



**The Military and Hospitaller Order
of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem
Grand Priory of America**



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

April 20-30, 2023

GEORGE'S
INTERNATIONAL TOURS

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Day 1 - Thursday, April 20: Arrive Tel Aviv

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv Airport we will drive to our hotel in Tel Aviv for overnight.

Day 2 - Friday, April 21: Tel Aviv / Tiberias

Depart Tel Aviv and drive to Caesarea, the ancient capital of the Roman Procurators of Judea and the center of the Christians. In 1102, Caesarea was occupied by the Crusaders, and in 1252, King Louis IX of France fortified the city by a wall and moat with an embankment. The wall and the gate at Caesarea are from the Crusader period. In the 3rd Century, A.D., Bishop Basil built a hospital here which he placed under the control of the brothers of Saint Lazarus, predecessors of Lazarus's Knights. Drive along the Mediterranean shores to the sparkling port of the city of Haifa. Ascend to the top of Mount Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, for a scenic view of the town and the port. After celebrating Mass on Mount Carmel, drive to Tiberias, our home, for the next three nights.



Day 3 - Saturday, April 22: Tiberias

Following breakfast, we'll drive to Cana of Galilee, where Our Lord performed the first miracle – changing water into wine at the wedding feast. The lower levels of the Franciscan church here have Roman remains thought to date from the 4th century. Here we'll invite couples to renew their marriage vows. Continue to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation. In the 12th century, that great and good man, Tancred, Crusader Prince of Galilee, undertook its restoration. A new Gothic style Cathedral arose, worked on, as were so many churches of that era, by an army of patient artisans. Continue to Mt. Tabor, site of the Transfiguration of Jesus. The modern Church here is built upon the ruins of a Crusader structure, which rests on the remains of a 4th century shrine. The actual Crusader altar is still in use in the lower level of the modern church. Return to Tiberias.

Day 4 - Sunday, April 23: Tiberias

Drive along the Horns of Hattin, the site where Saladin defeated the Crusaders in 1187 and brought an end to the 80 year old Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem. Continue to Acre, which prospered and became the leading seaport of all the Europeans that came to visit, pray, or fight in the Holy Land. Two years after the battle

of Hattin, the Crusaders attacked the city and, after great battles, the city capitulated. The Crusaders made Acre the capital of the Kingdom. Acre then enjoyed great prosperity for 100 years until its fall in 1291 A.D., which marked the end of the Crusader's Kingdom of Palestine, which lasted for 200 years (1099 A.D. – 1291 A.D). During the battle for Acre, the Pope elevated the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem to sovereign status.



Day 5 - Monday, April 24: Tiberias / Jerusalem

This morning take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Then visit Capernaum - home of Our Lord during His ministry, Tabgha - site of the loaves' multiplication fishes, and the Mt. Beatitudes - site of the Sermon on the Mount. Then drive to ancient Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western world, where the Crusaders built a town at the very foot of the old hill. From the top of the ancient "tel" you'll have an excellent view of Elisha's Fountain and the Mt. of Temptation. Near Jericho, we go to the bank of the Jordan River to recall Our Lord's Baptism by St. John and to renew our Baptismal Promises before driving to Jerusalem, our home for the next six nights.

Day 6 - Tuesday, April 25: Jerusalem

This morning drive to Bethlehem to visit the Basilica of the Nativity, including the Manger and the Grotto of St. Jerome. Near the Grotto is the Crusader Church covering the Byzantine remains over the Virgin Mary's traditional tomb. After Mass, proceed to the Infant Welfare of the Greek Melchite Catholic Church, supported by the American Grand Priory of the Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem. This afternoon, we will walk on the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross). Visit the Church of St. Anne, one of the finest examples of the Crusader construction, built in 1100 A.D. by the wife of Baldwin I in the Romanesque style. Visit the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus cured the person with paralysis who had been ill for 38 years and where the Crusaders built a chapel over the Byzantine church's ruins. Follow the Way of the Cross to visit Muristan, a hospice and hospital, first founded by Charlemagne for pilgrims from the West, and then later entrusted to the Knights Hospitallers. Nearby is the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built by the Crusaders in the 12th century. Visit the Stone of Unction, Golgotha and the Tomb of Our Lord. Also visit the Latin Sacristy, which belongs to the Franciscans.



