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PILGRIMAGES

HOLY LAND

In the footsteps of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**From November 21st
to December 2nd, 2023**

(12 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS)

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**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land accompanied
by Father Francis Begin
Guided by Mrs. Thea van de Kraats**

Follow the footsteps of Jesus in an amazing journey to the Holy Land. Trace the roots of Christian tradition as you cross desert and mountains to the cities of Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth. Yesterday and today come together in this unique opportunity to deeply connect to the teachings of Christ through the land where he lived.

Highlights

- 4 star hotels
- Full day in the Old City of Jerusalem
- Nazareth Village
- The Jordan river





Your guides



Father Francis Bégin

He is, until now, the youngest priest in the Diocese of Montreal. He was ordained during the pandemic in October 2020. He did his internship at Jesus-Light-of-World parish and he is currently assistant priest at Saint-Luke parish. This is his second trip to the Holy Land, he is very excited to go with you to pray and discover these holy places that have forged our history of salvation.



Thea van de Kraats

She has been a licensed guide in Israel for over 35 years, and has been guiding and accompanying groups in the Middle East and Europe. Born in Holland she has travelled throughout the world and lived in Africa, South America and Europe and is fluent in 6 languages.

Profile of your trip



Christian pilgrimage

The origin of these packages is based on the Christian tradition; they are often accompanied by a priest or a companion with theological training. The program includes the possibility of attending a mass every day (free of charge).



Cultural trip

These trips will allow you to discover sites of cultural and historical interest (museums, archaeological sites, historical monuments, religious heritage), to participate in important cultural events or to meet the local population in order to better understand their culture.

Itinerary

DAY 1 | TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21st 2023 DEPARTURE FROM MONTREAL

Departure from Montreal to Tel Aviv with Air Canada (with a stopover in Toronto).

DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22nd 2023 TEL AVIV - TIBERIAS

In the afternoon arrival in Tel Aviv and transfer to our hotel. Overnight in Tiberias.

DAY 3 | THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23rd 2023 TIBERIAS - NAZARETH - TIBERIAS

Today we will visit Nazareth, where Jesus spent the first 30 years of his life (John 2:1-11). At the time a little unknown village, today Nazareth is one of the largest Arab cities in Israel. We will begin our day with a visit of Nazareth Village, an open air Museum that reconstructs and reenacts village life in Galilee in the time of Jesus. Here we will enjoy a typical 1st century Galilean meal. In the afternoon we will visit the Church of the Annunciation and Cana. Overnight in Tiberias.

DAY 4 | FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24th 2023 TIBERIAS - MT. OF BEATITUDES - TABGHA - CAPERNAUM - TIBERIAS

This morning we will visit the Mt. Of Beatitudes, the traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7), with its beautiful view over the lake. Continue towards Tabgha, to the Church of the Primacy (John 21). We will then drive to Capernaum. Visit the synagogue, Visit the synagogue where Jesus most certainly taught and worshipped (Matt.4: 13; Mark 3:1, 8:5 and 14), the house of St. Peter and view the ruins from the village of the "Town of Jesus». We will enjoy end the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Overnight in Tiberias.

DAY 5 | SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25th 2023 TIBERIAS – MAGDALA - TIBERIAS

Visit of the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish. From here will drive up North, to one of the sources of the Jordan River, Banyas, also known as Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus revealed himself to Simon and changed his name to Peter after asking "Who do the people say is the Son of Man?" (Matt. 16:13). Finally we will visit Magdala, the hometown of Mary Magdalene. Overnight in Tiberias.

