

UP TO JERUSALEM

12 Day Inspirational Tour | March 7-18, 2024

Optional 2 Day Jordan Extension | March 18-20, 2024



Information & Reservations
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Itinerary subject to change while touring for the best interest of the group.

Thu, March 7

Depart from Newark or New York City on an overnight flight.

Friday, March 8

Dinner & Overnight Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv Upon arriving in Tel Aviv we will be welcomed by our Israeli tour guide. We'll head to our hotel to check in. Accommodations tonight are at the Dan Panorama Hotel in Tel Aviv, where we will enjoy our first Israeli dinner and a good night of sleep.

Saturday, March 9

Independence Hall; Jaffa; Ayalon Institute; Elah Valley Dinner & Overnight Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv We will begin our tour with a visit to Independence Hall to hear the story of the founding of modern Israel in 1948. Next, we'll visit the ancient port of Jaffa, where Jonah fled from God and Peter received a vision from God to take the gospel to the Gentiles. We'll enjoy lunch before our next stop at the Ayalon Museum Ammunition Factory on Kibbutz Hill. The factory was established in 1946 and is now a tribute to the brave men and women who worked there in the most extreme conditions. Our first day of touring ends with a visit to the Elah Valley where David confronted the mighty giant Goliath.

Sunday, March 10

Caesarea Maritima; Mt. Carmel; Megiddo Dinner & Overnight Ramot Resort, Sea of Galilee We begin our second day of touring in Israel with a drive through Tel Aviv as we head north to the ancient Roman city of Caesarea Maritima, on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Here we will stand in the ancient amphitheater and remember men like Cornelius, Peter, Paul and Pilate. After viewing the famous Roman aqueduct, we continue north to Mount Carmel where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal and pass by a Second Temple Period tomb with rolling stone. Our next stop is Tel Megiddo, the site of biblical Armageddon where we view from its summit the plain where the armies of the world will assemble for the last great battle of the Tribulation. Accommodations tonight are at Ramot Holiday Resort Kibbutz on the Sea of Galilee.

Monday, March 11

Sea of Galilee; Caesarea Philippi; Gamla; Mount of Beatitudes; Magdala Overnight only Ramot Resort, Sea of Galilee Our day will begin with a boat ride and devotions on the Sea of Galilee, which Jesus crossed many times during His ministry. Next, we visit the Galilee Boat Museum to see a 2,000-year-old boat and visit their gift shop. Our day will include a visit to Caesarea Philippi, which marks the headwaters of the Jordan River and the place of Peter's great confession of faith in Jesus Christ. We will continue to the Golan Heights and its 'capital,' Katzrin. Overlooking Syria, the Golan is one of Israel's most beautiful areas and most critical to its survival. Our day of touring returns us back to the Galilee as we follow our Lord's steps to the Mount of Beatitudes to share the reminders of the blessings bestowed on His servants. We will con-

clude our day of touring at Magdala, the ancient Jewish city on the shore of the Galilee Sea, where we'll see a first century synagogue. Dinner tonight will be at the Lido Decks Restaurant on the waters of the Sea of Galilee.

Tuesday, March 12

Planting Trees Nazareth Village; Capernaum Dinner & Overnight Ramot Resort, Sea of Galilee This morning we will plant trees in the Holy Land. From here we will travel west to visit Nazareth and experience the reenactment of a village at the time of Jesus where we will enjoy a biblical lunch. We stop at Harod Spring where Gideon chose his 300 men for battle. Then it is on to visit Capernaum, the headquarters for Jesus' Galilee ministry from which He taught His disciples, and ministered to the people in the north.

Wednesday, March 13

Yardenit Baptismal Site; Beit Shean; Jericho; Dead Sea Swim Dinner & Overnight Vert Hotel, Dead Sea Our day will begin by visiting a picturesque stretch of the Jordan River where huge eucalyptus trees droop into the quiet water. Next, we travel southward to Beit-Shean/Scythopolis, the most magnificent archeological site in Israel, located at the strategic juncture of the Jezreel and Jordan Valleys. Like Jericho, Beit-Shean has been almost continuously occupied throughout history. After defeating Saul and his sons on Mt. Gilboa, the Philistines hanged their bodies on the walls of Beit-Shean. During the time of Jesus, Scythopolis was one of the chief cities of the Decapolis, a league of ten cities sharing Greek culture and government. We'll continue our journey traveling south along the Jordan Valley to the Dead Sea. Along the way, we will make a short stop in ancient Jericho. We'll end our day by checking into the Vert Hotel for a relaxing and enjoyable float on the Dead Sea and restful overnight accommodations.

