



## **T**our Cordinator



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# **T**rip Information





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Departure from Houston, TX

# **Trip Information**

### included

- · Round-trip airfare
- First-class hotels (prices based on double occupancy)
- Land transportation/ transfers as per itinerary
- Breakfast and Dinner daily.
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary

### not included

- Trip cancellation insurance is not included but is strongly recommended.
- Passport & visa costs
- Items of a personal nature, such as hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.
- Lunch or any meals not specified in your itinerary

## register

- A non-refundable, nontransferable deposit of \$300.00 is due at registration, along with your registration form and copy of your passport.
- Names on the registration form and passport MUST match exactly

# daily itinerary

#### DAY 1: FLIGHT TO TEL AVIV, ISRAEL

Your pilgrimage begins today by boarding your flight to Israel. Rest assured, all necessary preparations for your journey have been made. So sit back, relax, and enjoy your flight to Tel Aviv. Your spiritual journey awaits!

### DAY 2: TEL AVIV / NETANYA

After arriving at Ben Gurion airport and going through customs, you will collect your things and meet your tour guide. From the airport, we will take our private motor coach to your hotel in Netanya. Time permitting, we will stop in Jaffa City to celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Church. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Netanya.

# DAY 3: CAESAREA MARITIMA / MUHRAQA / MT. CARMEL / HAIFA / TIBERIAS

We begin our day after breakfast in Caesarea Maritima, where Peter the Apostle baptized the Roman centurion Cornelius, the first recorded gentile converted to Christianity. Then, after viewing the remains of King Herod's great city, we will celebrate Mass at Deir Al-Muhraqa Carmelite Monastery. It was here that Elijah the Prophet confronted the prophets of Baal and Asherah (I Kgs. 18). Next, we'll continue to Stella Maris Monastery on Mt. Carmel and then to Haifa City before traveling to our hotel in Tiberias.

### DAY 4: CANA / NAZARETH / MOUNT TABOR / TIBE-RIAS

After breakfast, we will celebrate Mass at "The Wedding Church" in Cana, where Jesus performed his first miracle of turning water into wine. While here, couples may renew their wedding vows, and if you choose to participate, you will receive an official certificate from the church. Afterward, we travel from Cana to Nazareth, where we will see the Basilica of the Annunciation, St. Joseph's Church, Mary's Well, and the Old Market. Finally, we will visit Mount Tabor (The scene of The Transfiguration) before returning for dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel in Tiberias.

# DAY 5: MT. OF BEATITUDES / TABGHA / CAPERNAUM / SEA OF GALILEE / BETHLEHEM

After breakfast, we begin our day at the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus gave His Sermon on the Mount. Our next stop is Tabgha, known for "The Miracle of the Multiplication of Fish and Loaves." Jesus fed a crowd of 5,000 with just five loaves of bread and two fish. Afterward, we visit the Church of Peter's Primacy (The Miraculous Fishing) and continue to Capernaum, where Jesus lived and started his ministry in Galilee. We end our day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, celebrating Mass while on board. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Bethlehem.

# DAY 6: BETHLEHEM / CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY / SHEPHERDS' FIELD / EIN KAREM

We will spend our day in Bethlehem, the city of Christ's birth. First, we will visit Shepherd's Field, where the angel of the Lord announced the birth of Christ. We will celebrate Mass at the chapel before continuing to the Nativity Church, where Jesus was born, a truly memorable experience. Later this afternoon, we will go to Ein Karem, the home of St. John the Baptist and the Church of the Visitation, where the Virgin Mary first





proclaimed the "Magnificat." Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Bethlehem.

#### **DAY 7: JERUSALEM**

We begin today's tour on the Mt. of Olives at The Pater Noster, where Jesus taught the Lord's Prayer to his disciples. Next, we will walk the Palm Sunday route stopping at Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Next, in the Garden of Gethsemane, we will see The Rock of Agony, where Jesus last prayed before his arrest. We will then celebrate Mass at the Church of all Nations before ending our day at St. Peter in Gallicantu (Latin for "cock's crow"), where Peter denied our Lord three times. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Bethlehem.

