

# A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

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# 15 Days: April 14 - 28, 2024



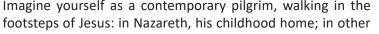
# AN INVITATION TO JOIN US



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Dear Friends and Pilgrims -

The Holy Land is often called "the Living Bible" or "the Fifth Gospel", since getting to know the land Jesus called home helps us see him with fresh eyes and love him more intimately, understand his teachings more clearly, and follow him more whole-heartedly. For many centuries, Christians have visited the Holy Land to see where Jesus was born and lived, taught and healed. For millennia, pilgrims have yearned to encounter the places of his suffering, death, and resurrection, as well as the areas where the first Christian communities developed. Imagine yourself as a contemporary pilgrim, walking in the Ms. Gail Gresser





villages of the Galilee, where his ministry began; and in Jerusalem, where it came to its culmination. Imagine yourself retracing the steps of Peter, Mary, and the other disciples, and seeing with your own eyes what they saw. We live in an unsettling age, but what better place than the homeland of Jesus to reconnect us with our faith and God's sustaining love?

We invite you to join us on this 15-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land during Eastertime 2024. Together, we'll visit many of the sites that we hear about in the Scriptures and celebrate during the Easter season. We will have opportunities to read and reflect on the Bible, and to pray, talk, eat, learn, explore, and laugh together. Each day, we will celebrate Mass at a sacred site associated with Jesus' life. The first week of our pilgrimage is centered in the region of Galilee, the northern part of Israel, with our lodgings in Nazareth and on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. In the second week, we stay in the Old City of Jerusalem and visit nearby sites, including Bethlehem. Each day, we have the chance for personal prayer, biblical reflection, delicious meals, and even some shopping. We also encounter the diverse people of this region, including some whose families have lived in the Holy Land for thousands of years.

This brochure gives you the detailed itinerary of our pilgrimage. Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible! We hope you can join us on this spiritual journey, exploring the homeland of Jesus, reflecting on the Word of God, and being inspired and renewed.

Shalom – Salaam – Peace be yours!

# Our Daily Itinerary

# Day 1, Sunday, April 14: Depart LAX for Tel Aviv

We depart Los Angeles en route to Tel Aviv, with complimentary food and beverages in flight.

# Day 2, Monday, April 15: Arrive in Tel Aviv

We **arrive in Tel Aviv** this evening. After collecting our luggage and entering Israel, we meet our guide and bus driver. They take us to a local hotel for our pilgrimage's "welcome" meeting and a good night's sleep!

# Day 3, Tuesday, April 16: Tel Aviv to Nazareth, via Jaffa & Caesarea Maritima

After breakfast, we check out of our hotel and board our bus for **Jaffa** (Joppa), an ancient port on the Mediterranean Sea, where we walk through the old town, take in the coastal views, visit early Christian sites (such as Simon the Tanner's house), enjoy lunch in a Jaffa restaurant, and celebrate **Mass in St. Peter's Church** (*see Acts 9–11*). We travel on to **Caesarea Maritima**, built on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea by King Herod the Great (*where Cornelius was baptized, Peter and Paul visited, and later Paul was imprisoned for two years*). We continue north to **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood hometown. We check into our hotel, just across the street from the Basilica of the Annunciation. (B, L, D)

# Day 4, Wednesday, April 17: Nazareth

This morning, we visit the excavations of the 1<sup>st</sup> century streets of Nazareth and St. Joseph's Church before celebrating **Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation**, built on the cave that tradition has identified as Mary's home (*Luke 1:26-38*). We enjoy a 1<sup>st</sup> century lunch at **Nazareth Village**, a well-researched replica of the tiny village of Nazareth in Jesus' time. We then visit **Mount Precipice**, and in the afternoon we can explore more of Nazareth, now a dynamic, primarily Arab city in Israel. (B, L, D)

