

Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands of Jordan & Israel

14 Days

Fully Escorted

30th Oct – 13th Nov 2019

ATTEND AN INFORMATION EVENING

WHEN: Saturday, 8th December 2018 after 6pm Mass

WHERE: St Patrick's Guildford
(32 Calliope Street, Guildford NSW 2161)

* Enjoy a full briefing * Have your questions answered * Meet your fellow pilgrims
Please RSVP to Katrina Maggs at Olive Tree Travel by Friday, 30th November



PILGRIMAGE PACKAGE PRICE

(Per Person Twin Share)

Based on 15-19 participants: **AUD\$7,490***

Based on 20-24 participants: **AUD\$7,190***

Based on 25+ participants: **AUD\$6,990***

OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT ADDITIONAL AUD \$1,850

* Prices are subject to change. Conditions apply.



Escorted by Fr Peter Blaney, Catholic Parish of St. Patrick's, Guildford

Visiting the Holy Land is an experience of a lifetime and I invite you to join me in November 2019 as we travel as pilgrims to the land so familiar to Jesus. We will fly to Jordan and stay there for a couple of days which will

include a day trip to Petra, the World Heritage site and ancient capital of the Nabataeans which was founded some 600 years before Christ. We then travel into Israel and spend a few days at Tiberias beside the Sea of Galilee, in Bethlehem and in the ancient city of Jerusalem, exploring some of the famous sites associated with Jesus throughout his life and most particularly during his years of ministry, including Mt Tabor (Transfiguration), Cana, Mount of Beatitudes, Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, Nazareth and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We will travel as pilgrims, celebrating our faith and taking the time to soak up the atmosphere of this special land. This will surely be the trip of a lifetime and a unique opportunity to experience firsthand the places we hear so much about in the scriptures with a group of people who share our faith. I look forward to leading this journey and sharing so many wonderfully enriching experiences with you.

PROPOSED HOTELS FOR JORDAN/ISRAEL (OR SIMILAR)

Amman Amman International 1 night

Petra Old Village 2 nights

Galilee Caesar Hotel 3 nights

Bethlehem St Gabriels 2 nights

Jerusalem Olive Tree Hotel 4 nights

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return economy airfares with Emirates Airlines from Sydney – Dubai - Amman
- All current airport and departure taxes
- Meet and assist upon arrival and departure at Amman Airport
- 12 nights hotel accommodation in shared twin rooms
- Breakfast and dinner daily, from dinner on first day to breakfast on last day
All meals at hotels unless otherwise specified
- 13 Lunches at local restaurants
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor-coach
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as per confirmed itinerary
- Whisperer headsets
- All tips, portage and gratuities
- Departure tax out of Israel into Jordan
- Group Jordanian entry visas for all participants that travel with the group

PRICE EXCLUDES

- Entrance/sightseeing/meals other than those in the itinerary
- Single supplement
- Travel insurance
- Incidental expenses of a personal nature such as phone calls, laundry, room service etc
- Any services not listed in 'Price Includes' above

WHAT TO DO NEXT

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from the Parish Office or the team at Olive Tree Travel.
2. To secure your place, a booking deposit of \$350 per person will be required by 17th December 2018 (unless sold out prior).
3. The balance payment is required by 29th August 2019.

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER Depart Australia

Depart Sydney this evening on your Emirates flight to Dubai.

DAY 2: THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER Arrive Amman

On arrival into Dubai at 0530hrs, transfer to your onward Emirates flight EK901 departing Dubai at 0730hrs bound for Amman, Jordan. Upon arrival into Amman this morning at 0950hrs, you will be met and assisted through immigration by your tour guide and driver. Enjoy a brief orientation tour of Amman including a short visit to Amman Museum. After lunch you will also celebrate Mass today at the Catholic Church in Amman. We aim for an early check in and dinner at your hotel in Amman. (L,D)

DAY 3: FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER Mt Nebo, Madaba, Petra

Today you will depart Amman this morning and drive to Mt Nebo, where Moses first saw the Promised Land across the Jordan Valley. Celebrate Mass. Continue to the mainly Christian town of Madaba to see the famous mosaic map of the world with Jerusalem at its centre. Enjoy an early lunch before the journey south to Petra. Arrive mid-afternoon and settle into your hotel before dinner and overnight in Petra. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER Full Day Petra

Today you will tour Petra, the rose red city half as old as time. You will commence your visit of the ancient Nabatean Capital walking through the Ciq, a long narrow fissure between two overhanging cliffs. The tour then proceeds to gradually unfold the mysteries of the red rose city with its spectacular treasury, royal tombs, burial chambers and high places of sacrifice. Return to your Petra hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER Bethany on the Jordan, Allenby Bridge, Jericho, Tiberias

Depart Petra early this morning and proceed north to Bethany on the Jordan River, Baptismal site. Have Mass. Proceed to the nearby Allenby Bridge border crossing point to Israel (by 12:00PM). After border formalities, visit Jericho, one of the oldest cities in the world and see the excavations there, have lunch. Ascend the Mt of Temptation by cable car. Take the scenic drive up through the Jordan Valley to your hotel in the Galilee. Dinner and overnight is at your hotel overlooking the Sea of Galilee in Tiberias. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER Sea of Galilee

