



## EASTERN ORTHODOX PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL, THE HOLY LAND led by FATHER MOUSA HADDAD April 25 – May 4, 2010

### ITINERARY:

April 25, Day 1

Depart Chicago to Tel Aviv, Israel via Royal Jordanian Airlines. (change of plane in Amman, Jordan)

April 26, Day 2

Upon arrival, our representative greets us, and briefs us about the forthcoming pilgrimage in the Holy Land. Proceed to our hotel on the shore of the Med. Sea for the overnight stay.

April 27, Day 3

Drive along the coast to Caesarea; where Paul was imprisoned and Cornelius baptized, visit the Roman Theatre, Aqueduct and the Crusader ruins. On to Mt. Tabor to visit the Church of the Transfiguration. Later drive to Nazareth and visit the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, where Gabriel appeared to Mary, Mt. Precipice and Cana of Galilee. Stay in Galilee.

April 28, Day 4

Tour the Sea of Galilee. Visit Capernaum and Simon Peter's house, the Mount of the Beatitudes and Tabgha - the site of the feeding of the multitudes. Take the boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and later enjoy a St. Peter's fish lunch. Walk along the Holy Jordan River where Jesus was baptized, and renew your baptismal vows. Overnight stay in Galilee.

April 29, Day 5

Drive south through the beautiful Jordan River Valley and visit the newly excavated Beth-Shean, an important center of Greco-Roman Palestine. Visit Jericho, Zacheus's Tree, Elisha's Spring and the Greek-Orthodox Monastery on top of The Mount of Temptation. Overnight stay in Jerusalem.

April 30, Day 6

Today we walk into the Old City of Jerusalem. Experience the Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Armenian Quarters and the underground

excavations. Walk the Via Dolorosa to the sacred Church of The Anastasis (The Holy Sepulcher) and visit the Greek Orthodox Monastery of St. Haralambos. Later visit the Church of St. Anne, built over the pool of Bethesda. On to Dominus Flevit Church, the Garden of Gethsemane, and The Virgin's Tomb. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

May 1, Day 7

In Jerusalem continue our pilgrimage to the Mount of Olives the Church of Maria Magdalena, the Garden of Gethsemane, the room of the Last Supper, the Church of Peter in Gallicantu (imprisonment and denial). Stop at the Church of All Nations, which houses the Rock of Agony, where Christ prayed. Drive to Bethlehem to worship at the ancient Orthodox Church of the Nativity, Manger Square, and view the beautiful Shepherds' Fields. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

May 2, Day 8

Today we visit Mt Zion: the Room of the Last Supper, the Tomb of David, Caiaphas' House, Church of the Cross and village of Ein Karem site of the birthplace of St John the Baptist and site of the Visitation. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

May 3, Day 9

Drive Via the Judean Desert to St George's Monastery, St Gerasimus (site of Holy Family's stop during flight to Egypt), and Qumran, site of the Dead Sea scrolls. Enjoy a swim at the unique Dead Sea waters. Return to Jerusalem for farewell Dinner and overnight.

May 4, Day 10

Drive to airport for our flight back to Chicago (Via Amman), Jordan).

### Cost & Payment Schedule:

Package price in twin room:  
Credit card payment: \$2,682\*  
For check payments: \$2,579\*  
\* int'l dep. taxes and fuel surcharge as of today: \$345  
Single room supplement, if needed, add: \$445

Due with reservation: \$300  
Balance payment due 3/1/10

### Package price includes:

- Round-trip airfare Chicago / Tel Aviv
- All transfers and luggage handling in Israel
- First class hotel accommodations, double occupancy
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Hotel taxes and service charge
- Sightseeing in a deluxe motorcoach with an English speaking licensed tour guide
- Entrance fees to sites
- Boat ride across the Sea of Galilee
- Farewell dinner on last evening in Israel

### Not included:

- \*\* Int'l dep. taxes and fuel surcharge (to be determined at time of ticketing. Today app. \$345
- Gratuities to guides, drivers and hotel staff

**For further details and res.  
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