



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED

PILGRIMAGE TO THE

HOLY LAND



May 8 - 18, 2023

with Fr. Rick Nagel

A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages to the Holy Land for more than 20 years. Working closely with your priest and deacon to create thoughtfully planned itineraries, we help make the Catholic faith more tangible to your daily life by taking you where the seeds of Catholicism were first planted to be spread across the world. Although we visit more than 50 sites in this holy and historic region, Daily Mass and time for prayerful reflection are important parts of each day's experience.

We use only experienced Christian or Catholic guides, so you receive truthful explanations of scripture and the places we encounter. When the disciple Philip asked the Eunuch (who was reading Isaiah) if he understood what he was reading, the man responded, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:35) Just as Philip guided the Eunuch with "the good news of Jesus," your Tekton pilgrimage will guide you into a deeper understanding of the Scriptures. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

• Day 1 - Monday, May 8

Depart USA

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

• Day 2 - Tuesday, May 9

Arrive Tel Aviv / Bethlehem

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, our immersion in ancient Israel where Christ walked begins as we are 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 Bethlehem where we check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (D)



• Day 3 - Wednesday, May 10

Bethlehem

We begin this morning at one of the most joyous sites connected to the Holy Night Christ was born - the church located in the Shepherd's Fields in Bethlehem, marking the spot where the shepherds heard the chorus of angels proclaiming Jesus' birth. In the city of Bethlehem, meaning "House of Bread," we visit the Nativity Church that sits above the traditional Grotto of Jesus' Birth. Ponder the Manger, Grotto of St. Jerome and the Church of St. Catherine, the parish church for Bethlehem's Catholics. We will visit the Milk Grotto Chapel, a place where many couples pray for the Virgin Mary's intercession to conceive a child. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight (B, D) Mass

• Day 4 - Thursday, May 11

Bethlehem / Nazareth / Galilee

Early this morning we will gather in prayer again at the Church of the Nativity. Afterwards, we depart Bethlehem for Nazareth, the childhood home of Jesus. Celebrate Mass in the Church of the Annunciation that holds the Cave of the Annunciation just behind the altar. This is the actual room where Gabriel appeared to Mary and "The Word was made flesh." (John 1:14.). See St. Joseph's Carpentry Shop, where the foster father of Jesus worked and Mary's Well, where the Virgin Mary drew water with her son for their daily living. Later we will check-in at our hotel, our home for the next 3 nights. (B, D) Mass



• Day 5 - Friday, May 12

Galilee - Mt. of Beatitudes, Mt. Tabor, Cana

Begin this morning at the Mount of Beatitudes where Christ gave his famous Sermon of the Mount. Afterwards we will take an excursion to the summit of Mt. Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration and the culminating point of Christ's public life. Christ revealed his divinity here to three of his apostles as he spoke with the prophets Moses and Elijah. It is also the second time and place where God told people from Heaven that Christ was his beloved Son to whom they should listen. (Matthew 17:5) Some of you may enjoy the option of hiking to the top. Before returning to Galilee, we will stop in Cana to pray where Jesus performed his first miracle, at the request of his mother, Mary, turning the water into wine. The Catholic Church points to this miracle as establishing the Sacrament of Marriage. (B, D, Mass)

• Day 6 - Saturday, May 13

Galilee - Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Tabgha, Primacy of Peter

Enjoy a scenic morning boat ride across the Sea of Galilee, the setting of so many moments in Christ's life. We will visit Capernaum, the center of Jesus's three-year public ministry, where he called his first disciples, Peter, Andrew, James, John, and Matthew. Here Christ healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever, brought a child back to life, cured a leper, healed the centurion's servant and cast out a demon from a young boy. After Mass we will visit the synagogue where Jesus taught. We continue to the Church of Peter's Primacy on the shores of Galilee. A rock at the center of the Church is believed to be the actual table where the apostles ate breakfast with Christ after His Resurrection. It is where Peter's role as the Vicar of Christ was further established as Christ asked him to "Feed my sheep," (John 21:16) Finally, at Tabgha, we ponder the site where Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes to feed more than 5,000 people. Return to our guesthouse for our final overnight in Galilee. (B, D, Mass)

