



Holy Land Pilgrimage for Cursillistas

10 Days / October 26 to November 4, 2010

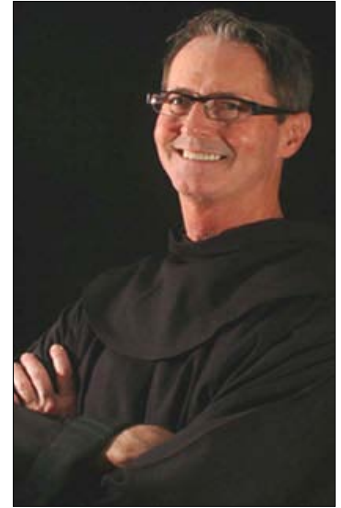
We invite you to join us for a prayerful, spiritual and enlightening journey in the lands that witnessed the story of our Salvation.

We promise you will never read the texts of the Bible in the same way, after spending time in the lands from which the Bible came!

It is one thing to metaphorically "journey through the Bible" by reading and studying the texts of the Bible. It is quite another to actually journey through the Bible on foot and by bus! The lands of the Bible convey an understanding of the Bible like nothing else! The biblical texts can never be fully understood outside of the ancient contexts that produced them and the most fundamental context for the Old and New Testaments is the land itself. To read in the Psalms,

"Let us go up to Jerusalem!" means something quite new when one actually walks, literally, up into the Old City. This climb up to the mount brings home the fuller meaning of the texts; texts like these that we read so often that we are often dulled to their fuller meaning.

The word of our salvation, the history of our salvation, comes from *this* land, *these* cities, *this* ancient countryside. God chose to reveal Himself first *here*, in *this* place. Coming to the Holy Land awakens in us the thirst and hunger to reconnect to God, to understand better our relationship to Him and to one another as we experience first hand the lands where prophets preached and Jesus walked, healed, and taught.



Fr. Bill Burton OFM

A Roman Catholic Franciscan priest of the Sacred Heart Province and Biblicist, Fr. Burton has made studying the Bible his main focus.

Biblicist (BIB-li-sist), noun – an expert or scholar who studies the Bible as a profession or vocation.



Deacon Rob Weierman

Deacon Rob has been a parishioner of St. Dennis for over 40 years where he has served as a deacon for ten years. It is his privilege to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism, proclaim the Gospel at Mass and to help other parishioners with spiritual support.

\$3199.00 p.p., double

\$550.00 Single Supplement

Prices Include:

- **Round Trip Airfare from Chicago**
- **8 Nights Accommodations**
- **Breakfast & Dinner Daily**
- **Sightseeing as outlined in itinerary**
- **Baggage handling, taxes, fuel surcharges, gratuities to driver, guides and restaurants**
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Tuesday October 26 – DEPART USA

Wednesday October 27 - JERUSALEM

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport Tel Aviv and transfer to our Jerusalem hotel. Dinner and overnight

Thursday October 28 – JERUSALEM

After visiting the place of the Ascension and the Church of the Pater Noster, enjoy a panoramic view over the unique City of Jerusalem from the Mt. of Olives. Walk down the hill to Dominus Flevit Chapel, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem and continue to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations (time for personal prayer).

Afternoon visit to Bethlehem! "House of Bread", to visit the Church of the Nativity that commemorates the birth of Christ. We visit the Manger, Crusader's Cloister, and the Grotto of St. Jerome, to celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Friday October 29 - JERUSALEM

This morning we shall visit the Church of St. Ann (Mary's mother) and the Pool of Bethesda; visit Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos, Arch of Ecce Homo and the Convent of the Sisters of Zion. Then walk the Stations of The Cross along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where we celebrate Mass! In The afternoon we drive along the Kidron Valley stopping at St. Peter in Gallicantu (The Cock Crows), where Jesus was held in the house of the High Priest Caiaphas. We shall be at the Zion Gate to visit the tomb of King David, the Church of Dormition and have an opportunity to pray in the Upper Room. Then walk through the Cardo to descend to the Western (Wailing) Wall and the remains of Nehemiah's wall. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Saturday October 30 - JERUSALEM

Today we drive to Bethany and visit Lazarus' tomb and the Church of Martha and Mary, where we celebrate Mass. Travel down to the Dead Sea a unique visit to the Jordan River near Jericho – the site of the original Baptism; visit the excavations at Qumran, the home of the Essenes connected with John the Baptist and the Dead Sea Scrolls. Then, we ascend Masada by cable car. This was the mountaintop fortress of King Herod where from 70-73 AD, the Jewish defenders made the last stand of the Jewish revolt against Rome, view the remains of storehouses, cisterns and a sixth century Byzantine Church. Stop on way back to Jerusalem for an opportunity to swim in the clear yet salty waters of the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Sunday Oct 31 – JERUSALEM

Travel through the New City passing the Knesset and Hebrew University. Visit the Shrine of the Book housing the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Model of Jerusalem in Jesus' time at the Israel Museum and then continue to Ein Karem for Mass: birthplace of John the Baptist was and where Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth to utter the words of the Magnificat. Afternoon visit to Holocaust memorial – Yad vashem Or you may chose free time for shopping and personal adventure. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Monday November 1 - TIBERIAS

We start the day with Mass in the beautiful Franciscan Church of the Cenacle, drive through the Wilderness of Judea visiting The Inn of the Good Samaritan, Jericho and viewing the Mount of Temptation. We continue north through the Jordan Rift Valley on route to the Galilee. Visit the Roman ruins at Beth Shean and then onto the Baptism site on the Jordan River to renew our Baptismal promises. Dinner and overnight on the shores of the Galilee.

