



Healing and Compassion: A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

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May 21-June 1, 2017

The Aquinas Institute of Theology

Join Father Sean Charles Martin, President of the Aquinas Institute, for a unique pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Many refer to the Holy Land as the 5th Gospel, a place where the people, places and events of the scriptures come to life. The land continues to be evocative of earlier times with great archaeological sites, historic monuments and inspiring churches set in a land of rich cultural diversity and traditions. Our unique program, with a one-of-a-kind itinerary, weaves together places of great historical and religious significance, and includes a special invitation to health care mission leaders who will have the opportunity to meet counterparts in Israel to learn more about health care in the Middle East. Daily activities include Mass in historical venues, guided visits with local expert guide, and opportunities to explore sites at one's own pace. Come join us for an inspiring and enriching program!

Program Highlights

Sun. May 21: Depart Boston for Tel Aviv. (Participants will make own arrangements to connect with non-stop flight from Boston to Tel Aviv. If there are large enough contingents from other cities – group fare from those cities may be announced after registration.)

Mon. May 22: Arrive in Tel Aviv. Transfer to the hotel. Time to relax before a welcome dinner at the hotel. Overnight Tel Aviv.

Tue. May 23: *The Roman Context of Palestine in the 1st Century.* Breakfast. Visit Caesarea Maritima, Tel Megiddo, and Migdal - a newly opened site with a 1st century synagogue. We celebrate Mass in a chapel dedicated to women of the scriptures. We continue to Tiberias and check in for dinner and overnight.

Wed. May 24: *Manifesting God's Love and Compassion in Health Care - Theology of the Incarnation.* Breakfast. We visit Nazareth – and the Basilica of the Annunciation – with Mass. Visit the synagogue and Mary's well. Afternoon visit to a health care facility. Explore the intersection of health care administration and multi-ethnic and multi-religious population. Depending on time or interest, visit Nof Ginosar – the Jesus Boat – Cana (for marriage renewal), or Mt. Tabor. Dinner and overnight Tiberias.

Thu. May 25: *In the Footsteps of Jesus in Galilee.* Breakfast. Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee from Tiberias to Capernaum. We visit the archaeological site here and continue to Tabgha and to Mt. of Beatitudes with Mass. Depending on time or interest, visit Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Bethsaida, Sippchoris, or other sites nearby. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Fri. May 26: *Our Jewish Heritage.* Breakfast. We travel to Jerusalem. Stop at Qasr Al-Yahud for renewal of Baptism. Continue to the Mt. of Olives for panoramic view of the Old City. Mass at Dominus Flevit. We will visit the Western Wall for the beginning of Shabbat. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

Sat. May 27: *Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.* Breakfast. Visit St. Peter in Gallicantu (Caiphas' house), St. Anne's and the Pool of

Bethesda. Walk the Stations of the Cross ending at the Holy Sepulchre with Mass. Afternoon at leisure before dinner at the hotel. A local group will visit after dinner to discuss a topic relating to health care administration. Overnight Jerusalem.

Sun. May 28: *Jerusalem - Interfaith Perspectives.* Breakfast. Mass at the Dormition Abbey. Visit the Haram Es-Sharif (Temple Mount), the Western Wall, the Rabbinical Tunnels, and the Jerusalem Archaeological Complex. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

Mon. May 29: *Bethlehem and Palestinian Christians - Heritage, Hope and Challenges.* Breakfast. Morning visit to Bethlehem. Mass and visit to the Basilica of the Nativity. Participate in another health care activity near Bethlehem, with a luncheon during this visit. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

Tue. May 30: *The Dead Sea.* Breakfast. Excursion to Dead Sea, visiting Qumran, Masada, Ein Gedi. Dinner/overnight Jerusalem.

Wed. May 31: *The Mission of the Church.* Breakfast. Morning at leisure. Visit Ein Karem (birthplace of John the Baptist) and then Abu Gosh (site of Emmaus) for liturgy. Enjoy a farewell dinner at a restaurant in Jaffa. Transfer to airport for return flight to USA.

Thu. June 1: *We Return Home as Pilgrims.* Arrival USA today.

Inclusive Features: Roundtrip air from Boston, 10 nights accommodations in 4 star hotels, buffet breakfast and dinner daily, one lunch while in Bethlehem, local transportation via deluxe private motorcoach, guided sightseeing and entrances, and three special meetings and activities surrounding health care.

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\$3250 per person based on double occupancy
+
\$725 additional - airline taxes, airport fees, security fees, fuel surcharges (estimate as of July 26, 2016)

\$875 supplement for single room occupancy

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(excludes all air transportation and airport transfers)

\$2900 per person based on double occupancy
+
\$0 additional airline taxes, airport fees, security fees

\$875 supplement for single room occupancy

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.

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