# Day 5, Thursday, April 18: Nazareth to Tabgha, Galilee via Sepphoris & Cana

After breakfast, we check out of our hotel and walk through the streets of Nazareth to celebrate **Mass in its Crusader-era Synagogue Church** (*Luke 4:17-21*). After Mass, we travel to **Sepphoris**, where we view the ruins of what was the capital of Galilee at the time of Jesus (and likely a place where he and Joseph worked, since it is walking distance from Nazareth). We visit the remains of the theater, the mosaics, the Roman main street (Cardo), and consider the contrast of this wealthy city with the small, impoverished village of Nazareth. We have lunch in the **Sindyanna Fair Trade** Visitors' Center, where we can purchase products made by the collaborative projects of Jewish and Palestinian women. We travel on to **Cana** (*John 2:1-11*), where married pilgrims are invited to renew their vows in the town where Jesus, a guest at a wedding party, performed his first miracle. We continue north, arriving at our accommodations on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. (B, L, D)

## Day 6, Friday, April 19: Galilee - Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Tabgha & Magdala

A short bus ride brings us to a remarkable museum run by the **Ginosar** kibbutz, displaying a recently discovered 1<sup>st</sup> century Galilean fishing boat. From there, we have a private boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, recalling important Gospel sites, before arriving at Capernaum, Peter's home and the base of Jesus' ministry (Matthew 4:13). We celebrate Mass in the modern church built over the archeological site of Peter's home, where Jesus likely stayed. After Mass, we explore the remains of the town and synagogue (Luke 4:31-36; Mark 1: 21-28). We return to **Tabgha** to visit the places associated with the multiplication of loaves and fishes (Matthew 14:15-21) and Jesus' post-resurrection appearance to the disciples (John 21). Afterward, we head to the archaeological site of Magdala, the home of Mary Magdalene. There we find the remains of its 1<sup>st</sup> century synagogue and spend time in the newly built Duc in Altum chapel on the Sea of Galilee, honoring women of scripture. (B, L, D)

## Day 7, Saturday, April 20: Galilee - Mount of Beatitudes, Bethsaida, Chorazin, Banias

We begin the day by celebrating **Mass on the Mount** of Beatitudes, recalling Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. We pass by the ruins of the cities of Bethsaida and Chorazin (*Matthew 11:21*). We then travel north to the Banias National Park in the Golan Heights, the site of biblical Caesarea Philippi (*"Who do you say that I am?" Matthew 16:13*), the shrine to the pagan god Pan, and the headwaters of the Jordan River. We enjoy a short hike to some beautiful waterfalls along the rushing stream. (B, L, D)

## Day 8, Sunday, April 21: Galilee to Jerusalem via Mount Tabor & Jericho

After breakfast, we check out of our guest house and depart for Jerusalem, stopping along the way at **Mount Tabor**, traditional site of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Here we celebrate **Mass of the 4**<sup>th</sup> **Sunday of Easter**. We continue through the Jordan River Valley, having lunch at a local restaurant in **Jericho** - a city Jesus visited and where he gave sight to Bartimaeus, a man who was blind (*Mark 10:46-52*). We also view the remains of the ancient walls of one of the oldest cities in the world, and a Sycamore tree of the type that Zacchaeus climbed (*Luke 19:1-10*). We also stop at a viewpoint of the Mount of the Temptation. When we arrive in **Jerusalem**, we check into our hotel. (B, L, D)

# Day 9, Monday, April 22: Jerusalem - Ein Karem, Israel Museum, Latin Patriarchate

We begin the day with a visit to **Ein Karem**, the hill country village of Elizabeth and Zechariah, parents of John the Baptist, and the site of the Visitation of the two pregnant cousins: young Mary and elderly Elizabeth (*Luke 1:39-56*). We visit the Church of John the Baptist and then walk up some steps to celebrate **Mass in the Basilica of the Visitation**. After lunch, we return to Jerusalem and visit the **Israel Museum**, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls and a model of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus. After the Israel Museum tour, we return to the Old City for a **meeting with the Latin Patriarch** (Catholic Archbishop) of Jerusalem – whose Archdiocese includes Israel, Palestine (West Bank and Gaza), Jordan, and Cyprus. Dinner is at our hotel, on the evening when the Jewish community of Israel begins Passover. (B, L, D)

## Day 10, Tuesday, April 23: Jerusalem - Bethlehem, Beit Sahour, Herodium

Today we travel to the **Shepherds' Fields** in Beit Sahour, where we celebrate **Mass**. We continue to **Manger Square in Bethlehem**, where we enter one of the world's oldest Christian shrines (from about 330 AD): **the Church of the Nativity**. It is built over the place identified by early Christians as the site of Jesus' birth. Following lunch in the Franciscan guest house in Bethlehem, we visit nearby **Holy Family Hospital**, Palestine's primary maternity and neonatal care medical center. Afterward, we shop at the **Holy Land Handicraft Cooperative** to support local Christian Artisans. On our way back to Jerusalem, we pause for a glimpse of **Herodium**, the palace and fortress built by Herod the Great. After this full day, we have dinner back at our hotel. (B, L, D)