Day 7 - Wednesday, April 26: Jerusalem

This morning drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. We will see the Temple Mount – revered by the three great monotheistic faiths. For the Christians, it is associated with many events of Jesus’ life. For the Jews it is the ground where the great Temple stood and for the Moslems it is the third sacred place after Mecca and Medina. Visit the Church of Pater Noster above the cave where Jesus taught the Lord’s Prayer to His disciples. Nearby is the Church of Ascension commemorating the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven. Proceed to the Chapel of Dominus Flevit, built on the foundation of a Crusader Church, at the site where Jesus wept over Jerusalem and foretold its destruction. Continue to Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations, which commemorates the Garden’s Agony. Inside the church, one sees the rock upon which Jesus suffered His Agony. Drive to Bethany where Our Lord would come to recuperate in the home of His loving friends, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, before setting out once more on His arduous task. Queen Melisende built a large Benedictine nunnery here, the remains of which can be seen today. In 1143 Benedictine nuns, under King Fulk and Queen Melisende, established the Abbey of St Lazarus in Bethany.



Day 8 - Thursday, April 27: Jerusalem

This morning, drive to Mount Zion to visit the Dormition Abbey, marking the site where the Virgin Mary died. In 1100, the Crusaders built a large church and called it St. Mary of Mount Zion. Nearby is the Upper Room of the Cenacle, where Jesus ate the Last Supper with His Disciples, establishing the communion service. In 614, the Persians destroyed the church, which the Crusaders rebuilt in the 12th century as two separate superimposed chapels as it is today. Proceed to St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times. Then drive to

Latrun, named for a Crusader castle on the site of which the Abbey now stands, called Toron des Chevaliers, or Turo Militum, the Knight’s Tower. Continue to Abu Ghosh (Castellum Emmaus), built by the Crusaders around 1140 to commemorate Christ’s resurrection appearance on the road to Emmaus. Drive to Aqua Bella to see a Crusader fortified farm’s ruins, probably an infirmary belonging to the Hospitallers.

Day 9 - Friday, April 28: Jerusalem

This morning, we will celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After Mass, return to our hotel for breakfast. Then drive through the Judean Wilderness and along the Dead Sea (the lowest spot-on earth) to Masada. An exciting ascent by cable car takes us to this last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots in their war against the Romans in 73 A.D. Here we will visit Herod’s many palaces, the excavations, and fortifications. We will then view Qumran, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered and see the ruins of the buildings of the Essene community. This evening a special cocktail and dinner party will be arranged in our honor at a local restaurant.

Day 10 - Saturday, April 29: Jerusalem

Visit Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist, to see the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous “Magnificat” and the Church of St. John the Baptist. Afterward, proceed to Beit Hanina and visit the health center built by the Melchite Church with the aid of the American Grand Priory of the Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem.

Day 11 - Sunday, April 30: Jerusalem / Depart Tel Aviv

This morning transfer to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv to catch our return flight home.

P I L G R I M A G E C O S T

\$3,646.00

per person/double occupancy

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For single occupancy please add \$1,630.00.

This price includes:

- ✚ Accommodation for 10 nights in 5 star hotels
- ✚ All hotel taxes
- ✚ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ✚ Land transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- ✚ Arrival and departure transfers on a group basis
- ✚ Baggage handling at hotels
- ✚ Sightseeing with a licensed Christian guide
- ✚ All entrance fees as per itinerary

International airfare is not included in the preceding rate. We recommend that you hold off on booking your flights until we have reached the minimum number of participants required for the trip to materialize. Once that threshold has been met you will be notified accordingly and an agent from George’s International Tours will assist you with booking your flights.

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Reservations and Payment: Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. Final payment is due 65 days prior to departure.

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Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

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RESERVATION APPLICATION

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (April 20-30, 2023)

Group Reference Number: 230420A

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Name (as printed on your passport):		
First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____		
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):		
Passport number:	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Passport date of issue:	Passport date of expiration:	
Country of citizenship:	Date of birth:	
Street address:		
City:	State:	Zipcode:
Home phone:	Work phone:	
Mobile phone:	Email address:	

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Please check one: Double occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (\$1,630.00 additional) <input type="checkbox"/>
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:
If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

EMERGENCY CONTACT

<p>Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:</p>
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