DAY 6 | SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26th 2023 TIBERIAS - JORDAN RIVER - JERICHO - JERUSALEM

We will then drive through the Jordan Valley, to the Jordan River on the border with Jordan, where John the Baptist baptized Jesus. Followed by a visit of Jericho, the oldest city in the world that has existed for about 10,000 years. Jericho was also the scene of the Healing of a blind man (Mark 10:46-52) and the Conversion of Zaccheus (Luke 19:1-10). We will, then, proceed through the Judean desert to Jerusalem. Overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 7 | MONDAY NOVEMBER 27th 2023 JERUSALEM - BETHLEHEM - JERUSALEM

A short drive will bring us to Bethlehem, the birthplace of King David and Jesus (Matt. 1: 18-25; Luke 2:1-7). The city is inhabited by one of the oldest Christian communities in the world. There we will visit the Church of the Nativity and the Shepherd's fields. In the afternoon, we will visit the Pater Noster grotto on Mt. of Olives, where Jesus taught the Lord's prayer to his disciples. Overnight in Jerusalem.



Itinerary



DAY 8 | TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28th 2023 JERUSALEM

Short drive to Mt. of Olives, the site of the Ascension of Jesus, (Acts 1:9-12), with its beautiful view over the golden city of Jerusalem and then we will walk down towards Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in Agony (Matt. 26:30). Visit the Garden of Gethsemane, the Church of All Nations. We will then drive to the Western Wall, followed by Mt. Zion, where we will visit the Cenacle, (Last Supper Room) (Matt. 26:26-30), and the Church of Peter in Gallicantu. Overnight in Jerusalem.



DAY 9 | WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29th 2023 JERUSALEM

We will begin our day with a visit of the Bethesda Pools. In John 5, Jesus was reported healing a man at the pool. View the St Anne Church, an impressive crusaders structure with amazing acoustics. We will then continue along the Way of Cross until the Holy Sepulchre or Church of the Resurrection, site of the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 10 | THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30th 2023 JERUSALEM - CAESAREA - JERUSALEM

Today we drive to the Mediterranean Sea to visit the ancient city of Caesarea, one of the most impressive archaeological sites in Israel: a theater, city center and aqueduct. Back in Jerusalem we will visit Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist. Overnight in Jerusalem.



DAY 11 | FRIDAY DECEMBER 1st 2023 JERUSALEM - DEAD SEA - JERUSALEM

Today we will enjoy a view over the Judean Desert and float in Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. Afternoon at leisure in Jerusalem. Overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 12 | SATURDAY DECEMBER 2nd 2023 JERUSALEM - TEL AVIV - MONTREAL

Departure to Ben Gurion airport for your flight to Montreal.

** Itinerary subject to change - Exclusive tour, all rights reserved **



Informations

Prices

Regular price : 5 299 \$ /pers. (in double occupancy)

Single room supplement : + 1 325 \$.

(**Depending on availability - Limited quantity **)

*Spiritours offers the possibility of pairing, but exceptionally, Spiritours cannot assume the additional costs for single occupancy if we are unable to match you.

* All prices are based on the exchange rate in effect on January 18th, 2023.

THE PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Round trip airfare from Montreal-Tel Aviv with Air Canada through Toronto.
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Transport in air conditioned motorcoach
- English speaking local guide
- 9 nights in 4* hotel accommodation (Hotel Golan in Tiberias / Hotel Ambassador in Jerusalem)
- Half board (breakfast and dinner) and 1 lunch in Nazareth Village
- Listening devices

THE PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- OPC (Consumer protection office) fees of 3.5 \$ per 1000\$
- Tips (120USD or 160 CAD)
- Travel insurance
- Extra meals (lunches)
- Personal expenses

Registration

**Registration deadline:
July 21st, 2023**

(120 days before departure or when the maximum number of passengers is reached). Possibility to register after this date, an additional fee may apply.

To register

You can register online or download and fill out the PDF form and send it to us with an initial payment of \$750 plus full insurance, if applicable. Please register as soon as possible as space is limited (see below). If you require insurance, please contact us to find out your insurance premium. Please include a photocopy of your passport and proof of travel insurance with your registration.

Nb Number of participants

Minimum 20 - Maximum 35

Required documentation

All Canadian travellers to Israel and Palestine must be in possession of a passport that is valid for at least six months beyond the expected date of return.

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