Thursday, March 14

Masada; Qumran Caves; Shrine of the Book; Model of Jerusalem; Rabbinic Tunnels Dinner & Overnight Dan Panorama Jerusalem, Jerusalem Our journey "Up to Jerusalem" begins with a cable car ride to the top of Masada. We'll hear how this ancient mountain top stands as a monument to Israel's continuing struggle for survival. Next stop at Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Leaving Qumran behind us, we start our ascent to Jerusalem, the city of gold, to visit the dome-like Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are kept, and view the scale model of Jerusalem at the time of Christ. Afterward, we will check-in to the Dan Panorama Hotel, our accommodations for the next four nights. This evening will include an after-dinner tour of the Western Wall Tunnel, the famous rabbinic tunnel that runs along Herod's ancient wall.

Friday, March 15

Davidson Center; Temple Institute; Jewish Quarter, Church of the Holy Sepulchre Dinner & Overnight Dan Panorama Jerusalem, Jerusalem Our seventh day of touring in Israel begins with a visit to the Davidson Center. Here you will enter into another world as the



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glass doors close behind you and you view the city's glorious past. As you walk along the street that led up to the Temple Mount in Jesus' day, you'll see the stones thrown off the Temple Mount when the Rome destroyed the Temple in AD 70 and climb the southern entrance steps of the Temple Mount. Next we take a walking tour of the Jewish Quarter and visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, one of the two possible sites where Christ was crucified. Continue with a stop at naturally acoustic Saint Anne's church and Pool of Bethesda. Our path will lead us to Gordon's Calvary to see the one of the two possible sites of the crucifixion and celebrate a memorable communion service at the Garden Tomb. If time permits, we will stop at the Western Wall to watch the various modern Jewish communities gather to usher in Shabbat, a unique and inspiring experience. Following Shabbat dinner, we will hear about the remarkable ministry of the Jerusalem Assembly Church.

Saturday, March 16

Mount of Olives; Gethsemane; Saint Anne's; Bethlehem; Jerusalem Promenade; US Embassy Dinner & Overnight Dan Panorama Jerusalem, Jerusalem We begin our day ascending the Mount of Olives for a spectacular view of the Temple Mount, where Jesus revealed Himself as the Messiah. Continue with a visit to the Garden of Gethsemane and Church of All Nations. Then we travel to the village of Bethlehem, the town where Jesus was born, for lunch on own and a visit of the Shepherds' field. We'll also stop at an olive wood shop in Bethlehem. Next we'll make a brief stop at the U.S. Embassy and visit the Jerusalem Promenade to see a spectacular panoramic view of Jerusalem. Following dinner, there will be an opportunity to walk up to the famous Ben Yehuda Street (weather permitting) and visit some of the unique local Jewish shops.

Sunday, March 17

Jewish Agency; Yad Vashem; City of David Farewell Dinner Dinner & Overnight Dan Panorama Jerusalem, Jerusalem Our first stop today is the headquarters of the Jewish Agency, to hear the story of how Israel became a nation again in one day and how Israel absorbs all of the Jewish people returning to the Promised Land. Next, we are off to Yad Vashem, a memorial to the victims of the Holocaust on Mt. Herzl, a must-visit for all Up to Jerusalem tours. Our next stop is the Knesset, Israel's single chamber parliament, where democracy in action reflects the spirit, opinions, and diversity of the State of Israel. We will visit the historic City of David to see the exciting excavations and water tunnel of the Jebusite city David and his men conquered and established as Israel's capital. This visit will include the Canaanite tunnel and Pool of Siloam. Our last night tour will conclude with a farewell banquet and address by a prominent Israeli official. After dinner, we will check out of our hotel and head to Ben Gurion International Airport for our flight back to the United States.

Monday, March 18

Departure from the Tel Aviv airport for the flight home.

