

RESERVATIONS

A \$300 per person US Dollar deposit is required to secure a reservation. Your reservation is not considered confirmed until Pilgrim Tours has received both the deposit and completed reservation form. Reservations are due January 15, 2024 and can be sent to: Pilgrim Tours PO Box 268 Morgantown, PA 19543.

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment will be due March 1, 2024. Payment can be made by check, Visa, Discover, or Master Card. Payments not received on time will be subject to a minimum \$200 per person penalty and may result in reservation cancellation without refund. Reservations made after the final payment deadline may result in additional administrative fees and are at the discretion of Pilgrim Tours.

INCLUDED - ISRAEL ONLY

Estimated roundtrip air from Chicago including current air taxes and fuel surcharges (taxes and fuel charges are subject to change), 10 nights lodging at 4 star hotels, Breakfast and dinner daily, St. Peters Fish lunch and Abe's Tent lunch, Full time English speaking tour guide, Services of air conditioned deluxe motor coach, All entrances, touring and transportation as appears on itinerary, Baggage handling at hotels (one piece), Pilgrim payment processing by check, Visa, Master Card, or Discover

NOT INCLUDED - ISRAEL ONLY

8 lunches, Tips to driver, guide and hotel staff- \$120, Optional travel insurance (7.95% or 10.85% of tour cost)

INCLUDED - EXTENSION

1 nights lodging at 4 star hotel and 1 Day Room, Breakfast and dinner daily at hotel, Full time English speaking tour guides, Services of air conditioned deluxe motor coach, All entrances, touring and transportation as appears on itinerary, Baggage handling at hotels (one piece), Tips to Jordan Guide, Driver and hotel staff, Border crossing fee's and Jordan visa, Pilgrim payment processing by check, Visa, Master Card, or Discover

NOT INCLUDED - EXTENSION

2 lunches, Optional travel insurance (7.95% or 10.85% of tour cost)

CANCELLATION

Cancellation in writing must be received by Pilgrim Tours for appropriate refund minus the following fees and any nonrefundable services purchased. Air penalties are not part of the percentages below and vary based on the airline policy. Travel insurance is non-refundable.

100+ Days Prior: \$100 penalty
99-61 Days Prior: Deposit Amount of \$300 per person
60-46 Days Prior: 40% of tour cost
45-31 Days Prior: 65% of tour cost
30-8 Days Prior: 85% of tour cost
7 Days Prior or less: 100% of tour cost

Pilgrim Tours service fee structure:

When signing up for a tour offered by Pilgrim Tours, a deposit is required to confirm your reservation. Part of the deposit for the advertised tour includes a \$100 per person service fee assessed by Pilgrim Tours that is non-refundable and non-transferable. The reason for not traveling can be either the traveler cancelling or the tour being postponed, suspended or cancelled due to but not limited to acts of God, war, terrorist acts, political unrest, epidemics, pandemics, or government imposed travel restrictions. In registering for a tour, a tour member agrees to the service fee as well as all terms and conditions as outlined on the tour reservation form.

PRICING

Quoted tour prices include planning, handling and operational charges and are based on the current rate of exchange and tariffs. In the event of a marked change in foreign exchange rates, fuel costs or tariff rates, tour costs are subject to revision. Such increases will be added to the final billing. Pilgrim Tours reserves the right to vary itineraries and prices, and to substitute facilities and hotels of equal or better quality if necessary.

RESPONSIBILITIES

These tour programs are operated by Pilgrim Tours and Travel, Inc., 3071 Main Street, Morgantown, Pennsylvania 19543. In common with other companies, Pilgrim acts only as an agent for tour members in arranging vacation services offered on this web site, including transportation, sightseeing, and accommodations through independent contracts. Air carriers, accommodations, and other suppliers (including but not limited to trains, cruises, ferries, motor coaches, hotels, tour guides, and restaurants) providing these services are independent contractors and are not agents, employees, servants, or joint ventures of the Company or its affiliates. All travel documents for services issued by the Company are subject to the terms & conditions specified by the contracted supplier, which are available upon request, and are subject to the laws of the countries in which the services are supplied. Tours postponed,

suspended, or cancelled due to but not limited to acts of God, war, terrorist acts, political unrest, epidemics, or pandemics are subject to service fees by Pilgrim Tours. In registering for a tour, tour members agree to the terms and conditions for the tour they have registered for. Pilgrim Tours reserves the right in its sole discretion to make changes in the itinerary and is not responsible for expenses, loss of time, money, or other incidents resulting from a change of tour scheduling made for tour members. Pilgrim Tours is not responsible for any losses or damages of personal property, injuries, thefts, sickness or unforeseen expenses incurred by any tour member.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

