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Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Jordan (April 19 - 29, 2023)

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11 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Jordan

Day 1: Depart U.S.A.

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart on our overnight flight to Tel Aviv. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

Day 2: Tel Aviv

After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we'll be welcomed by our knowledgeable tour guide who will accompany us throughout our pilgrimage and make the Scriptures come alive as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Board our motorcoach and drive to our hotel in Tel Aviv.

Day 3: Tel Aviv / Tiberias

This morning depart Tel Aviv and drive along the Mediterranean coast to Mt. Carmel to visit the Stella Maris Convent and the site of Elijah's Sacrifice at a shrine called Muhraqa. Our journey takes us next to the lower Galilee to Mt. Tabor, the mountain where Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. Our day comes to an end with a drive to Tiberias, our home for the next two nights.

Day 4: Tiberias

This morning we drive to Cana, the site of the first miracle. Couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage vows here. It's a short drive to Nazareth, Jesus' hometown. Here we visit the Basilica of the Annunciation and St. Joseph's Church, the site of the home of the Holy Family. The Synagogue Church is about a ten-minute walking distance from the basilica. In the afternoon, we return to the Sea of Galilee for a boat ride to Capernaum, the site of many of Jesus' miracles and profound teachings on the Kingdom of God. Nearby are the shrines of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes and the Primacy of Peter (both situated in a region referred to as Tabgha). Drive up to the Mount of the Beatitudes, of the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus preached to the people.

Day 5: Tiberias / Amman

Depart Tiberias and drive to the Sheikh Hussein border crossing, where we will cross from Israel into Jordan. Travel to Jerash, founded by the soldiers of Alexander the Great in 300 B.C. Jerash now stands as one of the best-preserved ruins of a Greco - Roman city in the world. Along a 2-mile stretch, we'll see the oval-shaped forum encircled by 56 graceful Roman columns, Hadrian's Arch, the Temples of Artemis and Zeus, and a massive Roman theatre. Next, continue to Mt. Nebo, which is the site where Moses first viewed the Promised Land. We will then drive to Amman, the capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and check-in at our hotel.



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Day 6: Amman / Petra / Amman

This morning we will drive south to Petra, one of the most magnificent sites in the Middle East and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. The "Rose Red City" of Petra is carved into the sides of a deep gorge, and the only entrance is through the "Siq," a narrow slit in the rock enclosed by beautiful limestone cliffs. Riding on horseback (no riding experience required) between the 100-foot cliffs, we will see a remarkable sight: temples, tombs, and dwellings chiseled right into the limestone walls. Following our sightseeing of Petra, we will return to Amman overnight.

Day 7: Amman / Jerusalem

This morning we will check out from our hotel and drive to the Allenby Bridge border crossing to cross from Jordan back into Israel. Proceed to ancient Jericho, which has sites connected with the Old Testament and the Gospels. Near Jericho, we go to the Jordan River to recall Our Lord's Baptism by St. John and renew our Baptismal Promises. Driving up to Jerusalem, but before arriving in the Holy City, we will stop at Bethany, home of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus.

Day 8: Jerusalem

This morning we drive to the summit of the Mt. of Olives to visit the Chapel of the Ascension and the Church of Pater Noster. Walking the Palm Sunday Road, we will visit the chapel of Dominus Flevit. There we have a fantastic panoramic view of the city of Jerusalem. We continue down the road to the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Basilica of the Agony. Nearby is the Grotto of the Judas' Betrayal and Mary's Tomb, the site of Mary's Assumption. In the afternoon, drive through the Judean Wilderness and along the Dead Sea (the lowest spot on earth) to Qumran, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, and see the ruins of the buildings of the Essene community. Afterward, we will have the opportunity to dip in the salty, mineral-laden unsinkable waters of the Dead Sea before returning to Jerusalem.

