

# FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN

October 11-23, 2020

with

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## **Day 1 - Sunday, October 11: Depart USA**

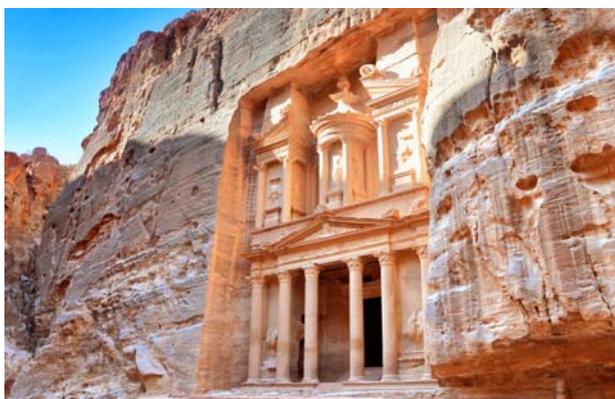
Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our late evening overnight flight to Amman.

## **Day 2 - Monday, October 12: Arrive Amman**

Upon arrival in Amman we will be met at the airport and then drive to our hotel for check-in.

## **Day 3 - Tuesday, October 13: Amman**

This morning we will drive to Madaba, a Byzantine center of master mosaics, to see the oldest surviving map of the Holy Land. Continue to Mt. Nebo, which is the site where Moses first viewed the promised land. We will then return to our hotel. The rest of the day will be free to rest or discover Amman on our own. (B/D)



## **Day 4 - Wednesday, October 14: Amman / Petra / Amman**

This morning we will drive south to Petra, one of the most magnificent sites in the Middle East and one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The “Rose Red City” of Petra is carved into the sides of a deep gorge, and the only entrance is through the “Siq,” a narrow slit in the rock enclosed by beautiful limestone cliffs. Riding on horseback (no riding experience required) between the 100-foot cliffs, we will see a remarkable sight: temples, tombs, and dwellings chiseled right into the limestone walls. Following our sightseeing of Petra, we will return to Amman for overnight. (B/D)

## **Day 5 - Thursday, October 15: Amman / Bethlehem**

This morning we will check-out from our hotel and drive to the Allenby Bridge border crossing where we will cross from Jordan into Israel. We will then drive to the ancient city of Jericho where we’ll stop by a sycamore tree and recall the story of Zacchaeus, the tax collector. From there, we will visit the site of Old Testament Jericho (Tel es-Sultan) and Elisha’s Spring and view an Orthodox Monastery very near the location of Jesus’ Temptation in the desert. Afterward, we will continue to the town of Bethlehem and check-in at our hotel. (B/D)

## **Day 6 - Friday, October 16: Bethlehem**

We begin our visit to 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 be in the Franciscan Church of St. Catherine, scene of Bethlehem’s Christmas Midnight Mass. Then enjoy a special experience as we visit Bethlehem University, which is staffed by Christian Brothers, where we will meet students and faculty. This University enhances the lives of many young people in Palestine by providing higher education to both Christians and Moslems. Our lunch will be provided by the hotel management department at Bethlehem University. (B/L/D)

## **Day 7 - Saturday, October 17: Bethlehem / Jerusalem**

This morning we will depart Bethlehem and drive a short distance to Jerusalem and ascend the summit of the Mt. of Olives to visit the Chapel of the Ascension and the Church of Pater Noster. Walking the Palm Sunday Road, we will next visit the chapel of Dominus Flevit. We then continue down the road to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Basilica of the Agony. Next, we will renew our baptismal promises at the Jordan River and then drive to Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Enjoy a swim in the salty, mineral-laden and unsinkable waters of the Dead Sea before driving to our hotel in Jerusalem for check-in. (B/L/D)



## **Day 8 - Sunday, October 18: Jerusalem**

Enter the Old City of Jerusalem where everyday life and customs have remained much the same over centuries and walk through the narrow cobblestoned streets of this historic capital. Sing a hymn in the Church of St. Anne and view the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed the man who had been crippled for 38 years. Visit the Chapel of Flagellation, the Church of the Condemnation, Lithostrotos, and the Arch of the “Ecce Homo.” Then follow Our Lord on the Way of the Cross to the Church of

the Holy Sepulchre, where we'll visit the Stone of Unction, Calvary and the Tomb of Our Lord. 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. (B/D)

### Day 9 - Monday, October 19: Jerusalem

This morning visit the Western Wall where prayers are offered up at these remaining holy stones of the great second temple compound. We are aware that now the only structures standing on the Temple Mount are the Muslim shrines of the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque. Then drive along the walls of the Old City to Mt. Zion to visit the traditional site of the Upper Room, remembering the Last Supper, a post-Resurrection appearance, and Pentecost. Nearby we see Dormition Abbey Church that honors Mary's "falling asleep." We end the day with a visit to St. Peter in Gallicantu, which marks the site of Peter's denial. The remainder of the afternoon is free to spend some time at one of the shrines or do some shopping. This evening enjoy a special "Farewell Jerusalem" dinner party. (B/D)



### Day 10 - Tuesday, October 20: Jerusalem / Tiberias

Depart Jerusalem and drive to Bethany to visit the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus to see the tomb of Lazarus. Then continue driving north through the Jordan River Valley to Galilee. In the afternoon, we will enjoy a scenic boat ride on the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, known as the second city of Jesus, where we will see the ruins of the 2nd-century Synagogue where Jesus taught and the ancient structure of the House of Peter. We will then check-in at our hotel in the town of Tiberias. (B/D)

### Day 11 - Wednesday, October 21: Tiberias

This morning we will proceed to Tabgha, site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, and to the nearby Church of the Primacy of Peter where Peter was told: "feed my lambs, feed my sheep." We then drive up to the Mount of the Beatitudes to visit the site of the Sermon on the Mount. In the afternoon drive to Mt. Tabor to visit the traditional site of the Transfiguration of Jesus. (B/L/D)



### Day 12 - Thursday, October 22: Tiberias / Tel Aviv

Depart Tiberias and 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 wedding vows. Continue to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation and St. Joseph's Workshop. After Mass, proceed to Mount Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, to visit Muhraqa, which is the site of the sacrifice of Elijah. Then drive along the Mediterranean coast to our hotel in Tel Aviv. (B/D)

### Day 13 - Friday, October 23: Tel Aviv / USA

Today our pilgrimage comes to an end. Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv early in the morning to catch our return flight home.

## PILGRIMAGE COST

**\$3,798.00**

per person/double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$840.00.

#### This price includes:

- ✘ Roundtrip airfare from New York JFK
- ✘ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✘ Accommodation for 10 nights in 4 star hotels
- ✘ All hotel taxes
- ✘ Meals as per itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- ✘ Land transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- ✘ All transfers and baggage handling at hotels
- ✘ Comprehensive sightseeing with all entrance fees
- ✘ Jordanian entry visa
- ✘ Israel/Jordan border crossing taxes
- ✘ Daily Mass

*Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.*

*For those who prefer to arrange their own flights the Land-Only cost is \$2,893.00 per person.*

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## 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.

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**Travel Documents:** A passport with a minimum of 6 months validity remaining is required of all U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens do not require visas for entry to Israel but visas are required for entry to Jordan. The cost of the Jordanian visa is included in the cost of your trip and George's International will be procuring a group visa on your behalf. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. George's International is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

**Tour Cost:** All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 20 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

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

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**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.

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

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### RESERVATION APPLICATION

**Franciscan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Jordan (October 11-23, 2020)**

**Group Reference Number: 201011A**

#### 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>	<b>Male</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Female</b> <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 (\$840.00 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

<b>Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:</b>
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