## Day 11, Wednesday, April 24: Jerusalem - Bethany, Jordan River, Qumran & Dead Sea

We begin today with **Mass in nearby Bethany (Al-Eizariya)**, the hometown of Mary, Martha, and Lazarussibling friends of Jesus, whom he often visited (*Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-44*). We travel down [along the "Good Samaritan Road"] to the Jordan River Valley. We stop at the **Jordan River**, in the area most likely to have been the site of John the Baptist's ministry, where we have the opportunity to renew our baptismal promises (*Matthew 3:1-13; Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:1-22*). We continue traveling south to the ruins of the ancient **Essene Monastery at Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. We have lunch there, before relaxing in the late afternoon at the **Dead Sea**, with an optional saltwater swim at the very lowest point on earth. We return to Jerusalem for dinner at our hotel. (B, L, D)

### Day 12, Thursday, April 25: Jerusalem - Western Wall, Temple Mount/Noble Sanctuary, Pool of Bethesda, Ecce Homo

We take a morning walk through the **Jewish Quarter of the Old City** and pray at the sacred **Western Wall of the Second Temple**, all that remains of the heart of Judaism in the time of Jesus. We visit the Temple Mount/Noble Sanctuary and view the Muslim holy places - the Al Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock (conditions permitting). From there, we walk to the Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed a paralytic (John 5). We celebrate Mass in the Shrine of Ecce Homo Arch, associated with the scourging of Jesus (Matthew 27:26-31). After lunch at the Ecce Homo Convent, we have a free afternoon (with an optional visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial). (B, L, D)

## Day 13, Friday, April. 26: Jerusalem - Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Mount Zion, Palace of Caiaphas

A short bus ride takes us to the **Mount of Olives**. Walking partly down the "Palm Sunday Road," we stop to pray in a small church called **Dominus Flevit** ("The Lord wept"), the site of Jesus' tears over Jerusalem prior to his death (Luke 19:41). We continue walking down the Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. After lunch, we drive to Mount Zion to visit the Church of the Dormition of Our Lady and the Upper Room—the site traditionally associated with the Last Supper, the appearances of the risen Jesus, and Pentecost (Acts 2). We make our way to the remains of the Palace of Caiaphas, where Jesus was interrogated by the High Priest (Matthew 26:57). Known today as the Church of St. Peter in Galicantu ("crowing rooster"), its courtvard was the site of Peter's denial of Jesus ("I do not know him!"). Here, we celebrate Mass before returning to our hotel for dinner. (B, L, D)

# Day 14, Saturday, April 27: Jerusalem - Via Dolorosa, Holy Sepulcher

We begin with a very early walk of the **Via Dolorosa**, the Way of the Cross (*Luke 23:26-32*) in the Old City of Jerusalem, ending with the celebration of **Easter Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher** – the central church of Christianity, built over the sites of Jesus' death and the tomb of his resurrection. We then take a tour of the Basilica before returning to the hotel. We enjoy **free time** to explore Jerusalem on this Jewish Passover sabbath (most of Jewish Israel is closed, but the Muslim and Christian areas are open). We come together for our evening's celebratory Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant in the Christian Quarter. (B, D)

# Day 15, Sunday, April 28: Jerusalem to Los Angeles, via Tel Aviv

Early this morning, our bus returns us to Ben Gurion airport, where we bid farewell to our guide and driver. We depart the Holy Land, **arriving at LAX** by Sunday evening, with meals served in-flight.

**Note:** While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary, either due to changes in airline schedules or for other reasons.

# Pricing & Registration Information: Tour Number 24-028-0414

**How to Register:** Registrations are processed in the order received and many groups fill up quickly, so please register soon. Deadline for initial registration is **October 15, 2023**. To attempt to register after this date, inquire first to learn if any space is still available. Online registration is not available at this time.

