



St. Benedict Catholic Church Hosts

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Mark Cyza

13 Days: July 10 - 22, 2017

\$2999 Special Discount Price Roundtrip from Omaha, NE

All Airport Taxes included!



Travel Arrangements by: Holy Land Travel Center

Dear Friends,

In recent years, there has been a return of pilgrims to the Holy Land. Many people are once again considering sharing in the joy and blessing of visiting the land where God's plan for the salvation of the world unfolded.

This will be my first pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I am looking forward to seeing the very place where the Word was made flesh, the mountain where Jesus was Transfigured before the eyes of the Apostles, and walking in His footsteps to Calvary. I really believe this will be a life-changing experience of faith.

The pilgrimage described in this brochure offers you a unique opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Lord Jesus and become stronger in your faith. It is a well-planned pilgrimage, and it will be prayerful and educational.

The land of Israel/Palestine is the fifth Gospel. To better understand the four Gospels, one must walk the fifth. I hope that you will consider joining me in July!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Mark Cyza

Day by Day Itinerary

DAY 1: DEPART USA Our Pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our flight to Israel. Meals and drinks served aloft.

DAY 2: ARRIVE TEL AVIV / BETHLEHEM: Upon arrival in Tel Aviv we are welcomed by our Representative then drive to the Judean Hill Country for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Bethlehem (D)

DAY 3: BETHLEHEM: This morning we visit the Church of the Nativity, situated above the traditional Grotto of Jesus birth. After touring the Manger, Grotto of St. Jerome, the church of St. Catherine, we will visit the Milk Grotto. Later we head to the shepherd's field.

Overnight: Bethlehem (B, D)

DAY 4: JERUSALEM: Visit the gentle lush countryside of Ein Karem, the village where John the Baptist was born. Here we will visit the Church of the Visitation and the Church of St. John.

Overnight: Bethlehem (B, D)

DAY 5: JERUSALEM / TIBERIAS: This morning, we leave Jerusalem and head to Tiberias. Drive along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, home of ancient Roman Procurators and capitol city of the Roman Province of Palestine. Here, St. Peter

preached and St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. Continue to the sparkling port city of Haifa. Ascend Mt. Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, for Mass before continuing to Tiberias, our home for the next three nights.

Overnight: Nazareth/Tiberias (B, D)

DAY 6: TIBERIAS: Following breakfast, drive to Nazareth, home of the Holy Family. Visit Joseph's Workshop and the Grotto of the Annunciation. Following Mass and lunch in Nazareth, continue to Cana of Galilee, where our Lord performed the first miracle - changing water into wine at the wedding feast. Here we will invite couples to renew their wedding vows.

Overnight: Nazareth/Tiberias (B, D)

DAY 7: TIBERIAS: Start the day at Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Celebrate Mass on the shore of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus called his disciples and appeared after his resurrection. Visit Capernaum, home of our Lord during his ministry, recall His many miracles and see the Synagogue where He taught. Then drive up to the Mt. of the Beatitudes for Mass and lunch

Conclude this day with a scenic boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.

Overnight: Nazareth/Tiberias (B, D)

DAY 8: TIBERIAS / JERUSALEM: This morning we depart Tiberias and travel to the summit of Mt. Tabor for Mass at the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus and enjoy a sweeping view of the beautiful Jezreel Valley. We then stop at the Jordan River to renew our baptismal vows before continuing south through the Jordan Valley and to our hotel in Bethlehem.

Overnight: Bethlehem (B, D)

DAY 9: JERUSALEM: Begin the first day in Jerusalem with a visit to a large scale model of the city at the time of Jesus. Continue to the area of the ancient Jewish temple. Explore excavations of the temple environs, see the steps where Jesus preached and the evidence of the destruction of the temple as Jesus foretold. See the Wailing Wall – the most sacred place in the world for Jews. Proceed to Mt. Zion where we will stand in the Upper Room, celebrating Mass very near where Jesus ate the Last supper with His disciples. Then we will visit the Dormition Abbey where we remember Mary "falling asleep" before her Assumption.

