

Join Dr. John Bergsma, Fr. Breczinski and Fr. Nolan  
on a Memorable Pilgrimage to the

## **THE HOLY LAND**

**June 23 – July 02, 2023**



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## Itinerary

### **FRIDAY JUNE 23: FLIGHT TO TEL AVIV**

Depart USA via overnight flight on scheduled airline to Tel Aviv, Israel.

### **SATURDAY JUNE 24: ARRIVE TEL AVIV | SEA OF GALILEE**

Arrive in Tel Aviv. After passport control, a BesTouR representative will find you and escort you to the arrival hall where you meet your professional Tour Manager. Board your air-conditioned private motor coach for transfer to the Sea of Galilee, and check into our hotel in Tiberias. After check-in, we will have our opening Mass on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel in Tiberias. (D)

### **SUNDAY JUNE 25: MOUNT OF BEATITUDES| BANIAS | TABGHA |PRIMACY**

Drive this morning to the Mount of Beatitudes and celebrate Mass where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. After Mass, continue further north to Banias (Caesarea Philippi) to visit the site where Jesus asked His disciples "Who do people say that I AM?" This afternoon we drive back to the Sea of Galilee to visit the site of the multiplication of loaves and fish. Nearby, we visit the church of the Primacy of Peter where Jesus appeared to his disciples after the Resurrection and anointed Peter as the head of His Church. Dinner at Magdalena Gourmet Chef Restaurant and overnight in Tiberias. (CB | D)

### **MONDAY JUNE 26: MOUNT TABOR | CANA | NAZARETH**

Drive to the foot of Mount Tabor, where we leave our bus and use smaller mini-vans to take us up to the top of the mountain where Jesus met Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration. Then travel to the town of Cana in Galilee and visit where Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding feast. Married couples will have a chance to renew their wedding vows! After a lunch break we travel to Nazareth and celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation and visit the Grotto of the Incarnation. Visit the church of St. Joseph built over the House of the Holy Family. Drive back to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Tiberias. (CB | D)

### **TUESDAY JUNE 27: CAPERNAUM | SEA OF GALILEE | CAESAREA | BETHLEHEM**

This morning we check out of our hotel and drive to Capernaum, the headquarters of Jesus' Galilean ministry. There we celebrate Mass on top of the House of Peter. We visit the old Synagogue where Jesus taught the Bread of Life Discourse (John 6). We will also view an ancient boat from the time of Jesus that was found at the shores of Magdala and take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. This afternoon, we drive south towards Jerusalem and stop at Caesarea Maritime to visit the site where St. Peter baptised the Roman centurion Cornelius and where St. Paul was kept a prisoner for two years. Arrive into Jerusalem and check into our hotel in Bethlehem. Dinner and overnight. (CB | D)

### **WEDNESDAY JUNE 28: BETHLEHEM**

This morning we drive to the city of Bethlehem to visit and have Mass at the Shepherds' Field. Following Mass, we will go up to the Church of the Nativity to visit the Basilica and the Grotto of the Nativity underneath, where our Lord was born. We will visit the nearby Church of St. Catherine, where midnight Mass is celebrated every December 25th. Underneath St. Catherine's, we visit the Grotto of St. Joseph and the Grotto of St. Jerome, where he translated the Scriptures in the 4th century. Then back to our hotel. (CB | D)

### **THURSDAY JUNE 29: MOUNT OLIVES | MOUNT ZION**

This morning we drive to the Mount of Olives to pray Mass at the Garden of Gethsemane. Then we visit the Church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught his disciples how to pray the Our Father. After lunch, we drive to Mt. Zion to visit the Dormition Abbey, where Mary fell asleep and was assumed. We also visit the Upper Room, situated above the place of Last Supper. We end our day with a visit to the church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. Drive back to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (CB | D)

### **FRIDAY JUNE 30: JERUSALEM**

Today we get up early to walk the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow), to pray the Stations of the Cross, ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We visit the actual tomb of Christ, and Mt. Calvary. Mass will be in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Back to the hotel for breakfast. Later, visit the Church of St. Anne and the Pools of Bethesda. Stop at the Wailing Wall. Free afternoon for re-visit and shopping. Dinner and overnight. (CB | D)

### **SATURDAY JULY 01: JORDAN RIVER | QUMRAN | JERICO | DEAD SEA**

Start our day early with a drive to the Jordan River where Our Lord was baptized by John the Baptist. We will have a chance to renew our baptismal vows. Visit Qumran, the site of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Drive into Jericho to view the ancient sycamore and Mt. Temptation. Mass at the Good Shepherd Church in Jericho. Have a chance to float in the Dead Sea before we drive back to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (CB | D)

### **SUNDAY JULY 02: JERUSALEM | ISRAEL MUSEUM | EIN KAREM**

This morning we drive to the Israel Museum to visit the model of Jerusalem and describing the city as it was at the time of our Lord. We will also visit the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are kept. Later, we go to Ein Karem to visit the Church of the Visitation, where Mary came to visit her kinswoman, Elizabeth. Celebrate Mass, then drive back to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (CB | D). We check out of our hotel and drive to the Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv for our departure flight back to the United States.

