

**CANCELLED DUE TO
COVID-19 CRISIS** *Spectacular Pilgrimage in 2020*
Departing 7 September 2020 (15 days)

HOLY LAND and JORDAN PILGRIMAGE

Come and join us on this extremely special Spiritual Journey. Walk in the footsteps of our dear Lord in the Holy Land, and also visit Petra and Amman in Jordan. Plus so much more!

Your Chaplain: Fr. Peter Ferwerda, Parish Priest,
Mary Help of Christians, Heathcote, Vic



Cost per person, share twin (Ex Australia): \$6240.00* (AUD)

Cost per person, share twin (Ex Auckland, NZ): \$6850.00* (AUD)

Single supplement: \$1490.00* (AUD)

* The costs above include airline taxes and fuel surcharges ex Australia and are current at time of print but are subject to change at the discretion of the airlines and/or operators and due to currency fluctuations.

The group will fly on Emirates Airline from Australia/New Zealand to Amman, Jordan and return.



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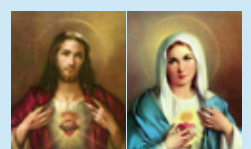
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PRELIMINARY ITINERARY

Day 1: **Monday 07 September**

Depart Australia and Auckland in the evening.

Day 2: **Tuesday 08 September**

Arrive Dubai early morning.

On arrival please proceed immediately through security to the departure lounge for our flight to Amman, Jordan.

Arrive Amman, Jordan at 9:30am.

Upon arrival at Amman airport we will be met and assisted through passport formalities and transfer to the Allenby Bridge to cross into Israel. We then drive to Nazareth. **Father will celebrate Mass here for the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Dinner and overnight.

Day 3: **Wednesday 09 September**

Nazareth and Cana.

This morning we visit the site of the **Holy Family's home** and the town where Jesus played as a child, learned a trade, and grew to manhood. We will have Mass in the **Church of the Annunciation** and an opportunity to visit holy sites in the city. We will then travel to **Cana**, where Jesus performed His first miracle at the request of his Mother Mary [John 2:1-11]. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Day 4: **Thursday 10 September**

Tiberias and Sea of Galilee.

Today we will sail on the **Sea of Galilee** in a boat similar to those used in Our Lords time. We will visit beautiful **Tabgha** and the **Church of the Beatitudes** where Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000. A short distance away is what is known as "Peter's Primacy", the site where, after His resurrection, Jesus met with his disciples and told Peter to "feed my lambs; feed my sheep." [John 21:9] Here Father will celebrate Mass. We will then visit **Capernaum** where Jesus began his Galilean ministry, see the synagogue which dates to the time of Jesus and the site of St. Peter's home.

We will visit the recently discovered ruins of **Magdala** on the Sea of Galilee and then continue back to Nazareth for dinner and overnight.

Day 5: **Friday 11 September**

Mount Carmel & Haifa.

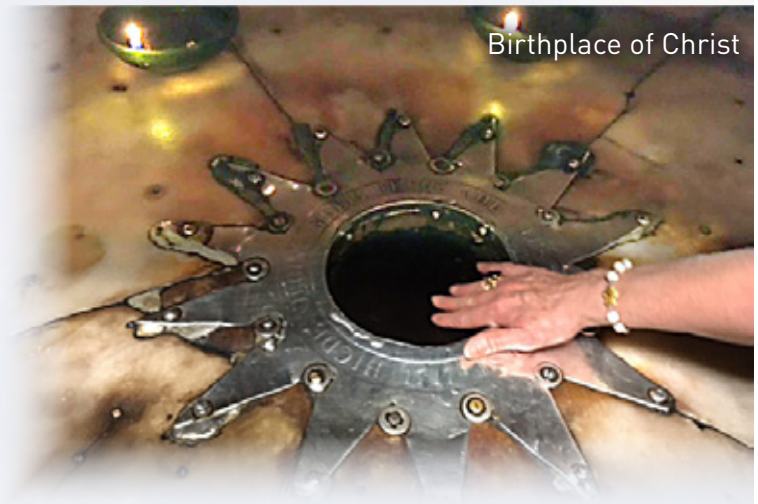
We depart for **Mount Carmel** and to **Muhraqa** where the **Carmelite Monastery of St. Elijah** marks the place where the prophet Elijah set up his altars and triumphed over the false Prophets of Ba'al - here Father will celebrate Mass. Then we proceed to **Chapel of Stella Mares**. (Our Lady Star of the Sea) in **Haifa** and also view the sights of this beautiful town situated on the Mediterranean Sea. Dinner and overnight.

