



A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Exploring Our Faith Heritage: A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

October 17-27, 2017

You are invited to join a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Father Tim Clark, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake parish in Seattle. The Holy Land is often referred to as the 5th Gospel, a place where the people, places and events of the Bible come to life. We will be traveling during a beautiful time of the year in the Holy Land, just after the Jewish holidays and at a time when the harvest is rich and people are in a festive mood. Our program balances archaeological visits, religious visits and opportunities to learn more about the rich cultural life of local people – enjoying their hospitality, food and art. We will celebrate Mass each day at sites where Jesus and his early disciples gathered and/or where pilgrims have gathered over the centuries. We will be staying in nice 4-star hotels in locations that give us access to the amenities of Israel during our free time. We have some special meals – even a wine-tasting - built into the program in addition to delicious buffet breakfast and dinner each day. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus along the shores of Galilee and through the historical streets of Jerusalem. Father Tim will share with us his own knowledge of the Holy Land and help us connect with the events and stories of the Gospels. Come join us!

Program Highlights

Tue. Oct. 17: Departure from Seattle for Tel Aviv.

Wed. Oct 18: *We Travel as Pilgrims to the Birthplace of Our Faith Tradition.* Arrival Tel Aviv. We will travel to Tiberias. If time permits, we stop en route at Mt. Carmel or Megiddo for a visit. Dinner and overnight Tiberias.

Thu. Oct 19: *The Roman and Jewish Context of Jesus' Early Life.* Breakfast. This morning we travel to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation with Mass at the Grotto. We will visit Mary's well, the synagogue church and the excavations under the Sisters of Nazareth guesthouse. Later we visit Sepphoris, followed by Cana to renew marriage vows. Dinner/overnight Tiberias.

Fri. Oct 20: *Jesus' Ministry on the Shores of Galilee.* Breakfast. This morning we travel by boat to Capernaum to visit this great archaeological site. We continue to Tabgha to visit to the site of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes, with Mass here. Lunch is included at Peter's Fish Lunch and then we continue with a visit the Mt. of Beatitudes. On return to Tiberias, we visit Nof Ginosar and Magdala. Dinner and overnight Tiberias.

Sat. Oct 21: *We Journey with Jesus to Jerusalem.* Breakfast. This morning we visit the Mt. of Transfiguration (with Mass) and then Qasr Al-Yahud (near Jericho) for renewal of Baptism. Continue to Mt. of Olives for a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem. We check into the hotel. Some free time this evening to explore the Old City. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

Sun. Oct 22: *Our Jewish Heritage.* Breakfast. This morning we celebrate Eucharist at the Abbey of Dormition. Later we visit the Western Wall, the Temple Mount (Haram Es-Sharif), and the Jerusalem Archaeological Complex and Davidson Center. Enjoy free time in the Old City before visiting a vineyard this afternoon for a wine tasting. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

Mon. Oct 23: *The Passion of Christ.* Breakfast. This morning we visit the Upper Room, St. Peter in Gallicantu, and then the Garden of Gethsemane (with Mass). Lunch will be included today. We continue with the Stations of the Cross - from St. Ann's to the Holy Sepulchre. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

Tue. Oct 24: *Witnessing to Christ.* Early morning Mass at the Holy Sepulchre, followed by breakfast. We travel to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity and Shepherd's field. We will either visit Herodian (Herod's tomb) or organize a visit with a Palestinian Christian group to learn about their lives, hopes, and struggles. Lunch will be included in Bethlehem. Return to Jerusalem with some free time. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

Wed. Oct 25: *The Dead Sea.* Day excursion to Masada, Qumran and Ein Gedi. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

Thu. Oct 26: *We Travel Forth as Pilgrims Renewed.* Breakfast. This morning we visit the Israel Museum and Yad Vashem. Afterwards, we visit Ein Karem and Caesarea Maritima. We will enjoy a festive farewell dinner in the area. Transfer late this evening to the airport for return flight to Seattle.

Fri. Oct 27: Arrival back in Seattle today.

Inclusive Features

Roundtrip air from Seattle, 9 nights accommodations in 4 star hotels, breakfast/dinner daily, 3 lunches, a wine tasting, local transportation via deluxe private motorcoach, guided sightseeing and entrances with local expert guide.

Travel Resource Center: Visit www.travelillum.com/trc/vbb for details and registration information. Please contact Fr. Clark with any questions:

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Program Prices

\$3675 per person based on double occupancy

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\$725 additional - airline taxes, airport fees, security fees, fuel surcharges (estimate as of January 10, 2017)

\$800 supplement for single room 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 of \$1250. Alternatively, 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.

Land Only Program Prices:

(excludes all air transportation and airport transfers)

\$3025 per person based on double occupancy

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\$0.00 additional airline taxes, airport fees, security fees

\$800 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.

All program prices are based on availability of services at the time registration material is received; currency exchange rates in effect January 10, 2017—and on 2017 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.

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Travel Insurance Premiums:

\$ 276 Deluxe Group Travel Insurance Plan – double occupancy

\$ 353 Deluxe Group Travel Insurance Plan – single occupancy

(will provide 100% reimbursement if cancellation is for a covered reason, will provide 0% if reason is not covered.)

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Program Registration:

Complete the Application and forward with your \$800.00 deposit per person (and insurance premium if applicable) by February 21, 2017 (registrations accepted after February 21st on a space available basis) to:

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
c/o John Cowan
8900 35th Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98115

Checks can be made payable to illume.

A second non-refundable deposit of \$1800 due not later than:
April 21, 2017

Balance of payment due not later than:
July 19, 2017

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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