

∞ **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** ∞
September 04 – 14, 2023
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Mon 04 Sep VANCOUVER – TORONTO – TEL AVIV

Board your flight from Vancouver to Toronto to connect on another flight to Tel-Aviv.

Tue 05 Sep TEL-AVIV - JERUSALEM [D] [Arrival time : TLV at 10:00am on Air Canada flight 84]

Arrive Ben Gurion Airport in Tel-Aviv. Your guide will meet you at the airport and will arrange the schedule of your visits and make the scripture come alive as you follow in the footsteps of Jesus. You will then proceed to the Hotel in Jerusalem where we will be staying for 5 nights.

Wed 06 Sep EIN KAREM -- BETHLEHEM [B,D]

Begin the day with a visit to the Israeli Museum, to see the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are on display. You will also see the Second Temple scale model for an overview of Jerusalem as it was in the time of Jesus. A short drive will take you to the village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist; and the Visitation Church, where Mary proclaimed her famous "Magnificat". In the afternoon, drive to Bethlehem and have Mass at the Shepherd's Fields. Above the traditional Grotto of Jesus' birth, you will visit the Nativity Church, one of the oldest Christian Churches. You will also so tour the Manger, and the Church of St. Catherine. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Thu 07 Sep JERICHO -- BETHANY – DEAD SEA [B,D]

This morning, drive to ancient Jericho. Visit the ruins of the ancient city which was conquered by Joshua and see an example of a sycamore tree, a tree which Zacchaeus climbed to catch a glimpse of Jesus, which still grows in this area. From Jericho, you will be able to view the Mt. of Temptations. You will then have a short visit in Bethany to see where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Visit the baptismal site on the River Jordan where you can renew your baptismal vows. You can enjoy a swim in the Dead Sea before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Fri 08 Sep JERUSALEM [B,D]

This morning you will drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem; and visit the Church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught His disciples how to pray; and the Ascension Chapel, the site where Jesus ascended into Heaven. And then walk the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit, where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. Then you will proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Church of All Nations for Mass on the Rock of Agony. Lunch stop. In the afternoon, you will proceed to Mount Zion to visit: the Upper Room, where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper; the Church of Dormition, where Mary was assumed into heaven; and the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, near the house of Caiphas, where St. Peter denied Jesus three times. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Sat 09 Sep JERICHO -- BETHANY – DEAD SEA [B,D]

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Sun 10 Sep JERUSALEM [B,D]

Early this morning you will walk the Via Dolorosa, ending prayerfully in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After a private Mass, you will climb Mt. Calvary and pray at the site of the Crucifixion. You will 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 tradition maintains she found the True Cross. In the Old City of Jerusalem, you will go through St. Stephen's Gate to visit the Church of St. Anne where the Blessed Virgin Mary was born. Next to this site is the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic man.

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While in the Old City, you will also see, the Western Wall, where you can view the Temple Mount. This evening, you will rejoin the group for your farewell dinner.

Mon 11 Sep NAZARETH – CANA—TIBERIAS [B,D]

Following breakfast, you will drive to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. Visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, which built over the Grotto of the Annunciation, you will see the Cave of the Annunciation behind the altar—where Mary said “yes” to the Angel Gabriel. Then visit St. Joseph’s Carpentry Shop nearby. Afterward, drive to Cana, where Jesus, at the request of Mary, performed His first miracle – changing water into wine. It was here also that He blessed marriage and raised it to the dignity of a sacrament. If you wish, you may renew your wedding vows as a lasting remembrance of your visit to this holy site. Continue to Tiberias and check-in at the hotel where you will be staying for 3 nights.

Tue 12 Sep TIBERIAS [B,D]

After breakfast, enjoy a scenic boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and proceed to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus delivered the ‘Sermon on the Mount’. Visit the Church of Peter’s Primacy on the shore of Galilee, where Jesus appeared to the Apostles after His resurrection and confirmed Peter in the role as Vicar of Christ with the words, “Feed My sheep”. The rock emerging from the center of the church is venerated as “Mensa Christi”; tradition claims this to be the table on which Jesus laid out breakfast for his apostles. Proceed to Capernaum, which for three years was the center of Jesus’ public ministry. Here our Lord met His first disciples Peter, Andrew, James, John and Matthew, and worked many miracles. Celebrate Mass, visit the synagogue where Jesus taught, and then drive to Tabgha, to the site where Jesus multiplied the Loaves and Fish to feed over 5000 people.

Wed 13 Sep MT. TABOR - HAIFA – CAESAREA - TEL AVIV [B]

After breakfast drive to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration. Continue to the sparkling port city of Haifa to visit Stella Maris. Ascend Mt. Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. After Mass, continue the drive 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. Overnight in a Tel Aviv hotel.

Thu 14 Sep TEL-AVIV – TORONTO - VANCOUVER [B]

Today your Holy Land pilgrimage comes to an end. Transfer to the airport in Tel-Aviv to catch your flight to Toronto and connecting flight to Vancouver. [Departure time: TLV at 11:45am ON Air Canada flight 85]



TOUR PRICE: \$x,xxx.00 (Minimum of 25 paying persons required)
Single Supplement: \$ x,xxx.00

DEPOSIT : \$500.00 - Non-refundable, due upon registration.
This amount will be applied towards the Final Payment.

Payment Schedule		\$	-
Deposit/ 1st payment	Upon Registration	\$	500
2nd payment	8-Mar-2023	\$	1,500
3rd payment	7-May-2023	\$	1,500
Final payment	6-Jul-2023	balance	

FINAL PAYMENT DUE on July 6, 2023.

INCLUDED in package:

- ♦ Airfare with taxes & surcharges
- ♦ Accommodations (twin sharing basis)
- ♦ Air-conditioned motorcoach with Christian English-speaking guide
- ♦ Tips to Driver & Guide & Dining Room Staff
- ♦ Breakfast & dinner, where indicated with B= Breakfast & D= Dinner
- ♦ Porterage (at hotels) for only **one (1) piece of luggage per person**

NOT INCLUDED in package:

- ♦ Lunches
- ♦ Personal items (laundry, phone & fax charges, room service charges, wines, mineral water & beverages, and other items purely personal in nature).
- ♦ Insurance

NOTE: Land + air package price will be available in October 2022.

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120 – 61 days prior to departure -	: \$3,500
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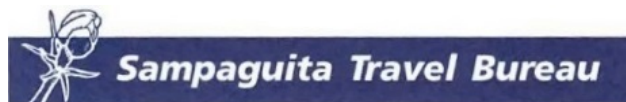
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