# Individual Reservation Form

## Price:

Per person in a double room, land-side only (no airfare): \$3695

Single Supplement (surcharge for single occupancy room): \$1174

Air Fare \$1550

\* Round-trip scheduled commercial air from **Washington Dulles (IAD)** to **Tel Aviv (TLV)**

(including fuel surcharges and government-imposed fees of \$300 as of June/20/2022; final amount subject to change)

Per person in a double room, "full package" including airfare: \$5250

## Personal Details

Write your name as in Passport

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B. D\_\_\_\_/M\_\_\_\_/Y\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I will share room with (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

I want a single room and agree to pay single supplement (Very limited number of single rooms available)

I would like to have a seat on the round-trip flight, and I agree to pay the airfare cost (i.e. I want the full package.)

## Passport Details

Trip requires physical ability to walk

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment terms & schedule

All payments need to be by check, written to Amer Shehadeh, then scan / email to [amerguide@gmail.com](mailto:amerguide@gmail.com)

\$1,095 deposit to register due before October 20, 2022

\$1,300 additional due on or before January 20, 2023

\$1,300 remainder + Airfare due no later than March 20, 2023

Booking made after March/20/2023, conditional to availability and requires payment in full at the time of booking.

*I have received, read and agree to the TERMS & CONDITIONS AND BINDING ARBITRATION CLAUSE on this and the backside of this form and to the Pricing Terms, Payment Terms, and "Release" outlined on this side of the form. I understand that Corporate Travel Service highly suggests the purchase of travel protection including "Cancel For Any Reason" plans, (see terms and conditions for details) and that the cancellation terms and penalties cannot be waived for any reason. If I decline to purchase travel protection, I understand I could lose substantial prepaid monies, and that there may not be full monetary recourse for any flight cancellations or delays by the airlines. I agree to the cancellation terms and penalties. Signature (required to confirm reservation)*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print, fill, and sign this form, then scan and email to [amerguide@gmail.com](mailto:amerguide@gmail.com) together with initial deposit check (see above)

## **Terms and Conditions**

### **TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- \* Gratuities payable to tour manager, guides, and drivers \$150 to be collected separately on day one
- \* Airport transfers for travelers not on group flights
- \* Meals not specifically identified
- \* Beverages with meals unless specified
- \* Other personal expenses
- \* Items not specifically mentioned in inclusions on Individual Reservation Form

**\*PRICING TERMS:** Price stated is as of 06/18/2021 and could change prior to Final Invoicing due to new airline fuel surcharges, U.S. and International Government imposed taxes or fees, fluctuation in currency exchange rates, or failure to have a minimum of 32 passengers. Final price may be higher or lower and you will be notified by email 60 days prior to departure. Except for subsequently imposed increased governmental taxes or fees, your price cannot increase once you pay that Final Invoice (early final payment cannot be made.) Payment of the initial deposit for this trip indicates you have accepted these pricing terms and all terms specified in the Terms and Conditions.

**RELEASE:** Bestour, its employees, shareholders, officers and directors does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip, including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, local ground operators, including, without limitation, various entities which may utilize the Bestour name, guides, sightseeing companies, entertainment, food or drink service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. As a result, Bestour is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity. In addition, Bestour is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any other person or entity it does not own or control. Without limitations Bestour is not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, death, loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity of any kind which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond its control, including, without limitation any willful or negligent act, failure to act, breach of contract or violation of local law or regulation of any third party such as a cruise line, airline, train, hotel, bus, taxi, van, local ground handler or guide, whether or not it uses the Bestour name, financial default or insolvency of any supplier which is to, or does supply any goods or services for this trip.

### **INCLUSIONS:**

- \*Eight (8) nights accommodations at 4-starhotels: 3 nights in Tiberias & 5 nights in Bethlehem
- \*All-you-can-eat Breakfast and Dinner daily
- \*Eight (8) dinners, including a Farewell Dinner
- \*Luxury motor coach for airport transfers in Israel and specified sightseeing
- \*Tour manager & guide while in Israel
- \*Sightseeing and entrance fees according to the itinerary
- \*Arrangements of Mass and donations in unique and historical churches (all locations are tentative and subject to confirmation)
- \*Hotel & city taxes and portorage for 1 piece of luggage
- \*Whisper sets
- \* Special farewell dinner with wine/beer, the last night

**PAYMENT TERMS:** In order to meet deposit schedules with suppliers for this tour, **Bestour** asks to follow the payment schedule mentioned above promptly.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** All cancellations must be received in writing. Forfeit \$800 for cancellations and administration fees between time of deposit and Jan/19/ 2023. Forfeit \$1500 for cancellations between Jan/ 20/ 2023 and Feb/ 19/ 2023. Forfeit \$2000 for cancellation between Feb/20/ 2023 and Apr/ 19/ 2023. After Apr/ 19/ 2022, there will be no refund.

