



## Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land



# PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

**November 27-December 7, 2022**

Escorted by

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**GEORGE'S**  
INTERNATIONAL TOURS



## Day 1 – Nov. 27: Depart USA

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

## Day 2 – Nov. 28: Arrive Tel Aviv / Netanya

After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met at the airport and then transfer to our hotel located on the shores of the Mediterranean in Netanya.



## Day 3 – Nov. 29: Netanya / Galilee

This morning, leave Netanya and drive north along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, capital of the ancient Roman Procurators of Judea. Here, 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, to visit Stella Maris. Continue to our hotel located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee for check-in.



## Day 4 – Nov. 30: Galilee

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. Proceed to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation. In the afternoon take an excursion to the summit of Mt. Tabor to visit the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus.



## Day 5 – Dec. 1: Galilee

This morning, enjoy a scenic boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, home of Jesus during His ministry. After visiting the synagogue where He taught, drive to Tabgha - site of the multiplication of loaves and fishes. Next, drive to the Mount of Beatitudes to visit the site of the Sermon on the Mount. The remainder of the day is free.

## Day 6 – Dec. 2: Galilee / Jerusalem

We will depart Galilee late this morning for Jerusalem. Drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee to the Baptismal Site on the Jordan River where we will renew our baptismal vows. Continue via the Jordan Valley to Bet Shean, where we'll view from our coach an ancient Roman amphitheater. From here, drive through the Judean wilderness to Jerusalem.



## Day 7 – Dec. 3: Jerusalem

This morning, drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of Pater Noster, Ascension, and then walk the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit, where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. Proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Church of All Nations. In the afternoon, drive through the New City of Jerusalem to Ein Karem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist, to see the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous "Magnificat".

#### Day 8 – Dec. 4: Jerusalem

Drive to visit the Shepherd's Fields and then proceed to Bethlehem to visit the Nativity Church, built by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century over the traditional grotto of Jesus' birth. Tour the Manger, the Grotto of St. Jerome, the Church of St. Catherine, and the Milk Grotto. Then visit the Franciscan Family Center followed by some free time for shopping before returning to Jerusalem.



#### Day 9 – Dec. 5: Jerusalem

This morning, enter the Old City of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of St. Anne, the Pool of Bethesda and the Chapel of Flagellation. We will then walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to visit Golgotha and the Tomb of Our Lord. In the afternoon proceed to Mt. Zion to visit the Upper Room, Dormition Abbey and St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times.



#### Day 10 – Dec. 6: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv

Proceed to Bethany to visit the site of the House of Mary, Martha & Lazarus and the Tomb of Lazarus. Continue through the Judean Wilderness and along the Dead Sea to Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We will continue on to visit Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western world. From the top of the ancient "tel", we'll have an excellent view of Elisha's Fountain, the Qarantal and the Mount of Temptation. Return to Jerusalem and enjoy a farewell dinner this evening. After dinner transfer to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv to catch your late evening return flight home.



#### Day 11 – Dec. 7: Tel Aviv / USA

This morning we arrive back in the United States following our overnight flight from Tel Aviv.

#### PILGRIMAGE COST

**\$4,765.00**

per person/double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$945.00.

#### This price includes:

- ✕ Roundtrip airfare from Newark
- ✕ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✕ Accommodation for 9 nights
- ✕ All hotel taxes
- ✕ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ✕ Land transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- ✕ Baggage handling at hotels
- ✕ Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary including all entrance fees
- ✕ Daily Mass
- ✕ Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel staff and waiters for included meals

*For those who prefer to arrange their own flights  
the Land-Only cost is \$3,700.00 per person.*

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



## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

**Reservations and Payment:** A deposit of \$300.00 per person is required at the time of booking. Final payment is due 65 days prior to departure.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be in writing and cancellations received after 5:00 PM 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 the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land or 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 the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land or 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, the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land and 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.

**Trust Account Disclosure:** California law requires certain sellers of travel to have a trust account or bond. George's International Tours has such a trust account.

**Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"):** George's International Tours is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if the Seller of Travel was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale and the passenger is located in California at the time of payment. Please be advised that passengers purchasing from outside of California are not covered by the TCRC. Eligible passengers may file a claim with TCRC if the passenger is owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which the Seller of Travel failed to forward to a proper provider or if such money was not refunded to you when required. The maximum amount which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to the Seller of Travel, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating Seller of Travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale. You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 6001, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001; or by faxing a request to 415-927-7698.

**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 an entry visa for entry to Israel. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need an entry visa. George's International is not responsible for entry 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.

**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). Travel to and from the departure city is not included in the reservation and is at your own expense. Fares are based on quotes obtained at the time of printing and along with flight schedules are subject to change without notice. Any changes initiated by you to airline group reservations within 95 days of your departure date may incur airline penalties.