OPTIONAL JORDAN EXTENSION

Monday, March 18

Allenby Bridge Border Crossing; Mount Nebo; Madaba Dinner & Overnight Canyon Hotel; Wadi Musa (Petra) After breakfast, we'll check out of our hotel and head east toward Jordan. We'll cross into Jordan at the Allenby Bridge crossing and board a bus to Mount Nebo, where Moses met with God as his life ended. Next, we'll visit a mosaic art shop before enjoying a unique Jordanian meal in Madaba. After lunch we'll finish off our day by driving south toward Petra and check into the Canyon Hotel where we'll enjoy dinner and spend the night.

Tuesday, March 19

Petra; Allenby Bridge Border Crossing We'll rise early to begin our last full day in Jordan with an early morning visit to Petra. You'll walk on the path through the canyon into the ancient city of Petra and see the buildings made famous in so many pictures and films. After a delicious lunch in the town of Wadi Musa, we will head north and cross back into Israel at the Allenby Bridge crossing. We will enjoy a delicious dinner together at a restaurant in Abu Gosh before heading to the airport to catch our flight back to the United States.

Wednesday March 20

Depart Tel Aviv early this morning for the flight back to Newark.

PRICE PER PERSON: BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

**Israel Only:
\$4,389.00***

**Includes airfare from Newark or New York City.*

**Land Only Price: \$3,289.00
Single Supplement: \$1,460.00**

**Extension
\$909.00***

**Includes airfare from Newark.*

Single Supplement: \$100.00

RESERVATIONS

A \$300 per person US Dollar deposit is required to secure a reservation. Your reservation is not considered confirmed until Pilgrim Tours has received both the deposit and completed reservation form. Reservations are due November 22, 2023 and can be sent to: Pilgrim Tours PO Box 268 Morgantown, PA 19543.

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment will be due January 5, 2024. Payment can be made by check, Visa, Discover, or Master Card. Payments not received on time will be subject to a minimum \$200 per person penalty and may result in reservation cancellation without refund. Reservations made after the final payment deadline may result in additional administrative fees and are at the discretion of Pilgrim Tours.

INCLUDED - ISRAEL

Roundtrip air from Newark or New York City including current air taxes and fuel surcharges (taxes and fuel charges are subject to change), 10 nights lodging at 4 star hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, 1 lunch, full time English speaking tour guide, services of air conditioned deluxe motor coach, all guides, entrances, touring and transportation as appears on itinerary, baggage handling at hotels (one piece), tips to driver, guides, and hotel staff, Whisper headsets

NOT INCLUDED - ISRAEL

9 lunches and all drinks, optional travel insurance (7.95% or 10.85% of tour cost)

INCLUDED - EXTENSION

Roundtrip air from Newark including current air taxes and fuel surcharges (taxes and fuel charges are subject to change), 1 night lodging at 4 star hotel, breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily, full time English speaking tour guides, services of air conditioned deluxe motor coach, all guides, entrances, touring and transportation as appears on itinerary, baggage handling at hotels (one piece), tips to driver, guides, and hotel staff, Whisper headsets, Jordan Visa

NOT INCLUDED - EXTENSION

All drinks, optional travel insurance (7.95% or 10.85% of tour cost)

CANCELLATION

Cancellation in writing must be received by Pilgrim Tours prior to departure for appropriate refund on the land tour cost minus the following fees. Airline penalties are not part of the percentages below and vary based on each individual airline policy.

91+ Days Prior: \$100 penalty

90-61 Days Prior: Deposit Amount of \$300 per person

60-46 Days Prior: 40% of tour cost

45-31 Days Prior: 65% of tour cost

30-8 Days Prior: 85% of tour cost

7 Days Prior or less: 100% of tour cost

Travel insurance is non-refundable.

Pilgrim Tours service fee structure:

When signing up for a tour offered by Pilgrim Tours, a deposit is required to confirm your reservation. Part of the deposit for the advertised tour includes a \$100 per person service fee assessed by Pilgrim Tours that is non-refundable and non-transferable. The reason for not traveling can be either the traveler cancelling or the tour being postponed, suspended or cancelled due to but not limited to acts of God, war, terrorist acts, political unrest, epidemics, pandemics, or government imposed travel restrictions. In registering for a tour, a tour member agrees to the service fee as well as all terms and conditions as outlined on the tour reservation form.