Tuesday November 2 - TIBERIAS

This morning we shall cross the Sea of Galilee by boat, viewing the surrounding mountains and sites of Jesus' bountiful ministry. We shall visit Capernaum, where we see the remains of the village synagogue and the new church built atop St. Peter's house. Then continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, where we have time for personal meditation in the beautiful gardens followed by Mass. Walk down to the Shores of the Sea of Galilee to visit Tabgha and the Franciscan Church of St. Peter's Primacy, where Jesus made His appearance after the resurrection. Followed by visit to the Benedictine Basilica of the Loaves and Fishes.

In the afternoon, we drive to the village of Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle, where our married couples renew their wedding vows. Then a short ride to Nazareth visiting the Church of the Annunciation, where the Word became Flesh, Mary's well and enjoy a walk through the local bazaars. Dinner and overnight on the shores of the Galilee

Wednesday November 3 - TEL AVIV

Today we start by celebrating the Mass of Transfiguration at Mt Tabor. Then continue to Mt. Carmel, the site of Elijah's confrontation with the priests of Baal (1st Kings 18). Continue South along the Mediterranean to Caesarea and visit the Roman and Crusader remains and then visit the restored Old City of Jaffa, the city of Jonah, where Peter had revived Tabitha and had a the vision on the rooftop – at the house of Simon the Tanner (Acts 10). Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv

Thursday Nov 4 – RETURN HOME

Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport for your flight home with unforgettable memories to cherish always. Knowing we have walked in the footsteps of Jesus and the early Christians.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DEPOSITS: \$500 is required to secure reservations along with insurance premium.

Payment options available: For more information contact Viking Travel Service.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due August 1, 2010.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Viking Travel Service

FORM OF PAYMENT: Checks or credit card.

Note: Credit cards will be assessed a 3% processing fee.

PRICING: The tour price is based on airfare, land rates and rates of exchange in effect October 1, 2009. All prices are subject to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges, tax increases and any other surcharges imposed by the airline, Tour Company, or government.

NOT INCLUDED: Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, beverages not included in meals, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas or immunization for the country or countries being visited. Citizens of countries other than U.S.- MUST contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: International flight reservations are being held on Iberia Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued, carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON REFUNDABLE. Additional non-recoverable airline penalties of up to \$200 may be assessed for cancellations received within 90 days of departure **Air Schedule & Seat Assignment:** Seat requests cannot be guaranteed. The airlines, now more than ever, block many rows of seats to be assigned at check-in only. We will do our best to honor your requests.

DOMESTIC AIRFARE: For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, we strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath.

TIPS AND TAXES: Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes, hotel portorage of one suitcase per person if hotel provides such service.

LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS: One suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is allowed throughout the trip

DEVIATIONS: A service charge of \$75 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

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Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost	Baggage Delay	\$250
Trip Interruption	Trip Cost	Medical Expenses	\$25,000
Travel Delay (<i>Maximum of \$150 per day</i>)	\$750	Emergency Medical Transportation	\$250,000
Missed Connection	\$250	Baggage & Personal Effects Loss	\$1000
		<i>(includes lost, stolen or damaged luggage or travel documents)</i>	

<u>Trip Cost Per Person</u>	<u>Per Person Premium</u>	<u>Trip Cost Per Person</u>	<u>Per Person Premium</u>
\$3001 - \$3500	\$199.00	\$3501 - \$4000	\$229.00

The cost of insurance is non-refundable. For more information visit www.travelguard.com

PAYMENT INFORMATION

DEPOSIT

Enclosed is deposit for ____ people (person) @ \$500 per person:

Deposit amount: \$ _____

Note: Credit cards will be assessed a 3% processing fee.

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____ I (we) have chosen to purchase the offered insurance.

____ I (we) are aware of the cancellation penalties but choose **not** to purchase the offered cancellation/travel insurance.

Insurance amount for name 1. \$ _____

Insurance amount for name 2. \$ _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

CHARGE CARD PAYMENTS: ____ Visa ____ MasterCard ____ American Express *Note: Credit cards will assessed a 3% processing fee.*

Card Number: _____ Expires: _____ Security # _____

Name as it appears on the credit card

Notice: While every effort will be made to adhere to the specifics shown in this or any other publication, certain circumstances may necessitate alterations, therefore; all fares, taxes, fuel surcharges, schedules, hours of arrival and departure and all other information contained herein are subject to change. Any unused portions of the package are non-refundable.

25 passengers are required for the trip to operate.

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I (we) have read, understand and am (are) in agreement with the Terms & Conditions of this tour.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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