Day 9: Jerusalem / Bethlehem

Traveling a short distance south of Jerusalem, we arrive in Bethlehem. We begin our visit to the countryside at Shepherds' Field to remember the angels' glad tidings to the shepherds. Within the town of Bethlehem, we go to venerate the Holy Grotto of the Nativity, the Manger and the Grotto of St. Jerome. We will also visit the Franciscan Church of St. Catherine, the site of Bethlehem's Christmas Midnight Mass. This afternoon we travel to Ein Karem to visit the Church of St. John the Baptist, the birthplace of the Precursor of the Lord, and the Visitation Church, where we recall Mary's prayer of praise: the Magnificat.



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Day 10: Jerusalem

This morning, we enter the Old City of Jerusalem at St. Stephen's Gate, where our first stop is at the Church of St. Anne and Bethesda's Pools. Next, we make our way to the Church of the Flagellation which marks the beginning of the Way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa) ending on Calvary. We enter the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and within the church, we visit Golgotha and complete our devotions at the Sacred Tomb of Jesus. In the afternoon, we go to the Western Wall or Wailing Wall, where prayers are offered up at these remaining holy stones of the glorious Second Temple compound. We are aware that now the only structures standing on the Temple Mount are the Moslem Shrines of the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque. We drive along the walls of the Old City to Mt. Zion. Next, we visit the Upper Room's nearby traditional site, remembering the Last Supper, a post-Resurrection appearance, and Pentecost. Nearby we see Dormition Abbey Church that honors Mary's "falling asleep." We end the day with a visit to St. Peter in Gallicantu, which marks Peter's denial.

Day 11: Tel Aviv / U.S.A

Drive to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv to catch our early morning return flight home.



Pilgrimage Cost

Land & Air

\$4,399

per person / double occupancy

For single occupancy please add: \$875.00

For a LAND ONLY package please contact Alba's Tours.



This price includes:

- * Roundtrip airfare from Dulles International Airport
- * Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- * Accommodation in 4 star hotels during the duration of trip
- * All hotel taxes
- * Meals as per itinerary
- * Land transportation by deluxe motor-coach
- * All transfers and baggage handling at hotels
- * Comprehensive sightseeing with all entrance fees
- * Daily Mass

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Reservations and Payment: Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. The final payment is due 85 days before departure.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. Cancellations received after 5 PM Eastern Time or on weekends/holidays will be processed the following business day. The following per-person cancellation charges will apply: If canceled 91 days or more before departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days before departure, \$250.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days before departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 7 days before departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking. Additional cancellation charges may apply depending upon the cancellation terms of our suppliers.

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Travel Documents: A passport with a minimum of 6 months validity is required of all U.S. citizens. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Alba's Tours is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

Tour Cost: All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs, and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 20 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

Tour Documents and Tickets: Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 3 weeks of departure.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. You will be responsible for paying the airline any additional charges for additional checked baggage or overweight baggage (if excess weight is permitted). Alba's Tours is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen baggage.

Air Transportation: Airfare is in economy class. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares/flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted, and should be requested at the time of booking.

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Responsibility Clause: The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. Alba's Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries.

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Please contact Alba's Tours further disclosures concerning travel risks, travels with special needs or disabilities, and arbitration.

Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

For further information on this pilgrimage please contact:

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Reservation Application

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Group Reference Number: _____
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Please complete one application per person

Personal Information:

Name (as printed on passport):

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):

Passport Number:

Male:

Female:

Passport Date of Issue:

Passport Date of Expiration:

Country of Citizenship:

Date of Birth:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Email Address:

Room Assignment Information:

Please Check One:

Double Occupancy:

Single Occupancy (\$875.00 Additional):

If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at time of booking:

If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person?:

Yes:

No:

Emergency Contact:

Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is NOT traveling with you:

Your deposit certifies that you agree with the terms and conditions.

I agree & accept the terms & conditions: _____

Signature Here

Please enclose a deposit of **\$300.00 per person** made payable to Alba's Tours and mail to:

Total price of Land & Air is \$4,399.

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The \$300.00 deposit is included in that price.

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