PRICING

Quoted tour prices include planning, handling and operational charges and are based on the current rate of exchange and tariffs. In the event of a marked change in foreign exchange rates, fuel costs or tariff rates, tour costs are subject to revision. Such increases will be added to the final billing. Pilgrim Tours reserves the right to vary itineraries and prices, and to substitute facilities and hotels of equal or better quality if necessary.

RESPONSIBILITIES

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laws of the countries in which the services are supplied. Tours postponed, suspended, or cancelled due to but not limited to acts of God, war, terrorist acts, political unrest, epidemics, or pandemics are subject to service fees by Pilgrim Tours. In registering for a tour, tour members agree to the terms and conditions for the tour they have registered for. Pilgrim Tours reserves the right in its sole discretion to make changes in the itinerary and is not responsible for expenses, loss of time, money, or other incidents resulting from a change of tour scheduling made for tour members. Pilgrim Tours is not responsible for any losses or damages of personal property, injuries, thefts, sickness or unforeseen expenses incurred by any tour member.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

For your convenience, Pilgrim Tours is happy to book your airfare as part of a group air contract which allows the group to fly together at a set price. A group air contract requires a minimum of 10 passengers flying roundtrip from the same city, on the same air schedule, and on the same dates. Pilgrim Tours does not have the ability to guarantee assigned seating when making group air arrangements. Air carriers are responsible for seat assignments, and most group air contracts assign seats at the airport check-in on the day of departure. Once ticketed, group air tickets are not upgradable to premium economy or business class, and mileage credit is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of each airline. If interested in an upgrade, please notify Pilgrim Tours at time of deposit and no later than 100 days before travel. All taxes, fuel charges, and security fees are subject to change based on the ticketing date. Passengers wishing to cancel or change their air reservations may be subject to change fees or cancellation penalties. Pilgrim Tours is not responsible for unforeseen flight delays or changes due to war, political unrest, acts of God, epidemics, or pandemics. Air schedules may be subject to change at the discretion of the airline. Pilgrim Tours does not accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to the carrier's overbooking of a flight.

TOUR MEMBERSHIP & MOBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Tour membership is available to all travelers and will not be withheld if the tour operator can furnish the requirements that an individual may need. Because most of our Retail Tour sightseeing schedules require Tour Members to walk 1-2 miles at a time using a moderate pace and sometimes navigate uneven terrain, we cannot accept persons who cannot do that and instead require special assistance. Should any Tour Member's participation somehow materially add to the tour operator's cost, the Tour Member will be expected to pay any additional costs. The Tour Director retains the right to require any non-sufficiently mobile persons to stay behind when deemed necessary, and also terminate the membership of any member displaying disruptive behavior, delaying or endangering fellow members and/or interfering with the operations of the tour. Private group tours vary in regards to mobility standards.

PROOF OF US CITIZENSHIP, PASSPORT, VISA & MINOR CHILDREN REQUIREMENTS

All international tours require a current passport. Entrance to most countries requires your passport be valid for 6 months after your return date. Your passport information must be recorded by a Pilgrim Tours agent when making your reservation. Names on airline tickets must appear as shown on passport. Photocopies are not acceptable forms of identification. Minors traveling with either one parent or no parents must have a certified letter of permission from the parent or parents who is/are not traveling. If requested, this letter must be presented. **Non U. S. Citizens are responsible to fulfill appropriate entry requirements of the destination country. Contact the local Consulate of the countries you plan to visit and transit for entry requirement information.**

BAGGAGE

Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage as carefully as possible, Pilgrim Tours is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft or wear and tear through hotel, group carrier or airline handling. There are limitations by coach and air carrier as to the number and size of bags which can be carried onboard and in bulk storage. However, during the tour, passengers are permitted one checked suitcase and one carry-on bag unless otherwise noted. Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact the airline or refer to the airlines website for detailed information regarding checked baggage policies. This is a fee levied by the airlines, not Pilgrim Tours, and may be subject to change.

TRAVEL INSURANCE - AVAILABLE FOR ALL PASSENGERS

Pilgrim Tours strongly suggests purchasing a travel insurance plan. Be sure to check with your health insurance provider as many US medical coverage plans may not cover you outside of the country. Insurance costs are based on the total tour cost, including air taxes and charges listed under "Not Included." These charges are added to the final billing. Approximate amounts can be given at time of reservation in order to purchase the appropriate amount of insurance. Travel Insurance is non-refundable.

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