**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.

**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/visa fees, COVID-19 testing (if required), personal travel insurance, 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.

**Responsibility Clause:** The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. George's International Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries.

**Limitation of liability:** The airlines, hotels, and other suppliers (jointly: "travel suppliers") providing travel or other services sold by George's International Tours are independent contractors and not agents or employees of George's International Tours. George's International Tours and/or their cooperating selling agents and/or their travel suppliers offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public. To the extent permitted by law, George's International Tours does not assume liability for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay due to an act or omission of a travel supplier, including, without limitation, an act of negligence or the default of a travel supplier. To the extent permitted by law, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage and/or delay due to force majeure, sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, bankruptcy, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or any causes beyond George's International Tours' control. Further, no responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omissions, delays, failure to make connections, non-performance or poor performance, loss of revenue, loss of anticipated profits, any additional expenses or lost business, attributable to you yourself, acts or omissions of any third parties, or acts of any governmental authority, even if George's International Tours has been advised that such damages were possible or probable.

Please refer to [www.georgesintl.com](http://www.georgesintl.com) for further disclosures concerning travel risks, travels with special needs or disabilities, and arbitration.

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

For further information on this pilgrimage please contact:

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## INTERNATIONAL TOURS

### COVID-19 POLICY

#### ISRAEL

Please be aware that George's International Tours currently requires all participants on this pilgrimage to be fully vaccinated with one of the CDC-approved vaccines as per the regulations adopted by the government of Israel. A person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receipt of the second dose in a two dose series of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines or two weeks after receipt of a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine provided that no more than 180 days will have passed since you became fully vaccinated at any time during your stay in Israel. In the event that your two dose regimen of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna or one dose regimen of Johnson & Johnson will be older than 180 days at any time during your stay in Israel, you will be required to obtain a booster shot at least two weeks prior to your arrival in Israel. In the event that Israel's definition of being fully vaccinated changes in the future we will update our policy to reflect that.

While it is possible that the government of Israel may relax the requirements for a vaccination in the future or provide for exemptions to the vaccination requirement, George's International Tours reserves the right to require that all participants on this pilgrimage be fully vaccinated at the time of travel for the safety of our clients as well as our contracted staff overseas. There will be no exceptions made to this vaccination policy for religious or health reasons.

The Israeli government currently requires that you provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 PCR test which was taken within 72 hours of your departure for Israel and obtaining this test and the associated cost will be your responsibility.

Upon arrival in Israel you will need to take a second COVID-19 PCR test at the airport and will then go into a limited isolation at your hotel until you receive a negative test result which generally is obtained within a few hours. There are no activities planned for your arrival day except for dinner at your hotel, so this limited isolation should not have any impact on the sightseeing outlined in your itinerary.

The United States government currently requires that you show evidence of a negative COVID-19 antigen or PCR test which was taken one day prior to your return to the United States before you are allowed to board your return flight home.

George's International Tours will assist you in procuring the COVID-19 PCR and antigen tests required upon arrival in Israel and before departure back to the United States, however the cost of these tests will be your responsibility and are expected to be approximately \$100.00 per person (subject to change).

If at any time you become symptomatic of COVID-19 during your pilgrimage we will require that you undergo testing at your own expense as per the laws in each country you are visiting. In the event that you test positive for COVID-19 during the course of your pilgrimage you will be required to go into isolation at your own expense at an official Israeli government COVID isolation facility and for the safety of the other participants you will no longer be allowed to continue with the pilgrimage.

Purchasing comprehensive travel insurance that covers medical treatment for COVID-19 while overseas will be mandatory. Information on the policies we offer is available at [georgesintl.com/travel-insurance](http://georgesintl.com/travel-insurance) or you may purchase a policy through a third party if desired.

The entry/exit requirements for Israel and the United States are subject to change and we will notify you of any new regulations that may affect your journey.

We would like to remind you that George's International Tours only acts as an intermediary between you and the other travel suppliers (airlines, hotels, etc.) and in no way assumes responsibility for any COVID-19 related requirements that travel suppliers and governments may impose due to the current pandemic or for any other unforeseen reason.

We are committed to ensuring that the utmost efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are taken by every partner and supplier or ours throughout your trip and are confident that the procedures we are implementing will ensure a safe and enjoyable pilgrimage for you.

## RESERVATION APPLICATION

**Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land  
Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (November 27-December 7, 2022)**

Group Reference Number: 221127A

### 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 (\$945.00 additional) <input type="checkbox"/>
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:		
If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

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

Please enclose a deposit of **\$300.00 per person** made payable to **George's International Tours** and mail to:

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