### **TRAVEL PROTECTION:**

Bestour recommends the purchase of travel protection, to help protect travelers' investment in the trip, and to help provide certain medical coverage while they are outside the USA. Plans help provide coverage for unexpected circumstances and help protect your trip and your investment. Terms vary, depending on the travel protection carrier chosen, and the terms of the plan purchased

### **PASSPORT:**

A valid U.S. Passport is required of all passengers. Please apply for your passport immediately as passports may take a long time to process. Make sure to have it in your possession at all times while on tour. **It must be valid for 6 months following the return date of the trip or boarding or entry into the destination may be denied. Please provide Bestour with a copy of the inside page of your passport (showing your name and photo) at the time of reservation. If you are not a U.S. citizen, it is your responsibility to make sure you have the proper visas or documentation for travel.**

**GROUP AIR RESTRICTIONS:** Due to the airlines' reduced capacity and restrictive group reservation terms, group air reservations are often difficult to coordinate. Accordingly, if you require specific air travel needs and are not flexible concerning group air travel, you may wish to consider purchasing a Land-Only package and secure your own preferred air arrangements.

**GROUP AIR SEAT ASSIGNMENTS:** Please note that group seats are assigned "at the discretion of the airline", therefore **seat assignments cannot and will not be guaranteed.**

**GROUP AIR MILEAGE CREDIT -** Please give your frequent flyer number when checking in at the airport to make sure any eligible miles will be recorded.

**GROUP AIR NOT UPGRADABLE:** Group Air is economy class and is not upgradable to first class, business, economy plus, etc. If requested, it will be purchased as a separate ticket

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** Unless otherwise notified, you will receive your travel information approximately 10-14 days before departure.

**ITINERARY:** The Itinerary as presented in this brochure is tentative and represents what we are planning for you, however it is subject to confirmations from many organizations. Because of changes in local schedules, we may need to alter specified events, dates and/or venues to better fit the overall plan. Bestour reserves the right to alter or cancel the itinerary.

**GRATUITIES:** Gratuities for your tour manager, driver and guides are included.

**ROOMS:** Tour prices are per person according to a room type: a "Single" room is one person in a room and a "Double" is two persons in one room. Triples are one double bed with two persons sharing the bed and one single bed. Triples are not always available and are discouraged because of cramped quarters. Note: Availability of single rooms is very

limited and with single supplement add-on.

**CHECKED BAGGAGE:** Fees are not included in this tour package price. Most airlines charge fees ranging from free to \$75 per bag one way. If traveling with group air, the air carrier for your flight will be announced in your final travel documents. (Note: The website iflybags.com may be helpful and gives sample fees for all carriers.) Checked baggage is limited to **one** bag per person. There can be no exceptions. For most airlines, the one checked bag is limited to **50 pounds and 26 inches** (length + width + height). If these specifications are exceeded, excess charges may be collected by the airline at the airport. Do not lock baggage you intend to check in at the airport. Please confirm these specifications when you receive your final travel documents, as they can and do change

**CARRY ON LUGGAGE:** You may also bring a small carry-on bag that will fit under an airline seat and on the small parcel racks of the motor coach, which average about 18 inches high by 8 inches deep. It is best if your carry-on bag is soft sided, as the parcel racks on the motor coaches are small. Currently, travelers are allowed to transport only small amounts of liquids, gels, lotions, aerosols, or similar items on their person or in their carry-on luggage. Details will be in your final travel documents.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Travelers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking, as motor coaches are not permitted to pick up and drop off in front of major attractions. The tour is not wheelchair accessible and is not suitable for motorized scooters, walkers, and canes. Any special medical conditions or equipment must be advised in writing, for evaluation of feasibility, at the time of making your reservation.

**DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:** Food allergies, or dietary requirements and restrictions, are the sole responsibility of the traveler.

**STATE DEPARTMENT & OTHER AGENCIES:** From time to time the State Department ([www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)) and the Center for Disease Control ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)) and other government agencies and departments issue travel advisories or warnings for one or more of the destinations that you may be visiting on tour. We encourage you to contact these agencies directly to obtain the most current information. Should you decide to cancel your trip based on government agencies travel advisories, all cancellation penalties remain in full force and effect.

**UNUSED SERVICES:** There is no right to a refund for any unused services including airline tickets.

**BINDING ARBITRATION:** I agree that any dispute concerning, relating or referring to this agreement, the brochure or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§1-16, either according to the then existing Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Michigan law and will take place in Detroit, MI. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. Please understand that by agreeing to these terms and conditions, you (and we) are waiving our right to a trial by jury.