To make your reservation, complete the Registration Form included in this PDF document and submit your \$500 per person non-refundable deposit, mailed to the address shown on the bottom of the Registration Form. CTC will send your invoice via postal mail within two weeks of our receipt of your deposit. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure, by **January 15, 2024**.

**TRAVEL PACKAGES:** We offer two types of tour packages and two forms of payment:

#### Packages

- 1) Full Package (including airfare)
- 2) Land Only Package (travelers make their own airline arrangements).

#### Payment

- 1) Discount Price (payment by check or money order)
- 2) Standard Price (payment by credit or debit card). Prices are per person based on double occupancy. A very limited number of single rooms may be available at the supplement shown below.

CASH DISCOUNT PRICE (payable by check or money order) Full Package: \$5,199 from Los Angeles (LAX) plus tips of \$195 for total tour cost of **\$5,394** 

Land Only Package: \$4,299 plus tips of \$195 for total tour cost of **\$4,494** 

**STANDARD PRICE** (payable by credit or debit card)

**Full Package:** \$5,518 from Los Angeles (LAX) plus tips of \$195 for total tour cost of **\$5,713** 

Land Only Package: \$4,618 plus tips of \$195 for total tour cost of **\$4,813** 

#### SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$1,395

**Your Price Includes:** Airfare based on non-refundable, restricted economy class group fares only on regularly scheduled IATA carrier from Los Angeles (LAX) airport; religious housing in Galilee, superior tourist class in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem or best available accommodations (all with private facilities); sightseeing; meals per itinerary (B, L, D); all gratuities; and is based on a minimum of 30 fully paying passengers per motor coach. Please see the Registration Form and Terms & Conditions for more details. **GRATUITIES:** Tips are included for restaurants, hotel porters, motor coach driver and your tour manager.

**HEALTH DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:** Please refer to the Terms and Conditions of this brochure for guidance on documentation requirements.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Once your initial registration deposit is processed by CTC, you will receive an email with information on suggested travel insurance options. CTC strongly suggests the purchase of travel insurance to help protect your investment in the trip and to help provide medical coverage outside the United States. We also strongly suggest you purchase the broadest coverage available with the least amount of exclusions. Because some travel insurance plans contain time-sensitive benefits, we encourage you to do your research and purchase insurance in a timely manner.

#### AIRLINE DEVIATIONS, SEATING, UPGRADES, AND FREQUENT FLYER

**BOOKINGS:** Deviations from the group flight itinerary, specific seat assignments, seat upgrades, and bookings using "frequent flyer" program points are not possible within the terms of our group airline contract. If these items are important to you, we advise you register for the "Land Only" package.

**WALKING:** Please note, this journey involves considerable walking on cobblestone streets and uneven pavement and requires being on your feet more than usual. We recommend that you be in good physical condition to enjoy this pilgrimage to its fullest.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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PAYMENT TERMS: All payments shall be made on the dates indicated in the payment schedule, noted in the Registration Information section. Late payments are subject to a non-refundable \$150 fee, and may result in cancellation. A Traveler registering within 90 days prior to departure must provide full payment by cashier check, plus a non-refundable late registration \$150 fee. CTC reserves the right to cancel registrations not paid in full 75 days prior to tour departure and to charge fees per the Cancellation Policy. A non-refundable \$75 fee is charged on all returned payments. Travelers agree not to dispute any credit card charges associated with this trip before contacting CTC first to resolve their concerns. CTC retains the right to dispute any chargeback that is improper and recover any costs, including attorney's fees related to improper chargebacks. Additionally, in the event of an improper chargeback, CTC retains the right to cancel any travel reservation related to that improper chargeback NOTE: Credit card charges will not show as "travel expense" on your credit card statement, but will appear as "specialty services", "shopping" or another designation.

**CHANGES IN PACKAGE:** After initial invoicing, changes from the air inclusive package ("Full Package") to "Land Only" or vice versa are subject to a non-refundable \$75 per person per change fee. Changes must be requested in writing to CTC at least 100 days prior to departure date (subject to availability). Late requests to change the package may not be accommodated.

**CHANGES IN FORM OF PAYMENT:** To change from Discount to Standard pricing, the difference between prices plus an additional \$75 fee applies. After a Traveler's credit card has been charged for any portion of the tour, s/he is ineligible for the Discount Price.