For your convenience, Pilgrim Tours is happy to book your airfare as part of a group air contract which allows the group to fly together at a set price. A group air contract requires a minimum of 10 passengers flying roundtrip from the same city, on the same air schedule, and on the same dates. Pilgrim Tours does not have the ability to guarantee assigned seating when making group air arrangements. Air carriers are responsible for seat assignments, and most group air contracts assign seats at the airport check-in on the day of departure. Once ticketed, group air tickets are not upgradable to premium economy or business class, and mileage credit is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of each airline. If interested in an upgrade, please notify Pilgrim Tours at time of deposit and no later than 100 days before travel. All taxes, fuel charges, and security fees are subject to change based on the ticketing date. Passengers wishing to cancel or change their air reservations may be subject to change fees or cancellation penalties. Pilgrim Tours is not responsible for unforeseen flight delays or changes due to war, political unrest, acts of God, epidemics, or pandemics. Air schedules may be subject to change at the discretion of the airline. Pilgrim Tours does not accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to the carrier's overbooking of a flight.

TOUR MEMBERSHIP & MOBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Tour membership is available to all travelers and will not be withheld if the tour operator can furnish the requirements that an individual may need. Because most of our Retail Tour sightseeing schedules require Tour Members to walk 1-2 miles at a time using a moderate pace and sometimes navigate uneven terrain, we cannot accept persons who cannot do that and instead require special assistance. Should any Tour Member's participation somehow materially add to the tour operator's cost, the Tour Member will be expected to pay any additional costs. The Tour Director retains the right to require any non-sufficiently mobile persons to stay behind when deemed necessary, and also terminate the membership of any member displaying disruptive behavior, delaying or endangering fellow members and/or interfering with the operations of the tour. Private group tours vary in regards to mobility standards.

PROOF OF US CITIZENSHIP, PASSPORT, VISA & MINOR CHILDREN REQUIREMENTS

All international tours require a current passport. Entrance to most countries requires your passport be valid for 6 months after your return date. Your passport information must be recorded by a Pilgrim Tours agent when making your reservation. Names on airline tickets must appear as shown on passport. Photocopies are not acceptable forms of identification. Minors traveling with either one parent or no parents must have a certified letter of permission from the parent or parents who is/are not traveling. If requested, this letter must be presented. **Non U. S. Citizens are responsible to fulfill appropriate entry requirements of the destination country. Contact the local Consulate of the countries you plan to visit and transit for entry requirement information.**

BAGGAGE

Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage as carefully as possible, Pilgrim Tours is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft or wear and tear through hotel, group carrier or airline handling. There are limitations by coach and air carrier as to the number and size of bags which can be carried onboard and in bulk storage. However, during the tour, passengers are permitted one checked suitcase and one carry-on bag unless otherwise noted. Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact the airline or refer to the airline website for detailed information regarding checked baggage policies. This is a fee levied by the airlines, not Pilgrim Tours, and may be subject to change.

TRAVEL INSURANCE - AVAILABLE FOR ALL PASSENGERS

Pilgrim Tours strongly suggests purchasing a travel insurance plan. Be sure to check with your health insurance provider as many US medical coverage plans may not cover you outside of the country. Insurance costs are based on the total tour cost, including air taxes and charges listed under "Not Included." These charges are added to the final billing. Approximate amounts can be given at time of reservation in order to purchase the appropriate amount of insurance. Travel Insurance is non-refundable.

For a full explanation of Pilgrim Tours Terms and Conditions please visit <https://www.pilgrimtours.com/company/policies.htm>

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12-Day Inspirational Tour | May 20 - 31, 2024

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Day 1: Departure

Today we embark on our Journey to the Holy Land. Prepare yourself for a life-changing experience. Get some rest on the flight...tomorrow you will be walking where Jesus walked!

Day 2: Arrive Israel

Arrive in Israel and travel northward to our hotel for one night in the coastal area near Tel Aviv. The remainder of the day is free to walk along the Mediterranean, relax, and have dinner. The time is right for a personal devotional with the sunset over the "Great Sea." Meet your Israeli guide, enjoy a time of prayer for thanks for safety and the special blessings ahead, a prayer for the people of the "Promised Land," and a good night's rest.

Day 3: Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Megiddo & Nazareth

After breakfast, we travel by private motor coach along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea, where Gentiles first heard the Good News from Peter and were baptized. We'll see the Roman Amphitheatre, hippodrome, a film on history and the remains of this famous port city, an aqueduct, and then journey on to Mt. Carmel, where Elijah challenged King Ahab and the prophets of Baal. Next we travel through the Jezreel Valley to Megiddo, the Armageddon battlefield, where archaeologists have unearthed 20 levels of civilization. We drive through the area of Cana and Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, where we visit the Nazareth Village, a wonderful recreation of Biblical times with costumed guides. We will have dinner and overnight lodging for the next three nights along the Sea of Galilee.