Day 6: **Saturday 12 September**

Mount Tabor, Bethany, Jerusalem.

We continue our journey with Jesus to **Jerusalem** where He was condemned, crucified and rose from the dead. We begin that journey as He did by going to **Mount Tabor** where He was transfigured before Peter, James and John and they glimpsed a sign of His glory before they witnessed His passion and death. Father will celebrate Mass at the **Basilica of the Transfiguration**.

Following Mass, we travel in our coach through the **Jordan Valley** where Jesus walked with His disciples and



Birthplace of Christ

on to **Jericho** where we will have lunch, followed by a visit to **Bethany**. We then continue on to Jerusalem, where we will have dinner and spend the night.

Day 7: **Sunday 13 September**

Bethlehem, Mass and meeting with Local Catholic Palestinian people.

Today we travel to the **Shepherds' Field** and visit the **Shepherds' Cave**. The group will have Mass at a local Parish followed by a meeting with local Palestinian Catholic community. We then enter the town of **Bethlehem** to visit the **Church of the Nativity**, which is the traditional place of the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is one of the oldest surviving Christian churches. We return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

Day 8: **Monday 14 September**

Jerusalem: Old City & Evening in the Garden of Gethsemane.

We will visit the **Western or Wailing Wall** of the Temple, the **Temple Mount** and the **Dome of the Rock** [a Muslim Shrine] and then move to the **Church of St. Anne**. We will also visit the **Pool at Bethesda** where Jesus healed the paralytic. We also visit the **Shrine at the Ecce Homo Arch**, where Pilate stood when he proclaimed, "Behold the Man." Here we celebrate Mass. We then visit the site of the scourging of Jesus. We'll have time to walk in the **Holy City** and experience the culture of Old Jerusalem at our leisure. We return to our accommodation for rest and dinner. This evening at 8:00pm we will have the opportunity to spend some time in meditation at the Public Holy Hour in the **Garden of Gethsemane** where Jesus prayed the night before He was crucified. Return to Hotel.

Day 9: **Tuesday 15 September**

Jerusalem: Mount of Olives, & Mount Zion.

This morning the coach takes us to a hillside overlooking the city of Jerusalem where Jesus wept over the city. It is known as **Dominus Flevit** [Latin for "The Lord wept"]. Here Father will celebrate Mass. Afterwards we will walk down the hill and visit the **Russian Orthodox Church of St. Mary Magdalene** with its golden turrets and beautiful icons. Princess Alice, (the Duke of Edinburgh's mother who was a Greek Orthodox Nun) and according to her wishes, is buried in the crypt. We will then visit the **Church of All Nations** in the Garden of Gethsemane. We will then travel by coach across the **Kidron Valley** to the site of **Caiaphas' Palace** where Jesus experienced the Jewish portion of His trial. The site is known today as St. Peter in Gallicantu ["crowing rooster"]. We return to our hotel for rest and dinner. Dinner is at our accommodation.

Day 10: **Wednesday 16 September**

Jerusalem: Via Dolorosa, Holy Sepulchre, Free time.

We begin early this morning to walk the **Via Dolorosa**, the **Way of the Cross**. We continue with Mass at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, the site where Jesus was crucified and where He was buried. We will return to the hotel for breakfast and orientation. The rest of the day is free to explore the city or to revisit some of the sites – Our guide will be available to assist you. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 11: **Thursday 17 September**

Jerusalem, Ein Karem, Dead Sea Scrolls/Optional visit Holocaust Museum.

We start the day with our first stop will be to **Ein Karem**, the home of St. Elizabeth, mother of St. John the Baptist. It was here that Our Blessed Mother Mary visited her cousin. We also visit the birthplace of St. John the Baptist. A visit to the **Israel Museum** which houses the **Model of Peace**, Jerusalem in the 2nd Temple Period. The Old Walled City today has changed since the time of Our Lord. We also view the **Shrine of the Book** where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** are kept and learn about their importance in understanding Jewish thinking and life at the time of Jesus. An optional visit to **Yad Vashem** the Holocaust memorial museum can be arranged. (approx. USD\$8 per person for headsets). Dinner and overnight.

Day 12: **Friday 18 September**

Jerusalem, Allenby Bridge & Dead Sea Jordan side.

Early morning transfer to **Allenby Bridge** where we cross to Jordan and visit the **Baptismal site of Our Lord** on the Jordan side of the river. We continue to **Mount Nebo**, the site where Moses saw the Promised Land and where he died. Father will celebrate Mass here and then continue to the **Dead Sea** for 2 nights where we will stay at our hotel to rest and meditate on our time in the Holy Land. Dinner after freshening up.