**PARTIAL PACKAGES NOT AVAILABLE:** Tour Packages are offered as described in this brochure, at the stated price. Partial package purchase is not available.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** CTC's cancellation policy is in effect upon first payment toward any CTC tour. A Traveler's cancellation must be provided in writing either by email, fax, or registered mail to CTC. The cancellation is effective on the date of the cancellation email, fax, or date of postmark. The Traveler forfeits the following fees to CTC based on the date of cancellation notice: anytime up to 90 days prior to departure, \$500 fee; 89 to 60 days prior to departure, \$500 fee plus 25% of Land Cost (all costs except airfare and related taxes, fees, surcharges); 59 to 30 days prior to departure, \$500 fee plus 50% of Land Cost plus the full cost of all of the Traveler's airline travel (including airfare and related taxes, fees, surcharges); 29 days or fewer, all payments by Traveler made to CTC are forfeited, and there are no refunds. In event of individual cancellation, no name changes or substitutions are permitted. **No shows:** Passengers who do not show up for the group's departing flight (or land only passengers who do not show for first hotel night) will be considered as tour cancellations: their airline and/or hotel reservations will automatically be cancelled and cannot be reinstated.

**PRICES:** If the group does not reach the size quoted, the price or programming will be adjusted accordingly. Pricing is based on exchange rates and fares applicable at the time of quotation and is subject to change. Fuel surcharges are subject to increase up to 30 days prior to departure.

**PASSPORT:** A valid passport is required of all U.S. citizen passengers. Travelers of other nationalities should inquire with the appropriate embassies, and such Travelers are responsible for securing their own visas if required in addition to their valid passport. Travelers' passports must be valid for six (6) months following the return date of the trip. CTC expressly denies any responsibility for any losses incurred due to insufficient validity of a Traveler's passport.

**HEALTH & MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** The Traveler is responsible for identifying and securing any health/medical related documentation required by the airlines and/or countries visited on the itinerary, and CTC bears no responsibility for the passenger not providing the required documentation. If a country requires proof of COVID vaccination and/or a negative COVID test, it is the responsibility of the passenger to secure such documentation within the required timeframe as a condition for joining this tour.

Our suppliers (hotels, airlines, motor coach companies, etcetera) have agreed to abide by COVID-protective measures as outlined by local health authorities and government agencies, and the traveler agrees to abide by these policies as well. The Traveler understands that while CTC has made a reasonable inquiry to ensure these policies are adhered to by our suppliers, there may be occasions when the policies are not followed as completely as the policy suggests. Therefore, the Traveler agrees not to hold CTC, our suppliers, or the group leaders responsible should they contract any illness during or after their travel.

It is highly recommended Travelers be medically healthy and physically capable of significant walking. CTC tours involve international travel to foreign countries that have different standards of accessibility than U.S. law. Transportation services, which are provided by third parties, as well as visited sites and accommodations, which are not owned, leased, or controlled by CTC, may not be compliant with accessibility standards required by U.S. law. CTC cannot guarantee wheelchair, motorized scooter, or walker accessibility during a trip and does not provide individual assistance to Travelers. If a Traveler requires special individual assistance, the Traveler, not CTC, is responsible for bringing and paying for a capable companion willing to assist the Traveler. CTC assumes no responsibility for Travelers' inability to fully participate in the tour, nor does CTC provide any refund for non-participation in any part of the tour.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: CTC strongly suggests the purchase of Travel Insurance to help protect Travelers' investment in the trip and to help provide medical coverage outside the United States. We also strongly suggest you purchase the broadest coverage available with the least amount of exclusions. Travel Insurance is encouraged because CTC strictly adheres to our Cancellation Policy. Because some Travel Insurance plans contain time-sensitive benefits, we encourage Travelers to do their research and purchase insurance in a timely manner. CTC is not qualified to answer technical questions about the benefits, exclusions, and conditions of travel insurance plans. CTC cannot evaluate the adequacy of the prospective insured's existing insurance coverage. If you have any questions about your travel protection, call your insurer or insurance agent or broker. Declining to purchase an adequate travel protection plan could result in the loss of your travel cost and/or require more money to correct the situation. You also acknowledge that without this coverage, there may be no way to recoup any losses, costs, or expenses incurred. If you choose to travel without adequate coverage, CTC will not be liable for any of your losses howsoever arising, for which trip protection plan coverage would otherwise have been available.

