

**AT THE
SOURCES
OF FAITH**
PILGRIMAGES



EGYPT

*In the footsteps of the Holy
Family and Moses*

From May 20 to 31, 2026

(12 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS)

*Tour in partnership with Novalis / Living With Christ

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In the footsteps of the Holy Family and Moses

Follow in the footsteps of the Holy Family and the early Christians on an unforgettable pilgrimage to Egypt, in collaboration with Living with Christ. From Cairo to the desert monasteries, via Alexandria and Mount Sinai, discover an exceptional spiritual and historical heritage. Celebrate Mass in holy places, explore the ancient pyramids, pray at the foot of the Burning Bush, and meet vibrant Christian communities. A journey rich in meaning, beauty, and encounters to nourish your faith and wonder.

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Highlights

- Mass in Cairo's Coptic quarter, following in the footsteps of the Holy Family
- Celebration at the Monastery of Anaphora, a place of peace and living spirituality
- Visit to St. Catherine's Monastery, the Christian jewel of the Sinai Desert

Extras

- Religious accommodations conducive to contemplation and spiritual life
- Daily Mass, prayer, and discovery of Egyptian Christianity
- English-speaking guide for an in-depth journey



Accompanied by



Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, CR

Born in São Miguel, Azores and grew up in North Bay, ON. He has been a Resurrectionist since 1986 (presently serving at the Vicar-Provincial) and a priest since 1992. He holds several degrees in Theology. He has been a pastor, math teacher, consultant with the Archdiocese of Toronto and Director of Liturgy for World Youth Day 2002. Currently, he is the Board Chaplain for the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic School Board, North Bay. Over the years, he has accompanied many groups to the Holy Land and in the footsteps of St. Paul in Turkey.

The profile of your trip



New



Christian Pilgrimage

The origin of these tours is based on the Christian tradition, and they are often accompanied by a theologically trained priest or guide. The program includes the possibility of attending mass every day (free of charge).



Cultural trip

These trips will enable you to discover sites of particular cultural and historical interest (museums, archaeological sites, historic monuments, religious heritage), take part in important cultural events or meet the local population to learn more about their culture (customs and habits).

Itinerary

DAY 1 | WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026 DEPARTURE FROM TORONTO

International flight to Cairo.

DAY 2 | THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026 | CAIRO

Arrival in Cairo, check-in at hotel, dinner, and overnight stay.

DAY 3 | FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026 CAIRO

Breakfast at hotel. Departure for the Giza Plateau. Exterior tour of the Pyramid of Cheops, the Pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure, and the Sphinx. Lunch during the tour. Partial tour of the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM). Mass, dinner, and overnight stay at the hotel in Cairo.

DAY 4 | SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026 CAIRO

Discover Old Cairo and the Coptic quarter at the heart of Egypt's Christian community. Visit Saint Sergius Church, built on one of the sites where the Holy Family is said to have stopped after fleeing King Herod. Then visit the Hanging Church, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and the Orthodox Church of St. George. Visit the Ben Ezra Synagogue. Lunch during the tour. In the afternoon, visit the Egyptian Museum in Cairo. Mass, dinner, and overnight stay at a hotel in Cairo.

DAY 5 | SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026 CAIRO – ALEXANDRIA

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Alexandria. Visit to the catacombs and library of Alexandria. Lunch at a restaurant. Mass at St. Catherine's or St. Mark's Cathedral. Drive to the monastery of Anaphora, dinner, and overnight stay.

DAY 6 | MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026 WADI NATROUN – CAIRO

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for Wadi El Natroun. Visit to an ancient Coptic monastery (e.g., Deir Amba Bichoï, restored in the 14th century, whose high walls surround convent buildings, superimposed churches, and gardens). Lunch at a restaurant. Return to Cairo, dinner, and overnight stay.

DAY 7 | TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026 CAIRO

Visit to the Church of Saint Samaan (Simeon), carved into the rock to commemorate the miracle of the displacement of the Moquattam hill in 975 by Saint Samaan the tanner. Lunch at a restaurant. Mass, dinner, and overnight stay in Cairo.

DAY 8 | WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026 CAIRO – SINAI

In the morning, departure for Sinai. The Sinai Peninsula is a Holy Land: it is where a founding episode in the history of the people of Israel took place, namely the liberation from slavery, the Exodus, led by Moses. Pass through Suez. Lunch at a restaurant. Arrival at the accommodation located in the heart of the Sinai Mountains. Check into rooms. Dinner and overnight stay at St. Catherine's Monastery.

DAY 9 | THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026 SINAI – RAS ZAFARANA

Early morning departure to climb Jebel Musa (Mount Moses or the Mountain of God) at dawn (optional). Visit to St. Catherine's Monastery: the basilica, the icon exhibition in the narthex, Jethro's well, and the Chapel of the Burning Bush, the holiest place in the monastery where pilgrims must remove their shoes before entering, in remembrance of God's word to Moses. Lunch at a restaurant. Drive to Ras Zafarana, a small port on the Gulf of Suez, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 10 | FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026 RAS ZAFARANA – MONASTERIES – CAIRO

In the morning, visit the Coptic monasteries of the eastern desert. The monastery of St. Anthony the Great, father of monks in the East and West, located a short distance from the Red Sea. Followed by the monastery of St. Paul of Thebes. Lunch at a restaurant. Return to Cairo, dinner, and overnight stay.

DAY 11 | SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026 CAIRO

Visit to the Tree of Mary. Lunch at a restaurant. Mass and meeting with a Dominican friar. Dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 12 | SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026 CAIRO – TORONTO

Transfer to Cairo airport for return flight to Toronto.