Day 13: **Saturday 19 September**

Dead Sea, Jordan Side.

1. Full day to rest by and floating on the **Dead Sea** – time to reflect on the last couple of weeks visiting the incredible sights of Holy Land!!!

OR

2. For those people doing the **optional day tour to Petra**. You will visit this ancient Edomite and Nabatean capital which is an amazing city of prophecy. See this spectacular “City of the Dead” with its famed gorge, Ancient Street, temples, dwelling places and tombs carved from the solid rock. Arrive at **El Ji Post** and continue the one-mile journey on horseback, or walk, passing through the famous **SIQ (natural gorge)** and arrive at the **“Treasury”**. Visit the ancient theatre in the Nabataea Judgment Hall, Place Tombs, famous Urn Temple and the Roman Amphitheatre. Please note that the day is a long one with travelling time approximately 4 hours each way. Dinner at hotel and overnight.



Russian Orthodox Church of St. Mary Magdalene

Day 14: **Sunday 20 September**

Dead Sea to Amman, Jordan and flight home.

After breakfast we will depart the hotel around 10:00 am and drive to Amman. Father will celebrate Mass at the parish church of **Marj Alhamam**, which is one of the parishes of the **Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem** in Jordan.

The town of Marj Alhamam lies on the outskirts of Amman, the capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and is 7 kilometres from the Seventh Circle. The parish was founded in 1986 and has 150 families as their parishioners. The Parish Priest is Father Hanna Kildani.



Jerusalem

We will then do a short city tour followed by our farewell lunch at the local restaurant, **Tawaheen el Hawa**. Transfer to the airport for our flight home which departs at 5:10pm.

Please immediately proceed through security to the departure lounge for your ongoing flight. You will have time here to shop and rest!

Day 15: **Monday 21 September**
Arrive Melbourne at 11:20pm.

Day 16: **Tuesday 22 September**
Arrive Auckland early morning.

Father will celebrate Holy Mass daily. The Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed daily by the group.

COST PER PERSON SHARE TWIN

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SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: Please add **\$1490.00 (AUD)** to the above cost.

COST INCLUDES

- Specially negotiated return airfares flying Emirates Airline ex Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane to Amman, Jordan
- 4 Nights accommodation in Nazareth at the Legacy Hotel or similar
- 6 Nights accommodation in Jerusalem at the Gloria Hotel or similar
- 2 Nights accommodation at Dead Sea, Jordan – Holiday Inn Hotel or similar
- Experienced English-speaking Christian licensed guide throughout the pilgrimage
- Modern, comfortable coaches throughout and equipped with WI FI
- All sightseeing, entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary plus headsets when required
- Breakfast and dinner daily throughout the pilgrimage
- One lunch at a local restaurant in Bethlehem
- Special farewell lunch in Amman, Jordan
- Airport assistance on arrival, departure and at border crossings
- Visa cost for Jordan for Australian passport holders.
- Departure taxes for Israel at Allenby Bridge plus Israel Ministry of Tourism certificates
- Airline and airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Gratuities, Maps and Hats
- Chaplain (Priest) and O'Connor Travel World Catholic Co-Ordinator from Australia

EXCLUSIONS

Optional Day Tour to Petra approx. AUD\$270 with a minimum of 10 people, if the number is below this it must be recosted; (Cost includes bus, guide and entrance fee) Lunch on any day (cost is normally approx. USD\$15 per day), drinks with meals and extras at hotels, Travel Insurance (which is imperative), items of a personal nature and anything not mentioned above.

PAYMENT DETAILS

The costs are current as at **16 December 2019** but are subject to change at the discretion of the airlines and operators, due to currency fluctuations and fuel surcharges. The pilgrimage is costed on a minimum of 20 full paying pilgrims departing Australia on the same day and if this number is not reached the pilgrimage must be re-costed.

In order to secure your place on the pilgrimage you must complete a booking form and forward a deposit of \$600.00 per person. Please make certain that you read the Booking Conditions prior to signing the form. Also please send a photocopy of the first page of your passport as this information must be given to our colleagues in order to obtain your Visas, etc, as mentioned above.

The final Balance is due to this office on 01 July 2020 and please note that Credit cards are not accepted as payment for pilgrimage.

Bank details below for direct credit.

(Please place your name in the reference section)

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TRAVEL ADVISORY

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