### **DAY 8: JERUSALEM: VIA DOLOROSA**

We begin our day by retracing the last steps of Jesus walking along the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow) through the Old City markets. We will pray at the Stations of the Cross on our way to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where we will celebrate Mass. Afterward, we will visit St. Anne's Church, the home of the Virgin Mary and her parents, Saints Joachim and Anne. Next is the Ecce Homo, where Pontius Pilate proclaimed, "Behold the man," followed by the Wailing Wall, Judaism's holiest site. You will have the rest of the afternoon free. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Bethlehem.

# DAY 9: JORDAN VALLEY / JERICHO / DEAD SEA / ST. CATHER-INE'S / SINAI

We will depart early this morning towards the Jordan River to renew our baptismal vows at Yardenit, where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Next, we will drive down the Jordan Valley to the oasis town of Jericho. It is one of the earliest continuous settlements in the world, dating from about 9000 BC. We will see the Mt. of Temptation, where Jesus was tempted by Satan while fasting for forty days and forty nights. Afterward (weather permitting), we will have an opportunity to swim in the Mineral rich waters of The Dead Sea, so bring your swimsuit! Next, we will travel towards Eilat to cross the Israeli-Egyptian border and drive to St Catherine in Sinai. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Sinai.

### DAY 10: ST. CATHERINE'S / CAIRO

After breakfast, we will visit St Catherine's Monastery. Set beneath the mountain where Moses received the Ten Commandments, this Monastery has been one of the world's great centers of religious pilgrimage for over fifteen centuries. Later, we will make the drive to Cairo for the evening.

\*\*Optional\*\* You will have the choice to climb Mt. Sinai at daybreak. If you're not sure about making the climb, you may rent a camel for assistance 2/3 of the way up. The sunrise on Sinai is truly incredible from this vantage point. Enjoy a time of praise and incredible views of the Sinai wilderness, where God revealed himself to Moses and gave him the Ten Commandments. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Cairo.

# DAY 11: CAIRO / EGYPTIAN MUSEUM / PYRAMIDS / THE SPHINX

We begin our day at the Egyptian Museum, where you will see its extensive collection of ancient Egyptian antiquities. After-



ward, we continue our tour at the great Pyramids - Chephren, Mykerions, & Cheops, the largest pyramid ever built. Next, we will take an up-close look at the Sphinx, a massive funeral complex guarded by the legendary lion body with the face of King Chephren. The Sphinx is the oldest known monumental sculpture in Egypt and one of the most recognizable statues in the world. Tonight, we will gather for a Nile cruise dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel in Cairo.

#### **DAY 12: CAIRO**

After breakfast at your hotel, our tour begins with visits to the Citadel, Mohamed Ali mosque, and the Abu Sergha Church. Later we will travel to Khan Khalili Bazaars, one of the most exciting bazaars in the entire Middle East. The Medieval atmosphere of this traditional market, mixed with its labyrinth layout, gives you a glimpse into what medieval markets were once like. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Cairo.

### **DAY 13: RETURN FLIGHT HOME**

We will transfer to the airport this morning to catch our flight back home.



Your Package Includes

Air Transportation: Economy class and round-trip airfares are based on the time of the reservation. Rates and times are subject to change without notice. Airfares, once issued, are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be used towards future travel.

Land Transportation: All land transportation as described in the itinerary will be by Deluxe Motor Coach. Some may be equipped with Wi-Fi service.

Hotels: Your hotels will be first-class with double occupancy (2 people per room with a private bath). Neither Nativity Pilgrimage nor the trip coordinator are responsible for providing a roommate.

Single Room: There is an additional cost per person as specified on the registration form. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Meal Plan: The meal plan offers two (2) meals per day: Breakfast & Dinner.

Baggage: Nativity Pilgrimage limits all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage and one (1) carry-on. All passengers should check with the airlines carriers for up to date baggage weight and dimensions.

Airport Fees: Airport Taxes, porterage, fuel surcharges and security fees.

Medical Protection Plan is provided during the trip.

Your Package Does Not Include

Cancellation Protection Plan: We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration.

Passport Expenses: Passports or any additional documents that may be required. Passports must be valid 6 months after your return date.