Overnight: Bethlehem (B, D)

DAY 10: JERUSALEM: This morning drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives where we will visit the Church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer. We also visit the Chapel of the Ascension commemorating the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. Walk the Palm Sunday road to the Chapel of Dominus Fleuit, where we will have Mass with a spectacular view of Jerusalem. Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Tomb of Mary. In the afternoon, we visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu at the place where Peter denied Jesus while He was awaiting trial before Sanhedrin. Return that evening to the Church of All Nations on the Garden of Gethsemane for a Holy Hour at the place where Jesus suffered the agony in the garden and was betrayed by Judas.

Overnight: Bethlehem (B, D)

DAY 11: JERUSALEM: Today we will walk through the narrow cobble stone streets of the Old City, beginning with Mass at the Church of St. Anne, the birthplace of Mary, and viewing the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the crippled. Then follow Jesus on the Way of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher to visit Calvary, where Christ was crucified, the Stone of Anointing, and the empty Tomb of Our Savior which witnesses to our Easter faith in the resurrection.

Overnight: Bethlehem (B, D)

DAY 12: JERICHO / DEAD SEA: Drive to Bethany where Our Lord would stay in the home of His friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus during His visits to Jerusalem. This morning we will celebrate Mass near the place where Jesus restored Lazarus to life. After Mass, we will drive to Jericho, the oldest known city in the world. Continue along the shores of the Dead Sea to Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Then on to Ein Gedi for a swim in the salty, mineral laden and unsinkable waters of the Dead Sea.

Overnight: Bethlehem (B, D)

DAY 13: USA: Today we arrive home safely with unforgettable memories knowing that we have walked on the footsteps of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Registration: To make your reservation, simply complete the enclosed registration form and submit along with a \$400 payment. You will receive general information, an invoice, and further information via mail. Please submit your registration form early, as all space is available on a first-come basis only. Registrations are processed in the order received by the Holy Land Travel Center.

Tour Number: OMA-0710/130

Holy Land Travel Center - info@holylndtc.com - Tel. (866) 261-7024 - Fax (531) 289-2957

Terms and Conditions

By making any payments (cash, credit card or otherwise) towards any tour constitutes your unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions stated in this brochure. Holy Land Travel Center shall be referred as HLTC within this document.

DOCUMENTS: US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies.

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT: Deposit of \$400 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form. Registrations are processed in the order received by HLTC. A second payment of \$1249 is required on or before 04/30/2017. Final payment is due 06/01/2017. Late payments are subject to \$50 late fee. HLTC reserves the right to cancel reservations that are not paid 60 days prior to departure and to apply applicable cancellation/penalties indicated below. No registrations can be made over the telephone.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS: Upon cancellation of participation of tour by you, the registrant, for any reason, and only after HLTC receives your signed cancellation, HLTC will then refund your payment for services not received by you, minus applicable cancellation fees per person, according to the following schedule:

In addition to any fees/penalties assessed by airlines, the following charges apply:

- 1) Minimum cancellation fee is \$100 from time of registration up to 120 days prior to the tour's departure date.
- 2) From 119 to 60 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$200.
- 3) From 59 days to 8 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$300 plus any non-refundable amounts paid to and/or penalties assessed by airlines, hotels, or other suppliers of travel services (up to the total cost of the tour)
- 4) From 7 days prior to departure day onward, no refund is possible.

PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED): Passenger Travel protection program is administered by Travel Guard. Holy Land Travel center is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage and/or personal belongings, or for personal injury, accident and/or illness. For protection, it is important that you have adequate insurance to cover these possibilities. Travel insurance takes effect from the time **separate payment (\$159)** is received. All Protection Plan fees are non-refundable.

MEDICAL CONDITION: We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Participants who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the participants' well being. The HLTC is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior, during, or after the tour.

LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS: By private deluxe motor coach.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom with tub or shower. In the event that one does not sign up with a roommate and is not able to be paired with another traveler, there will be a single supplement charge. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost of \$600.

MEALS: Breakfast and dinner daily in accordance with itinerary. All beverages are extra. Dinner on day two and breakfast on the last day are paid for but will only be provided if airline schedules allow.