• Day 7 - Sunday, May 14

Galilee / Magdala / Baptismal Site / Bethany / Jerusalem

We begin this morning in Magdala, birthplace of St. Mary Magdalene, known as "the Apostle to the Apostles," where we will visit the chapel and surrounding ruins. Continue our drive south through the Jordan Valley to the traditional baptismal site of Jesus in the Jordan River. Renew your baptismal vows in the very river where Christ was baptized by John the Baptist. (Mark 1:9) Ponder how the children of Israel crossed the River Jordan opposite Jericho when they came to the Promised Land. These are the waters the prophet Elijah divided and crossed with Elisha and which Naaman the Syrian dipped in seven times to cure his leprosy. Pilgrims come every year to immerse themselves in these holy waters. Continue to Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western world. In 1250 B.C., Joshua encircled the city, trumpets blasting, and the walls came tumbling down (Joshua 6). After lunch, we stop in Bethany to visit the House of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, where Jesus often visited his friends, and the Tomb of Lazarus where Christ raised him from the dead. See the place where He revealed to Martha that He is "the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11). Then finish our day in Jerusalem, our home-base for the next four nights. (B, D, Mass)

• Day 8 - Monday, May 15

Jerusalem – Mt. of Olives, Gethsemane, Ein Karem

We will take a morning drive to the top of the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of Jerusalem and visit two churches located on the mount: The Church of the Pater Noster where Jesus taught his disciples how to pray the "Our Father" and the Ascension Chapel, the site where Jesus ascended into Heaven. Descend the mount on the path Christ walked on the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit, where Christ wept over Jerusalem and her future destruction. Then enter into the Garden of Gethsemane where Christ had his agony and was betrayed. Keep watch with Christ and pray in the Church of All Nations at the Rock of Agony, the very rock where Christ prayed and sweated blood before he was to be crucified. In the afternoon, we drive to Ein Karem, one of the most beautiful sites in the New City of Jerusalem where St. John the Baptist was born. Pray at the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her service to God in her Magnificat prayer. (B, D) Mass

• Day 9 - Tuesday, May 16

Jerusalem – Holy Sepulchre, Mt. Zion

We start the morning at the Tomb of Our Lord in the Holy Sepulchre Church with time for private prayer and reflection. After a late breakfast, we drive to Mt. Zion, where Christ celebrated the Last Supper in the Upper Room. Together we will then journey to pray the rosary at the Church of the Dormition, the traditional site where Mary was assumed into heaven. Our final stop is at one of the most striking churches in Jerusalem – St. Peter in Gallicantu – that hosts a wide array of art styles. A golden rooster sits atop it recalling the place where Peter denied Jesus three times (Matthew 26). It was the palace of the high priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was brought to jail after his arrest and kept in the dungeon that sits underneath the Church. The remainder of the afternoon will be free. (B, D) Mass

• Day 10 - Wednesday, May 17

Jerusalem – Via Dolorosa / Calvary

Prayerfully, we will walk the Via Dolorosa – the Way of the Cross – to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Once there, climb the steps up to Mt. Calvary to pray at the site of the Crucifixion. Venerate the site

where Jesus body was anointed, the tomb where He was buried and rose from the dead, and the Chapel of St. Helena where she found the true cross. The remainder of the day will be free to explore Jerusalem on our own (suggestions below) until our farewell dinner this evening, celebrating the culmination of our pilgrimage. (B, D, Mass)

Sites in the Old City of Jerusalem you may want to see:

- Church of St. Ann
- Pool of Siloam
- Pool of Bethesda
- Pilate's Judgement Hall
- Chapel of Flagellation
- Arch of Ecce Homo
- Wailing Wall

• Day 11 - Thursday, May 18

Jerusalem / Tel Aviv / USA

Our time pondering the wonder and awe of the Holy Land comes to an end. We catch our return flight home from Tel Aviv.

** Please note that all rates and services are subject to availability and confirmation. We cannot be responsible for any increase in these rates or changes in services or flight and land arrangements in the event that government regulations change due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy w/ airfare **\$2,620.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES (applied to final invoice)

• Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges **\$770.08**
(subject to change until final ticketing)

• Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$140.00**

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST \$3,530.08

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: add **\$605**
- Land-only option: **\$2,447** (no flights included, includes gratuities)

Final Payment Due

February 2023

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Chicago O'Hare to Tel Aviv on Austrian Airlines/Lufthansa
- Bus transfers to and from St. John and ORD Chicago airport
- 9 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Comprehensive guiding by a Christian guide; whisper headsets; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner per itinerary (excluding drinks)
- Farewell dinner on Day 10

Rates do not include: lunches, gratuities, drinks with meals, any needed COVID-19 testing

Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 90 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 89 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 31 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any airline penalties and charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$150.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$300.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$1000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 14 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.

Travel Documents: A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U. S. citizens. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for Israel. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

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

Air Transportation: Air travel is in economy class on Austrian Airlines/Lufthansa. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice. Note that any ticketing changes or cancellations made within 120 days of your departure date will incur airline penalties.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

Travel Insurance: Currently, Israel requires proof of medical insurance coverage for the duration of your stay. We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

Not Included in base price: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$770.08 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff, passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to Tekton Ministries/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 Tekton Ministries/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,

Tekton Ministries/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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