Personal Items: Laundry, other beverages (wines, liquors, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.) and food that are not on the menus of your included meal package, and any additional luggage.

Non-itinerary fees: Any sightseeing fees, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in your itinerary.

Lunch: You are responsible for lunch or any other meals not specified in your itinerary.

Tips for your tour guide & driver: The recommended amounts of tips per person are \$7.00 - \$9.00 per day for guides, \$5.00 - \$7.00 per day for drivers, \$1.00 - \$2.00 per day for hotels, and \$1.00 - \$2.00 per day for restaurants.

#### **General Travel Information**

Group Air: Group air differs from individually purchased airline tickets in that it is subject to the terms and conditions of the airlines. For this reason, we need to receive your registration and full payment by the payment deadline. After that date, registrations may be subject to a different rate, ticketing method, or airline. Additional fees and charges may apply. Group air flights are confirmed 60 - 90 days prior to departure.

Departure Cities: If your departure city is not listed on the brochure, indicate which airport you would like to depart from on the registration form. We will provide you with the best possible price and flight schedule in order to connect with the group. Additional fees and charges may apply.



Land-Only Option: If you would like to book your own air travel, indicate on your registration form that you want the "Land Only" option. By booking your own air, you may select your seat, airline, and travel schedule, use airline miles/points, provide airline reward program information, and make any special requests directly with the airline. No changes can be made after the final payment deadline. Land-only services begin and end at the hotels unless you are able to meet the group at the airport. Land-only travelers are responsible for their own airport transfers.

#### Important Nativity Pilgrimage Policies

The airline selects seat assignments for group air. We do not. Seat upgrades are available for registered travelers, by request. Quoted rates for an upgrade are subject to change until payment is received. Some upgrades are not available until the group tickets are issued.

Seat Upgrades: Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives an upgrade request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee the acceptance of this request, as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

Seat Location Requests: Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a seat location request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request, as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

Other Special Requests: Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a special request, such as a wheelchair, food, etc., we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

#### **Booking Conditions**

Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person is required at the time of booking. No reservation will be processed without a deposit.

Payment Deadline: Full payment is due Thursday, June 06, 2024 (100 days before departure). Registrations received after the deadline require an additional \$100 (subject to availability). If payment is not made in full 50 days prior to departure, your payments are non-refundable.

You may use any major credit card to pay your deposit online. There is an additional 3% fee for each credit card transaction. We also accept checks, money orders, Zelle payments, and ACH transactions.

#### Late Payment Policy

Customers will receive late fees if they are not paid in full:

100 days - 61 days prior to departure.....\$150

60 days - 30 days prior to departure......\$300

30 days - day before departure.....Subject to cancellation

Customers are also responsible for any difference in fare due to late payment (subject to availability). Refusal to pay will be considered a cancellation.

#### Cancellation/Refund Policy

We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your pilgrimage with Nativity Pilgrimage. However, should you need to cancel your trip, your cancellation must be in writing via email or letter. It will be effective on the date of receipt. The following cancellation fees will apply:

Days Prior to Departure Charge
100 + Days Lose Deposit

 99-50 Days
 50% of trip cost

 49 Days
 100% of trip cost

Insurance premiums are non-refundable. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance to avoid these cancellation fees.

#### Protect Your Trip

Follow the link or scan the QR code to view our Travel Protection Plan details. https://nativity.trawickinternational.com



### Responsibility

Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. and their agents assume no liability or responsibility in regards to travel in any form for any injuries or loss of property, accidents, delays, changes in schedule or itinerary, incidental damages or any irregular circumstances. This would include, but not be limited to, default or omission by any third party providing services or facilities related to and/or included in the tour or any part thereof.

The IATA carriers, steamship firms, and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours, are not to be held responsible or accountable for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on board their respective conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies, the purchaser of these tours and/or passengers, and Nativity Pilgrimage Inc. does not assume any liability or responsibility in connection therewith. They are not responsible for any losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, guarantees, or other causes. All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality to those specified in the itinerary. Nativity Pilgrimage reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Refund details vary upon each trip. No refund will be made for any used portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure from the United States. Prices and itineraries are subject to change without notice if booking conditions are not complied with.