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





Informations

Prices

Early bird discount*:

- **4 199 \$ / pers. (double/twin occupancy)**
- **4 998 \$ / pers. (single occupancy**)**

*200\$ discount if you register before January 13, 2026.

Regular price:

- **4 399 \$ / pers. (double/twin occupancy)**
- **5 198 \$ / pers. (single occupancy**)**

**Subject to availability, limited quantities.

**Spiritours offers the possibility of pairing, but Spiritours cannot assume the additional costs for single occupancy if we are unable to pair you. You will be billed for the difference between 30 and 60 days prior to departure if Spiritours is unable to pair you.*

* All prices are based on the exchange rate in effect on July 30, 2025.

LE FORFAIT COMPREND

- Round trip flights from Toronto to Cairo with Royal Air Maroc (or similar), if flights are included in the option
- 10 nights' accommodation in double occupancy (7 nights in 4* hotels and 3 nights in monasteries)
- Transportation by private luxury coach according to the itinerary
- 3 meals per day (full board)
- Visits mentioned in the program and admission fees
- Services of a local ENGLISH-speaking Egyptologist guide, a tour leader, and a spiritual guide
- All taxes

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- International flights (if opting for flights not included)
- Travel insurance (see registration form)
- Entry visa to Egypt (\$30 USD upon arrival, subject to change)
- The beverages
- Tips (approximately \$12 USD/day) and personal expenses
- Offerings for Masses
- Audio guides
- Baggage handling in hotels
- Contribution to the Travel Agent Customer Compensation Fund (currently free of charge)

Registration

Registration deadline March 13, 2026

(60 days before departure or when the maximum number of passengers is reached). It may be possible to register after this date, but a surcharge may apply.

To register

You can register on our website (see top right of the trip webpage) or download and complete the PDF form and send it to us with your \$750 deposit. Please register as soon as possible, as places are limited. Please include a photocopy of your passport with your registration (international travel only).

Travel insurance

For travel insurance, contact us to find out your premium.

Number of participants

Minimum 25 - Maximum 45

Required documentation

All Canadian travelers to Egypt must have a passport valid for at least six months after their planned return date. A visa is required to enter Egypt.

For more information, please contact:

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Terms & Conditions

Deposit and payment

A deposit of \$750 for air travel or 25% of the total amount for bus travel is required at the time of booking, as well as the cancellation insurance premium, if desired. The balance must be paid in full at least 60 days before departure for air travel and 45 days before departure for bus travel. In the event of late final payment, please note that the reservation will be automatically cancelled, incurring the cancellation fees mentioned above.

Important note: certain trips and special events may be subject to special booking, deposit and final payment conditions.

Cancellation fees

For air travel

Up to 60 days before departure: \$750 penalty.

Less than 60 days before departure: no refund.

Name change: \$100 to \$500 penalty, depending on carrier's conditions. Within 60 days of departure, all changes will be considered as cancellations.

For bus travel

Up to 45 days before departure: 25% of the total amount.

From 45 to 21 days before departure: 50% of the total amount.

Less than 21 days before departure: no refund.

Name change: \$100 penalty.

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Spiritours reserves the right to cancel a trip if the number of participants is not reached by the deadline. A full refund will represent final settlement with the passenger. Spiritours also reserves the right to extend the deadline to 45 days prior to departure, or to change travel dates or airlines if necessary. If for reasons of force majeure the trip must be suspended by Spiritours, the latter reserves the right to postpone to later dates or to cancel, but will not be liable for non-refundable sums already paid to suppliers. Spiritours cannot be held responsible for any difficulties between the authorities of a country and a member of the group who has not complied with the laws, customs, regulations and traditions of the host country.

Insurance

Travelers are advised to take out cancellation insurance in case, for major reasons (illness, injury or death of themselves or a family member), they have to cancel their trip before departure or change the itinerary en route. We also strongly recommend that you take out medical insurance. The cost of insurance is non-refundable. Travellers should consult their insurance contract for details of the nature of the cover, the risks insured, the exclusions, limitations and reductions in cover, and the cancellation procedures contained in the insurance product.

Claims

You must notify the Spiritours representative of any claim as soon as possible. When abroad, you must immediately contact your travel companion or the hotel management so that the situation can be rectified.

Prices shown

Unless otherwise indicated, all prices are in Canadian dollars. Prices are subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure in the event of a fuel price increase imposed by the carrier or an exchange rate increase of more than 5% since the date of publication of the trip price. If the change in the price of your trip is equal to or greater than 7% of the original price, you may request a refund or exchange your trip for a similar one.

Spiritours' liability

Spiritours cannot be held responsible for acts, omissions, errors or events, losses, damage or accidents during the trip, nor for delays or cancellations due to a transportation company. Spiritours cannot be held responsible for any damage suffered by the traveller due to illness, injury, loss, inconvenience or anxiety. Spiritours also declines all responsibility for any damage resulting from government action, political unrest, strikes or acts of God. Spiritours will not make any refunds under any circumstances for premature return or non-completion of a portion of a tour, nor for services not used by travelers. Spiritours' liability for failure to provide any service or benefit described herein is limited to the cost of such service or benefit.

Traveler's liability

It is the traveler's responsibility to find out about the entry and exit requirements of the country he/she plans to visit. In the event that the traveler does not possess the required documentation, he/she may be refused passage by the authorities. The traveler agrees to accept any reasonable instructions relating to the package issued while the passenger is abroad. In the event that a passenger engages in conduct prejudicial to other travellers or service providers, and persists in such conduct despite a formal warning from the service provider or its representative, the passenger will be expelled from the group and will be liable for all costs incurred as a result of such conduct, including any additional costs the passenger may incur for accommodation, food and transportation.