Day 4: Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Jesus Boat, Sea of Galilee Boat Ride, Magdala

Following breakfast, our morning travels take us to two valuable northern sites. Dan is where the children of Israel fell to the depths of alternative sacrifice and Caesarea Philippi, the site of Peter's confession and pagan worship. We pass the possible site of the multiplication of loaves and fishes in Bethsaida and the Mount of the Beatitudes. Returning to Galilee for a St. Peter's fish lunch (other selections available), we then visit the ancient fisherman boat followed by a relaxing cruise on the Sea of Galilee. A brief scripture reading and devotional on board brings to life the experiences of Jesus and the fishermen disciples. We conclude our day with a visit to Magdala, hometown of Mary Magdalene. The recent excavation of the first century synagogue and well-preserved village makes Magdala one of the most interesting Biblical sites in Israel.

Day 5: Capernaum, Corazin, Mt. Arbel, Jordan River Baptism Site

Today we visit the Biblical towns of Capernaum and Corazin. Capernaum is located along the Sea of Galilee and was the hometown of Peter. It is likely where Jesus and the disciples lived during much of His ministry while in Galilee. Next, we visit Corazin which offers another example of a Jewish synagogue and a replica of the "Seat of Moses" which was carved out of the local basalt block and from which the scribes and Pharisees would have read the Torah. We enjoy a bird's eye view of the

Galilee region atop Mt. Arbel. Mt. Arbel could likely be the location that Jesus would get away from the crowds to take time in prayer with His heavenly Father. Here our guide will point out the various towns listed in scripture during the time of Jesus. We conclude our day with an opportunity to be baptized at the Jordan River Baptismal Site.

Day 6: Beit Shean, Bethany Beyond Jordan, Abraham's Tent, Mt. of Olives & Garden of Gethsemane

We travel southward this morning to Beit-Shean/Scythopolis, the most magnificent archeological site in Israel, located at the strategic juncture of the Jezreel and Jordan valleys. Like Jericho, it has been almost continuously occupied throughout history. After defeating Saul and his sons on Mt. Gilboa, the Philistines hanged their bodies on the walls of Beit-Shean. During the time of Jesus, Scythopolis was one of the chief cities of the Decapolis - a league of ten cities sharing Greek culture and government. Following the fertile Jordan Valley southward, your guide will point out the agricultural restoration of the "Land of Milk and Honey" and Israel's intricate irrigation development. We pass ancient Jericho and view from a distance this city famed as the oldest in the world. To the east of Jericho along the Jordan River Valley (Queser El Yehud) is the Israeli side of Bethany Beyond the Jordan. In this area Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist; Elijah and Elisha crossed the Jordan; and the children of Israel, led by Joshua, entered the Promised Land. This afternoon we will take part in the Genesis Land/Dinner in Abraham's Tent, where we enjoy a trip back in time to relive life in the time of the Patriarchs, complete with costume, dramatic presentation, camel ride and authentic food. Arriving in Jerusalem we'll enjoy a beautiful view of the Old City atop the Mt. of Olives and then the Garden of Gethsemane. How many have wished to be whisked back in time to get a glimpse of our Lord or hear His voice if only for a moment? To walk between the ancient olive trees, read the scriptures of Jesus' prayer and take time for personal reflection is important here. We will have dinner and overnight lodging for the next six nights in Jerusalem.

Day 7: Masada, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea Scrolls, Dead Sea Swim

Conditions permitting, we will visit the Temple Mount, with commentary on the Temple Periods, and the variety of belief systems past and present that make this area so valuable. Next, we will visit the Wailing Wall and then the fascinating Rabbinical Tunnels leading us through the Second Temple era. The tunnel and exhibit give a clear understanding of the amazing construction of the Temple Mount, giant stones, water supply and Roman street where our Lord was led to judgment. Before exiting the tunnel, we see the immense cornerstone rejected by the builders. We move on to the Judgment Hall of Pilate, hear of those who conspired against Him and are reminded of His brutal beating and humiliation. From here we will also be able to see the Pool of Bethesda, Stephen's Gate and St. Ann's Church. This afternoon we visit the Southern Wall Excavations. This southern side of The Temple was the main entrance for the common folk, whereas the Priests and Levites had their own entrance from the higher eastern side. Parts of the giant stairs,

which led to the Temple Mount from the courtyard have been unearthed along with the purification pools. From here Jesus entered the Temple Mount and drove out the vendors and money exchangers who were exploiting the people. It is also likely that this is the place that Peter stood and preached and where thousands were saved and baptized on the Day of Pentecost. We spend the remainder of the day surrounding the birth of Christ with a visit to Bethlehem.

