

A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS FEBRUARY 2 - FEBRUARY 11, 2021

Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Matthew VanSmoorenburg, LC, VF



How often have we read and heard our beloved Scriptures, which speak of Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, the Sea of Galilee, Mount Tabor and Jerusalem? For us, these places are synonymous with a lifetime of prayer, study, and ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. How awesome it would be to personally come to know these ancient and revered places of New Testament fame through a visit to the land made holy by the life, footsteps, and love of Christ. Everything we do as Catholics, whether it be Mass on Sundays, or in the events of our day-to-day life, would surely take on new meaning and depth, while bringing about unparalleled enrichment to our lives of faith.

Land Only Package: \$ 2,520.00 per person (based on double occupancy)

Group Air: \$1,646.00 per person



- Roundtrip Transportation from St. Brendan's to Hartsfield Jackson Airport
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner daily (includes farewell dinner at a local restaurant)
- Mass Daily
- First Class Accommodations at the Magdala Center and Notre Dame in Jerusalem.
- Deluxe Private Motorcoach and tips to tour guide, drivers, hotel staff, restaurants and luggage porters.

Register online www.StBrendansATL.com
or contact Candy with Elite Travel at 203-271-0623

Please Note: To arrive on February 3, your flight must depart the US on February 2.

Day 1– February 3: Arrival and Transfer to Galilee (1)

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, you will be met by your local guide and driver and will travel to Tiberias (2) After your check in at your hotel, you will meet with the group and enjoy a welcome dinner.

Dinner and overnight at the Magdala Center in Migdal, Israel.

Day 2– February 4: Nazareth, Cana & Mt. Tabor

In the morning after breakfast, you will head to Nazareth and visit the Basilica of Annunciation, St. Joseph Chapel and be able to view the remains of the house of the Virgin Mary. You will then visit the local ancient synagogue, where it is believed that our Lord had preached frequently. You will also visit the Fountain of Mary. In the afternoon, you will be taken to the village Cana to visit the Church of Marriage; the site of the first public miracle of our Lord, the transformation of water into wine. Couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage vows. At the end of the day, en route back to your hotel in Tiberias, you will visit Mt. Tabor. At the top of the mountain lays the Transfiguration Church. From the top of the mountain you will be able to view the valley of Jezreel.

Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Annunciation

Dinner and overnight at the Magdala Center in Migdal, Israel.

Day 3– February 5: Jesus' Public Ministry

This morning you will enjoy a ride across the Sea of Galilee. Following the boat ride, you will visit Capernaum, St. Peter's Memorial and House, as well as the nearby synagogue. Afterwards, you will visit Tabgha, the site of multiplication of fish and loaves, the nearby Primacy Church and the Mt. of Beatitudes-site of the sermon on the mountain, and at Nof Ginosar you will visit the replica old boat of our Lord. After lunch, you will visit the national park of Kursi, where our Lord expelled the demons in the swine that ran into the lake. Onwards, you will visit the site of the ancient Jewish town of Magdala.

Mass will be celebrated at the Mt. of Beatitudes

Dinner and overnight at the Magdala Center in Migdal, Israel.

Day 4– February 6: Caesarea Philippi

After breakfast, you will travel to Caesarea Philippi at the footsteps of Mt. Heron. After a tour of the region you will return to Tiberias. In the afternoon, you will have free time to enjoy at your leisure.

Mass will be celebrated in Magdala.

Dinner and overnight at the Magdala Center in Migdal, Israel.

Day 5– February 7: Mt. Carmel and Caesarea Maritime

After breakfast and checkout, you will head towards the city of Jerusalem using the coastal road. En route south you will stop by the city of Haifa; you will ascend Mt. Carmel to visit the grotto of the prophet Elijah and the Stella Maris Convent. Continuing, you will visit the ancient Roman port city on the Mediterranean Sea, Caesarea Maritime, where you will spend some time visiting and exploring the preserved aqueduct, amphitheater, baths and other discovered sites of this once glorious city.

Mass will be celebrated at the Stella Maris Covenant

Dinner and overnight at the Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem.

[1] Please note that this program is subject to changes without prior notice to adapt to climate conditions, time limitations, availability or other circumstances.

**Day 6– February 8: Bethlehem**

In the morning, you will travel to the city of Bethlehem. Upon arrival in this blessed city, you will visit the Basilica of Nativity, the Chapel of St. Jerome, the Milk Grotto, and the nearby Shepherds field. In the afternoon, you will visit the village of Ein Karem. In Ein Karem, you will visit the Church of Visitation, where the Virgin Mary has visited her relative Elizabeth and the Church of St. John the Baptist.

Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of Nativity

Dinner and overnight at the Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem.

Day 7-February 9: Mt. of Olives & Mt. Zion

This morning you will head to the Mount of Olives. Once there, you will start the tour with a panoramic view of the city of Jerusalem. From the top of the mountain, you will make your way down and visit the site of the Ascension, the Pater Noster, the Dominus Flevit, the gardens of Gethsemane and the Church of Nations. In the afternoon, you will visit Mt. Zion and the site of St. Peter in Gallicantu, the Cenacle-the room of the last supper, and the Domitian Abbey, where the Blessed Virgin slept into eternal life.

Mass will be celebrated at Gethsemane.

Dinner and overnight will be at the Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem.

Day 8– February 10: Dead Sea Region

In the morning, you will head to the Dead Sea Region. En route you will pass by Bethany and visit Bethany Church and the Tomb of Lazarus. Continuing to the Dead Sea you will stop by Jericho the oldest city in the world and visit the Monastery atop the Mount of Temptations. After lunch, you will travel to Qasr Al Yahoud to visit Jesus' baptismal site on the Jordan River to renew your baptismal promises. You will then head to Qumran to visit the Essene Monastery where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Afterwards, you will be taken to the Dead Sea for some time to swim in the mineral rich water.

Mass will be celebrated at the Church of Bethany

Dinner and overnight at the Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem.

Day 9– February 11: Old City of Jerusalem

Very early in the morning you will have the experience of celebrating Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. After Mass, you will return for breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, you will start the day with a walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem. Starting from the Temple Area, you will visit the Western Wall, the Dome of the Rock, Al Aqsa Mosque, St. Anne's Church, and Bethesda's Pool. Using the Via Dolorosa Road, you will pass by the Flagellation Church, Ecce Homo Convent, and arrive at the end of the Holy Sepulcher. The afternoon will be free to enjoy at your leisure. In the evening, you will enjoy a farewell dinner at the popular Eucalyptus Restaurant.

Mass will be celebrated at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

Overnight at the Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem.

Day 10– February 12: Return Home

After breakfast and check-out, you can enjoy free time before departure to the airport in Tel Aviv for your return flight.

Only one transfer is offered from/to the airport at the time of arrival and departure. If you are making your own flight plans and they deviate from the arrival/departure dates and times stated in the itinerary., you will need to book a private transfer during registration.

Land only Price per person in US Dollars: \$ 2,520.00

Group Air per person in US Dollars: \$1,646.00

Single Supplement \$ 935

Land Only Package includes:

- Nine nights' accommodations on the HB Basis (breakfast & dinner)
- Daily lunches at local restaurants
- English speaking guide as per your program
- Deluxe transportation as per your program
- Tips for guide, bus driver, hotels and restaurants
- All entrance fees as per your program
- Portage fees at all hotels
- Audio guiding system

Land Only Package does not include:

- Airfare
- Any personal expenses such as telephone calls, beverages, laundry and travel or medical insurance
- Anything not mentioned above.

Airline general terms and conditions:

- To be eligible for a group fare all passengers must travel on the same dates, itinerary, and fare.
- Group tickets are not eligible for upgrades.
- In the event the group does not meet the minimum of 10 passengers, they will be considered individual travelers and must be ticketed at the applicable fare.
- Each carrier reserves the right to change equipment or schedules without notice. The carriers assume no responsibility or liability for delays or cancellations due to weather, or any other cause beyond carrier's control
- If you are making your own flight arrangements, please make sure the arrival and departure flight times match the group flight's. Should they differ from the designated arrival or departure times, you will need to book a private transfer during the registration process.

[3] Price based on the minimum of 25-29 participants and on exchange rates known at time of publication and expected to be in effect at the time of departure. Any devaluation or revaluation of currencies may affect the published price.

Travel insurance is optional and is not included in the tour price. Elite Travel strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance offered by Travel Insured International, Inc. Most cancellation penalties may be avoided by obtaining the "Worldwide Trip Protector" in addition to the basic travel insurance coverage. Insurance premiums on non-refundable.

Travel Insurance quotes are available on the Travel Insured website : <https://www.travelinsured.com/>. Please call Candy Nesbit at Elite Travel (203-271-0623) to purchase your insurance.

Deposit: \$ 500.00 non refundable deposit and registration are due by October 2, 2020.

Full payment: Balance is due by December 2, 2020.

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