the Mount. This afternoon, ascend the Golan Heights and stop at 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.



## Day 5 - Feb. 19: Tiberias

Following breakfast, drive to Cana of Galilee, where Our Lord performed the first miracle - changing water into wine at the wedding feast. Here, we'll invite couples to renew their marriage vows. Then proceed to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, Joseph's Workshop, the Church of St. Joseph, the Church of the Holy Family, the House of Mary & Joseph, and Mary's Well. In the afternoon take an excursion to the summit of Mt. Tabor to visit the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus.

## Day 6 - Feb. 20: Tiberias / Jerusalem

This morning we will depart Tiberias and drive to Bet Shean where we'll explore the extraordinary excavations of an ancient Roman city. We will then continue our drive south through the Jordan Valley to visit the Baptismal Site on the Jordan River where we will have an opportunity to renew our baptismal vows. Then continue on to Jerusalem for check-in at our hotel.



## Day 7 - Feb. 21: Jerusalem

This morning, drive to Bethlehem. Above the traditional Grotto of Jesus' birth, visit the Nativity Church, built by Constantine in the 4th Century. Then tour the Manger, the Grotto of St. Jerome, the Church of St. Catherine, and the Shepherd's Fields. During our visit here, we will have ample time for shopping at Manger Square and for visits to some of the projects supported by the North Central lieutenancy including Holy Family Hospital, the Franciscan Family Center and Bethlehem

University where we will have lunch. In the afternoon we will visit the Israel Museum to see a scale model of Jerusalem as it appeared 2,000 years ago and the Shrine of the Book which is an exhibit focused on the Dead Sea Scrolls.



**Day 8 - Feb. 22: Jerusalem**

This morning we will begin the day with a visit to the top of the Mount 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. Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations.



**Day 9 - Feb. 23: Jerusalem**

This morning we enter the Old City of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of St. Anne, the Pool of Bethesda, the Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos, and the Arch of the "Ecce Homo". Follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to visit Golgotha and the Tomb of Our Lord. We will then visit the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem in order to receive our Pilgrim Shells.

**Day 10 - Feb. 24: Jerusalem**

This morning we'll view the Temple Area of the Old City featuring the Dome of the Rock, Mosque el Aqsa, and the Wailing Wall. Continue to Mt. Zion to visit the Cenacle or Upper room. Then survey King David's Tomb, the Dormition Abbey, and St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times. In the afternoon we will drive to Ein Karem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist, to see the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous "Magnificat" and the Church of St. John the Baptist which marks the birthplace of John the Baptist.



**Day 11 - Feb. 25: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv**

This morning we will check out of our hotel after breakfast. We will then drive to Bethany to visit the site of the House of Mary, Martha and Lazarus and the Tomb of Lazarus. Next, proceed through the Judean Wilderness and along the Dead Sea to Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered and then on to ancient Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western World. See the sycamore tree of Zacchaeus and then proceed to the top of the archeological "tel," where we'll have an excellent view of Elisha's Fountain, the Qarantal, and the Mt. of Temptation. Return to Jerusalem and enjoy a Middle Eastern dinner party at a local restaurant. After dinner we will transfer to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv to catch our late evening return flight home.

**Day 12 - Feb. 26: Tel Aviv / USA**

Today marks the end of our Holy Land pilgrimage as we depart Tel Aviv just after midnight on our overnight return flight home.

**PILGRIMAGE COST**

**\$4,375.00**

per person/double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$986.00.

**This price includes:**

- ✘ Roundtrip airfare from Chicago O'Hare including all airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✘ Accommodation in Superior 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 with a licensed Christian guide
- ✘ All entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✘ Daily Mass

*For those who prefer to arrange their own flights the Land-Only cost is \$3,089.00 per person.*



## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

**Reservations and Payment:** Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. Final payment is due 65 days prior to departure.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be in writing. Cancellations received after 5PM Pacific Time or on weekends/holidays will be processed the next business day. The following per person cancellation charges will apply: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days prior to departure, \$250.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking. Additional cancellation charges may apply depending upon the cancellation terms of our suppliers.

**Refunds:** Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, George's International Tours agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

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**Travel Documents:** A passport which is valid for a minimum of 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U.S. citizens. Visas are not required for U.S. citizens. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to determine your visa requirement status. George's International Tours is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

**Tour Cost:** All quoted prices are based upon fares, tariffs and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 15 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

**Baggage:** Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. You will be responsible for paying to the airline any additional charges for additional checked baggage or overweight baggage (if excess weight is permitted). George's International Tours is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

**Air Transportation:** Air travel is in economy class on United Airlines (or any other IATA carrier). Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing. Fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

**Hotels:** Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

**Tour Documents and Tickets:** Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 3 weeks of departure.

**Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend that you have comprehensive travel insurance. Insurance may be purchased directly through George's International Tours and registration forms will be provided upon receipt of your deposit or you may purchase online at [www.georgesintl.com](http://www.georgesintl.com). George's International Tours acts only as an intermediary between you and the insurance provider and in no event shall George's International Tours be liable to any person or entity whatsoever for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, compensatory, consequential, or punitive damages related to insurance coverage purchased.

**Not Included:** Passport or visa fees, gratuities, personal travel insurance, COVID-19 testing (if required), laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of airport allowance, optional sightseeing tours, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

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

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### RESERVATION APPLICATION

### Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem - North Central Lieutenancy Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (February 15-26, 2024)

Group Reference Number: 240215A

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

<b>Name</b> (as printed on your passport):		
First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____		
<b>Name</b> (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):		
<b>Passport number:</b>	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Passport date of issue:</b>	<b>Passport date of expiration:</b>	
<b>Country of citizenship:</b>	<b>Date of birth:</b>	
<b>Street address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zipcode:</b>
<b>Home phone:</b>	<b>Work phone:</b>	
<b>Mobile phone:</b>	<b>Email address:</b>	

#### ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

<b>Please check one:</b> Double occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (\$986.00 additional) <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:</b>
<b>If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

#### EMERGENCY CONTACT

<p><b>Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:</b></p>
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Please enclose a deposit of **\$300.00 per person** made payable to **George's International Tours** and mail to:

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