After breakfast, enjoy a morning boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. You will then visit the ancient fishing boat dating from the 1st Century that was found in the seabed at Nof Ginosar Kibbutz. Driving up the Mount Of Beatitudes, you will visit the beautiful church where the Sermon on the Mount is remembered. From there, continue onto Capernaum to see the Synagogue and Peter's house, center of Jesus preaching ministry. See the Church of Tabgha with its famous mosaic of the Loaves and Fishes and the Church of Primacy where Jesus said to Peter "Thou art the rock". Visit the recent archaeological discovery at Migdal. Return for dinner and overnight at your hotel in Tiberias. MASS at Tabgha (B,L,D)

DAY 7: TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER Cana, Nazareth, Nazareth Village, Zippori

Drive to Cana, the site of the First Miracle of turning water into wine. On to Nazareth to see the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well. We also visit Nazareth Village, a reconstructed site, capturing life in 1st Century Nazareth. Then a visit to the Roman remains of Zippori, which used to be a major town at the time of Jesus. Return to your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight. MASS in Nazareth (B,L,D)

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER Mt Tabor, Mt Carmel, Caesarea, Bethlehem

This morning, we drive to the foot of Mt Tabor, site of the Transfiguration and take taxis up to the summit to visit the Church. After that, we visit the ancient mosaics and other remains before passing by the ancient town of Megiddo and the Valley of Armageddon. Visit Mt Carmel and enjoy a wonderful view across the Mediterranean Sea, River Kishon and Haifa Harbor and see the cave where Elijah took refuge in his contest with the prophets of Baal. Take the coastal highway to Caesarea once capital of the Roman province. There you will see the Roman and Crusader remains and the harbour from which St. Paul was taken prisoner to Rome. Continue to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight at your hotel. MASS at Mt Tabor. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER Bethlehem, Bethlehem University, Mt. Olives, Gethsemane

This morning, visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem built over the stable cave of Jesus' birth. Celebrate Mass. Then to the Shepherds' Fields stopping

at the Church there with its blackened cave where Shepherds' watched over their flocks. Continue to Bethlehem University, the first Catholic University in the Holy Land founded in 1973. You will have an opportunity to hear about the work of the church in sustaining the University as a beacon of hope and have the opportunity to meet present day students over lunch. Drive to the Mount of Olives for a wonderful view of the Old City of Jerusalem. See the Place of Ascension, commemorating Jesus' Ascension and the Pater Noster Church. Then follow the Palm Sunday Road stopping at Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. At the foot of the hill see the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees and enter the church of All Nations for Mass. Return to your hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and overnight. Mass at Gethsemane (B,L,D)

DAY 10: FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER Beer Sheba / Afternoon at Leisure

This morning, drive to Beer Sheba to visit the site of the Australian Lighthorse Charge and other WWI Battlefields sites. Drive back to Jerusalem. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to relax, further explore independently or do some shopping. Meet back in time for mass at Notre Dame Chapel at 18:30 (public) followed by dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER Bethany, Masada, Qumran, Dead Sea

Depart from the hotel at 07:45am. Stop at Bethany in the morning and visit Lazarus Tomb. Have Mass. Continue on along the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth to the fortress mountain called Masada, the stronghold of Jewish resistance to the Romans in the revolt of AD 75. Ascend by cable car to see the remains of Herod's Palace and many other archeological excavations found. Drive to Qumran to visit the remains of the Essene enclave and see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden and discovered. Stop by the Dead Sea for a float in its salty waters before returning to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. Mass at Bethany. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER Israel Museum, Yad Vashem, Ein Karem

Visit the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are kept. You will also visit the Model of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus and the Second Temple. Visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial museum. Continue to the village of Ein Karem. See the Church of Visitation. Dinner and overnight is in Jerusalem. Mass at Ein Karem (B,L,D)

DAY 13: MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER Old City of Jerusalem, Mt Zion

This morning you will start early to enter the Old City through St Stephen's Gate to visit St. Anne's Church, the home of the Virgin Mary and her parents Saints Joachim and Anne. Pass the Ecce Homo where Pilate proclaimed "Behold the man"; and walk along The Via Dolorosa ending up at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Mass is at the Holy Sepulcher. Continue to the Western Wall, the most holy place for Jews. Nearby is the Dome of the Rock and the Haram al Sharif or Temple Mount. In the afternoon, drive up to Mt Zion to see the Upper Room and the Tomb of David and the Church of Dormition. Visit the Church known as St. Peter in Gallicantu, where Peter denied Christ. See also Caiphas' House, where Jesus was held. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. Mass at Holy Sepulcher (B,L,D)

DAY 14: TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER Allenby Bridge, Depart Amman, Dubai

This morning after check-out, cross the border at the Allenby Bridge back into Jordan. After lunch, you will be transferred to Amman Airport to check-in for your Emirates flight EK904 departing Amman at 1800hrs bound for Dubai. On arrival into Dubai at 2200hrs, transfer to your connecting Emirates flight bound for Sydney. (B,L)

DAY 15: WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER Arrive Australia

Arrive back into Sydney tonight with wonderful memories of your pilgrimage!

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