

# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

## A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

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Father Walter Lewis invites you to join him on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Many say that the Holy Land is the 5th Gospel – a place where the people, places and events of the scriptures come to life. Much of the landscape is as it was during the time of Jesus' life – making it easy to visualize and imagine the context within which Jesus forged a new vision of religious life. Monsignor Kevin Irwin, Professor at Catholic University, will accompany us as scholar-on-tour. Author of seventeen books and popular presenter, he will help us understand the significance of what we are seeing and set a special tone for our liturgical celebrations, underscoring the roots of the Eucharist in the places we visit. We will travel to sites that were central to the events of his life and ministry – such as Nazareth, Bethlehem, Capernaum, and Jerusalem – as well as other sites that allow us to better appreciate the Roman and Jewish world of the 1st century. We will be traveling during a time of the year when crowds are thinner, allowing us to have more time and space at historical and religious sites. Imagine celebrating Eucharist at the Holy Sepulchre, the Grotto of the Annunciation or the site of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. We've created more leisure time toward the end of our program so you can enjoy the shops and sites of the Old City of Jerusalem. Come join us for a once-in-a-lifetime journey!

### Program Highlights

**Tue Jan 8:** Depart Richmond for Tel Aviv.

**Wed Jan 9:** Arrival Tel Aviv. Meet the tour guide at the airport and transfer by private deluxe motorcoach to Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee. Check into the hotel with a chance to freshen up and adjust to the new time zone. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening at the hotel. Overnight Tiberias.

**Thu Jan 10:** Breakfast. Travel this morning to nearby Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, with Mass at the Grotto of the Annunciation. Visit the 1st century excavations under the Sisters of Nazareth guesthouse, and then travel to Cana for renewal of marriage vows. Continue with a visit to the Mount of Beatitudes, with an opportunity here for prayer. Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

**Fri Jan 11:** Breakfast. Travel by boat on Sea of Galilee to Capernaum to visit the archaeological site here. It is noteworthy for the large synagogue from ancient times and the house believed to belong to Peter and his mother. Continue to Tabgha – site of the multiplication of loaves and fishes - with the opportunity for liturgy in one of the historic chapels or along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Continue to Migdal. This is a newly excavated site that includes a synagogue from the 1st century and other structures associated with the town of Mary

Magdalene. Conclude with a visit to Ginosar, where a fishing boat from the 1st century has been restored - the so-called "Jesus boat." Dinner and overnight Tiberias.

**Sat Jan 12:** Breakfast. Travel down the Jordan River valley to Qasr al-Yahud, across the river from the site where John the Baptist baptized Jesus. Conduct a baptism renewal service here before proceeding to Jerusalem to Mt. of Olives for a panoramic view of the Old City. Have liturgy at Dominus Flevit and then check into the hotel at the conclusion of Shabbat. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

**Sun Jan 13:** Breakfast. Begin with a visit to the Haram Es Sharif (The Noble Sanctuary or Temple Mount area), followed by a Morning visit to the Western Wall - with the opportunity for prayer here. Visit the nearby Jerusalem Archaeological Complex and Davidson Center, a large archaeological park that showcases the developments over history on Mt. Zion. Celebrate Mass at St. Anne's this evening before dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

**Mon Jan 14:** Breakfast. Begin with a visit to the Upper Room and King David's tomb, St. Peter in Gallicantu, and then the Via Dolorosa - with the opportunity to do a devotional walking of the Stations of the Cross. End the walk at Basilica of the Holy

Sepulchre, with Mass. Visit the Tower of David Museum with the rest of the day at leisure. Lunch will be included today. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

**Tues Jan 15:** Breakfast. Go on a day excursion to the Dead Sea to visit Masada, Ein Gedi, and Qumran. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

**Wed Jan 16:** Breakfast. Visit the Rabbinical Tunnels, and then travel to Bethlehem to visit the Basilica of the Nativity, with Mass. Continue with a visit to the University of Bethlehem to meet with students and learn more about the situation of Christians in the Holy Land. Enjoy a light lunch in Bethlehem. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

**Thu Jan 17:** Breakfast. Enjoy the day at leisure, with help from the tour guide in arranging optional independent visits today. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

**Fri Jan 18:** Breakfast. Enjoy the morning at leisure. This afternoon, travel to Tel Aviv, stopping in first in Ein Karem to visit the site of the Visitation. Later, go to Abu Gosh for celebration of Eucharist at the site of Emmaus. Enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant, and then transfer to the airport for the return flight to the USA.

**Sat Jan 19:** Arrive back in Richmond today.

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### Inclusive Features

Roundtrip air from Richmond to Tel Aviv, 9-nights accommodations in a central 4-star hotels, breakfast daily, two lunches, dinner daily, a full time tour manager, guided visits with local experts per the itinerary, local transportation via deluxe motorcoach

### Travel Resource Center

Visit [www.travelillum.com/trc/qtu](http://www.travelillum.com/trc/qtu) for details and registration information.

With questions please contact:

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### Complete Program Prices

Includes group airfare and airport transfers

**\$3,750** per person based on double occupancy

**+\$725** additional - airline taxes, airport fees, security fees, fuel surcharges (estimate as of February 28, 2018)

**\$930** supplement for single occupancy

### Land Only Program Prices

Excludes all airfare and airport transfers

**\$3,250** per person based on double occupancy

**\$930** supplement for single occupancy

Please note: Single rooms for single use are limited to 10% of the total number of rooms reserved. Should additional single rooms be requested, hotels may impose a higher supplement for all single rooms. If you have selected double occupancy but no roommate is available due to uneven numbers or if your roommate should cancel you will be in a single room and responsible for the single room supplement.

All prices listed are discounted for payment by check. When paying with a credit card you will be charged the standard base price which is 5% higher.

All program prices are based on availability of services at the time registration material is received; currency exchange rates in effect February 28, 2018—and on 2018 land and air tariffs—and are subject to change. All services are provided subject to Illume's Conditions and Clauses.

The program prices will be reviewed before the invoices for the final payment are mailed, and will reflect the current prices.

### Travel Protection

Illume suggests that you purchase travel insurance to help protect your trip and your investment from unexpected circumstances. Please read the Illume Conditions and Clauses attached to the Program Registration Application to review the charges that will apply in the event that you cancel your program participation. Illume offers you the option of purchasing a Group Deluxe Travel Protection Plan for your program. If you wish to purchase the plan, **the premium should be paid with your initial deposit on the same check.**

### Travel Protection Rates

#### Group Deluxe

**\$276** per person – double occupancy

**\$353** per person – single occupancy

#### Group Deluxe – Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR)\*

**\$414** per person - double

**\$529.50** per person – single

\*CFAR coverage is 75% of the nonrefundable trip cost. Trip cancellation must be 48 hours or more prior to scheduled departure. CFAR is not available to residents of New York State.

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To download the Plan Document, please visit the "Travel Protection" link on your program's Travel Resource Center.

### Program Registration

Complete the Application and forward with your **\$800.00** deposit per person (and travel protection payment, if purchasing) by **April 15, 2018** to:

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Registrations will be accepted after April 15 on a space-available basis. Additional costs may apply. Contact Illume for pricing and availability after April 15.

Checks should be made payable to Illume.

A second non-refundable deposit of **\$1800** per person due not later than:  
**July 10, 2018**

Balance of payment due not later than:  
**October 10, 2018**

Note: Any changes to the program will be outlined in the final documents which you will receive one month prior to departure. If changes are made that affect the program price, you will receive an invoice or a credit accordingly.

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