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**ITINERARY:** The itinerary presented in this brochure represents what CTC is planning for this trip; however, the itinerary is subject to final confirmations and changes in local schedules. While no changes are anticipated, CTC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to change the itinerary, as it deems necessary or advisable. CTC is not responsible for costs or fees related to itinerary changes necessitated by changes in an airline's schedule or other arrangements not made through CTC.

**FINAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** Travelers receive travel documents by email approximately two weeks prior to departure. Bulk items such as luggage and names tags will be shipped by CTC to group leaders for distribution.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS: Accommodations are based on double/twin rooms with private bathroom facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available and are subject to a single room supplement fee. If no roommate is available for you, or your roommate cancels prior to departure, a single room supplement surcharge applies. Triple rooms are not always available and are discouraged because of cramped quarters; no price reduction for triple rooms. Meals are either menu of the day or buffet. Included meals are as shown in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner).

AIR TRANSPORTATION: All airline tickets are round-trip economy class and non-refundable unless specifically stated. Any cancellation, itinerary change, or failure to use confirmed space is subject to penalties and/or fees levied by the airline at the time of ticketing. Airfare, airline carrier, and airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Airline fees and fuel or security fee surcharges (if any) occurring after the date of brochure publication are the responsibility of the Traveler.

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LAND ONLY PASSENGERS: Travelers arranging their own airline ticket must meet the group at the first hotel of the itinerary.

**BAGGAGE & PORTERAGE:** Baggage is at Traveler's risk. Traveler should confirm the checked and carry-on baggage specifications with the air carrier specified in Final Travel Documents. Any checked baggage fees, if applicable, are not included in the tour price. Checked baggage is limited to one bag per person (subject to change by airline) and must adhere to airline specifications. Porterage for one piece of luggage is included at hotels; no porterage at airports.

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**GROUP COORDINATOR/SPIRITUAL LEADER:** The group coordinator and/or spiritual leader is not an employee, agent, or contractor of CTC. Statements made by group coordinator and/or spiritual leader are not binding on CTC, and we will not be liable for their actions, words or promises.

**CANCELLATION BY THE SUPPLIER:** CTC will inform you as soon as reasonably possible if a supplier needs to cancel. CTC will also liaise between you and the supplier in relation to any alternative arrangements offered by the supplier, but CTC will have no further liability to you.

**CANCELLATION BEYOND CTC's CONTROL:** CTC disclaims any responsibility for any losses or expenses incurred due to cancellation or alteration of the tour resulting from, but not limited to: travel advisories or warnings issued by the State Department or any other relevant authority, acts of war, terrorism, acts of God, natural disasters, pandemic, or any other circumstance beyond CTC's control. In such case, CTC will assist Travelers in requesting refunds for all land and air services not received by the Traveler, less a non-refundable operational fee of \$500 per person. CTC shall not be responsible for any non-recoverable amounts disbursed to service providers on a Traveler's behalf. Suppliers may choose to provide a travel voucher or credit in lieu of refund. CTC is not responsible for a supplier's failure to pay a refund or for supplier bankruptcy or insolvency.

**POLICY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION:** CTC does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, or status as a Vietnam or other veteran in the provision of its tour and pilgrimage services.

**CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY REGISTERED SELLER:** Catholic Travel Centre is a registered Seller of Travel in the State of California: CST#: 2018667–40. "Registration as a Seller of Travel does not constitute approval by the State of California." Section 17550.24(f). CTC subscribes to the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund. Non-residents of California are not eligible to make claims to this fund. A claim must be submitted to the TCRF within 12 months after the scheduled completion date of travel. For more information, visit www.tcrcinfo.org. In accordance with California law, CTC has a trust account to protect Traveler's purchase money.

FLORIDA SELLER OF TRAVEL: Fla. Seller of Travel Ref. No. ST43075.

JURISDICTION/VENUE/CLASS ACTION WAIVER/LIMITATION OF DAMAGES/NOTICE OF CLAIM: These Terms and Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California without regard to conflict of law principles. Any dispute arising from the contract shall be litigated in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Los Angeles. You agree you will only bring claims against CTC in your individual capacity and not as a plaintiff or class member in any purported class action or representative proceeding. CTC shall not in any case be liable for other than compensatory damages, and your payment of a deposit on a trip means you agree to these conditions of sale and expressly waive any right to punitive damages. You understand and agree no claims will be considered and you will not bring suit against CTC unless you have first provided a typewritten notice of claim to CTC within 30 days after the trip or cancellation of the trip.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS CHANGES:** Changes in any of the Terms & Conditions can be made only in writing signed by an officer of CTC.

**FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY:** Upon cancellation of the transportation or travel services, where the passenger is not at fault and has not canceled in violation of any terms and conditions previously clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger, all sums paid to CTC for services not provided will be promptly paid to the passenger, unless the passenger advises the CTC in writing, after cancellation. This provision does not apply where CTC has remitted the payment to another registered wholesale seller of travel or a carrier, without obtaining a refund, and where

the wholesaler or provider defaults in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service. In this situation, CTC must provide the passenger with a written statement accompanied by bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a wholesale seller of travel, proof of current registration of that wholesaler.



Worldwide Tours & Pilgrimages

# A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

April 14 - 28, 2024 • Tour #: 24-028-0414 • Group Name: Just Gresser

\*\*If any section below is left blank, your registration form will not be processed and you will not be confirmed on this pilgrimage\*\*

### **1. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Please print in BLOCK LETTERS your complete Last Name, First Name and Middle Name <u>as they appear on your PASSPORT:</u> Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

How would you like your first name to appear on your nametag?

Email (Forms submitted without email address cannot be processed)

Date of Birth	Genc	ler
Street Address		Apt
City	State	Zip
Home Tel	Mobile Tel	

## 2. PASSPORT INFORMATION

Will you hold a U.S. Passport at the

time of travel? (Yes / No)

If "no," what nationality?

#### You must select one of the two choices below:

- □ I have enclosed a copy of the photo page of my passport showing my name, passport number and expiration date.
- I understand I must submit a copy of the photo page of my passport
  90 days or more prior to departure.
- Note: Catholic Travel Centre is not liable for passports expiring within 180 days of the return date of the pilgrimage.

#### **3. ROOMING INFORMATION**

#### You must select one of the three choices below:

- □ I wish to room with: (enter name)
- □ Please try to find a roommate for me. I understand if you cannot find a roommate for me, I will be obliged to pay the single room supplement.
- □ I wish a single room at a supplement of \$1,395. A limited number of single rooms are available at this price.

# 4. PAYMENT INFORMATION

**Registration Deposit:** \$500 by October 15, 2023 **Final Payment:** by January 15, 2024

You must select one of the four choices below:

#### DISCOUNT PRICE

\$500 non-refundable deposit & balance paid by check or money order. Make check payable to Catholic Travel Centre.

- □ FULL PACKAGE: \$5,199,from Los Angeles (LAX) plus tips of \$195 for total tour cost of \$5,394.
- □ LAND ONLY PACKAGE: \$4,299 plus tips of \$195 for total tour cost of \$4,494. I agree to meet the group at first night's hotel.

### STANDARD PRICE

\$500 non-refundable deposit and payment by credit or debit card. Please fill in your credit /debit card information below.

- □ FULL PACKAGE: \$5,518 from Los Angeles (LAX) plus tips of \$195 for total tour cost of \$5,713.
- □ LAND ONLY PACKAGE: \$4,618 plus tips of \$195 for total tour cost of \$4,813. I agree to meet the group at first night's hotel.

## **CREDIT / DEBIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION**

I authorize Catholic Travel Centre to charge the Standard Price amount to my credit or debit card (\$500 non-refundable will be charged now; balance of payment will be charged to my card per the invoice due date).

# I agree to the terms and conditions and cancellation terms attached here.

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Card Number	Exp. Date
Name as it appears on credit	card
Name as it appears on credit	card
Name as it appears on credit Signature	Date

Please complete one registration form per persor	n (couples, submit two separate forms).
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#### If any section above is left blank, your registration form will not be processed and you will not be confirmed on this pilgrimage.

Enclosed please find my \$500 non-refundable per person deposit for the above referenced trip. By submitting this payment, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the "Terms and Conditions" in the accompanying brochure, including information related to pricing and cancellations.

Signature

Date

# Please mail this form with your deposit payable to Catholic Travel Centre to: 4444 W. Riverside Drive, Suite 301, Burbank, CA 91505

Further information and invoice will be sent within two weeks of receipt of your registration and deposit.