Day 8: Jesus' Steps, Western Walls, Southern Steps, Way of Suffering, Garden Tomb

Today we walk where Jesus walked, beginning the day with a visit to the Wailing Wall and then the fascinating Rabbinical Tunnels leading us through the Second Temple era. The tunnel and exhibit give a clear understanding of the amazing construction of the Temple Mount, giant stones, water supply and Roman street where our Lord was led to judgment. Before exiting the tunnel, we see the immense cornerstone rejected by the builders. Next, we visit the Southern Wall Excavations. This southern side of The Temple was the main entrance for the common folk, whereas the Priests and Levites had their own entrance from the higher eastern side. Parts of the giant stairs, which led to the Temple Mount from the courtyard have been unearthed along with the purification pools. From here Jesus entered the Temple Mount and drove out the vendors and money exchangers who were exploiting the people. It is also likely that this is the place where Peter stood and preached and where thousands were saved and baptized on the Day of Pentecost. This afternoon we move on to the Judgment Hall of Pilate, hear of those who conspired against Him and are reminded of His brutal beating and humiliation. From here we will also be able to see the Pool of Bethesda, Stephen's Gate, and St. Anne's Church. While walking along the Via Dolorosa, we are reminded of His way of suffering along with a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Our guide will explain the differing opinions on the route where Christ was led. (The actual place of crucifixion and burial is a very interesting study!) The climax of the day is the area of Golgotha (place of the skull) and the Garden Tomb, where we celebrate the resurrection with communion and a time of praise.

Day 9: Israel Museum, Friends of Zion Museum, Old City Shopping

An interesting and educational time awaits us today at the Israeli Museum. Walk through collections of century's old Israeli artifacts including the Dead Sea Scrolls, and then a guided walk through an accurately detailed model of Biblical Jerusalem. This model will help put into perspective all that you have seen over the previous days' touring. We then visit the Friends of Zion Museum to learn of the 19th and 20th century heroes of the Jewish people. We spend the remainder of the day in the Old City with time for some souvenir shopping.

Day 10: City of David, Herodium & Bethlehem

This morning, our guide will take us to an overview of the city from the hillside overlooking Jerusalem and the Gehenna Valley. This meaningful teaching time will bring together the many things that you have seen to date. We continue our sightseeing just outside the Dung Gate on the southeastern hill below the Temple Mount in the City of David. It was during the time of Solomon that the city limits extended past this part of Jerusalem. We visit Gihon Springs, the original water source for Jerusalem, view new excavations including a typical Israelite four-room house, and the lower city wall. A highlight today will be a water walk through the incredible Hezekiah's Tunnel to the pool of Siloam, the place of Jesus' miracle in John 9. This afternoon we visit the Herodium which was one of the summer palaces of Herod the Great turned into an ancient Jewish fortress. We spend the remainder of the day surrounding the birth of Christ with a visit to Bethlehem with visits to the Shepherd Fields, an Olive Wood Store and Nativity Square.

Day 11: Shiloh & Free Time in Jerusalem

We begin the day by driving south to the extensive ancient ruins of the Biblical city of Shiloh perched on a mountain. We see a film there and have a guided tour of the excavated ruins where the Mosaic Tabernacle once stood for many years, with this structure being the center of Israelite worship. This was also where Samuel the prophet grew up as a child under Eli the High Priest. Near here was Biblical Aphek and Ebenezer where the Israelites were defeated by the Philistines who also captured the Ark of the Covenant. Later the Philistines destroyed Shiloh. We return to Jerusalem this afternoon with free time to enjoy on our own.

Day 12: Return Home

Day 12: Cross into Jordan, Medaba, Mt. Nebo & Drive to Petra

This morning we transfer from Jerusalem and head to the Jordan River to cross into Jordan. After completing the Israel & Jordan border crossing formalities, we will meet our Jordan guide who will welcome us to Jordan. As we make our way into Jordan, we'll stop at Madaba and then Mt. Nebo, the place where Moses looked into the Promised Land before dying and being buried by God. We continue south along the King's Highway to Petra where we'll enjoy our dinner and overnight.

Day 13: Petra & Amman

Prepare to be awed as we explore the magnificent city of Petra. Even the entry is grand! We'll walk through the "Siq," an immense crack in the sandstone, until we find ourselves face to face with Petra, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Late this afternoon we head north to Amman with time to briefly view Amman. We check into our Amman hotel for a brief time to rest and freshen up before enjoying dinner. Late this evening we head to the Amman airport.

Day 14: Travel at home

Home sweet home! But you'll quickly discover how far reaching the impact of this trip is - you'll never read the Bible the same again.

Itinerary subject to change while touring for the best interest of the group.

PRICE PER PERSON:
BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
AND A MINIMUM OF 15 PASSENGERS

Israel Only:

\$4,259.00*

**Includes estimated airfare from Chicago.*

Single Supplement: \$1,295.00

Jordan Extension:

\$829.00

Single Supplement: \$175.00



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PETRA