TIPPING: The price of the tour does not include tips and gratuities. Tipping is recommended to the Tour Guide and Motor Coach Driver approximately \$6 and \$4 per person, respectively, per day to each; Hotel tips are approximately \$2 per day per person.

AIRLINE TICKETS AND ITINERARY LENGTH: Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard carriers utilizing **non-refundable, non-amenable tickets** for groups flying together for the entire itinerary. Preliminary international flight schedules are available 60 days prior to departure and may change before they are finalized. Therefore, if you book the domestic flight on your own, you will be responsible for changing your domestic flights and incurring any change fees that would be generated by this adjustment. We are not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and do not reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from such occurrences. Travelers making their own flight arrangements should not purchase non-refundable, non-changeable tickets. We cannot guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. If flight schedules change, we reserve the right to lengthen or shorten the itinerary accordingly, and if changes or flight schedules necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged at normal hotel rates. Land-Only packages do not include airport-hotel transfers.

BAGGAGE: International flights to and from the USA allow the passenger to bring one (1) checked bag, which may have a maximum weight of 50 lbs., and maximum combined dimensions of 62 inches. Also, one (1) "carry-on" with maximum dimensions of 8"x12"x20" is permitted. For all other flights, luggage may cost extra depending on airlines and destinations. Luggage is the passenger's responsibility and that of the airlines. For lost luggage, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly. Check with your carrier regarding carry-on luggage rules and regulations.

PRICES: All prices are based on exchange rates and fares applicable at time of quotation and based on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure, and are therefore subject to change if fares change (including fuel surcharges increase), if group does not reach minimum or if exchange rates fluctuate. Minimum number of paying passengers is 30.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport and Visas, meals not mentioned, beverages with meals, extra beyond standard menu, luggage on domestic flights, excess baggage, telephone calls, and fuel surcharges increase.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER: HLTC hereby expressly disclaims any liability for any personal injury, property damage, Loss of baggage, accident, delay or irregularity, any claim for special or consequential damages or any other loss which may be occasioned by the acts and/or omissions, whether negligent, intentional, wrongful or otherwise, of any air carrier, hotel/motel or other lodging operator, railroad operator, bus operator, public transportation, sea carrier, local sightseeing company, tour operator, tour leader or spiritual director, any employees thereof, or any other entity or individual not under the direct supervision and control of HLTC when engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or otherwise in connection therewith. HLTC likewise expressly disclaims any responsibility for losses or expenses incurred, or inconvenience caused, due to delay or changes in schedules, defaults, over booking of hotels or airlines, sickness, weather, strikes, quarantines, acts of terrorism, constructions, war, force majeure or other such events which are beyond HLTC's control. HLTC likewise hereby expressly disclaims any liability for statements, actions or inactions of any intermediary agents such as group administrators, spiritual directors or tour leaders, travel agents or any other intermediary involved with the selling, promotion or operation of its tours. Group administrators, spiritual leaders and tour leaders likewise hereby expressly disclaim any liability for the acts and/or omissions of any of the above entities and/or individuals not directly under their supervision or control. Please be advised that the liability of carriers as well as providers of hotel and lodging accommodations is limited by law and you may thus wish to consider purchasing additional insurance to protect yourself against any losses or injuries suffered as a result of their acts and/or omissions. In all instances, HLTC's liability shall be limited to the amounts paid by you for participation in the tour, and subject to the provisions and cancellation fees as set forth in the 'Brochure Terms and Conditions'. In the event that the tour leader and/or spiritual director named in a brochure or itinerary does not travel with the group, and a substitute is not named to replace such person(s), then HLTC reserves the right to make substitutions of its choosing for such person(s) in the operation of the tour.

Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary, either due to changes to the airline schedule or any other reason. All Masses are subject to local church schedules and substitution with alternate Mass sites if churches mentioned are not available. Holy Land Travel Center reserves the right to change the itinerary due to such unforeseen circumstances or emergencies.

HOLY LAND TRAVEL CENTER

5310 S. 139th Plaza Suite 101 * Omaha, NE 68137 * Tel. (866) 261-7024 * Fax. (531) 289-2957 * Email: info@holylandtc.com