

Pilgrimage to Israel - The Holy Land



February 15 – February 24, 2017
(Depart / Return U.S)

\$3999 p.p. double

\$700.00 Single Supplement

Tour Includes:

- **Round Trip Airfare from Chicago**
- **8 Nights Accommodations -1st Class Hotels**
- **Breakfast & Dinner Daily**
- **Sightseeing as outlined in itinerary**
- **Baggage handling, taxes and fuel surcharge**
- **Gratuities to guides, driver and hotel staff**
- **Sightseeing in deluxe motor coach with a professional English speaking tour guide.**
- **Personal Ear Phone**
- **Boat ride across Sea of Galilee**
- **Complimentary St. Peter's Fish Lunch**
- **Farewell Dinner on last evening in Israel**
- **Pilgrims' Guide Book**
- **Hosted by Fr. George with a minimum of 20 passengers**



Last year some of you made with me a great pilgrimage to Poland, the homeland of Saint John Paul II. We visited many interesting places following on the footsteps of the Successor of Saint Peter and the Vicar of Christ. This year I cordially invite you to consider making a pilgrimage to the Homeland of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Land is often called the "Living Bible," since getting to know the land where Jesus lived helps us understand His teachings more clearly, know and love Him more intimately, and follow Him more faithfully. For many centuries, Christians have traveled to the Holy Land to visit the sites where Jesus was born and lived, taught and healed. For ages, pilgrims have yearned to encounter the places of His suffering, death, and resurrection, and also to visit the places where the first believers received the Holy Spirit, where the apostles preached and healed, and where the first Christian communities lived. Imagine yourself as a contemporary pilgrim, walking in the footsteps of Jesus: in Nazareth, His childhood home, in the other villages of Galilee, where His ministry began, and in Jerusalem, where it came to its conclusion. Imagine yourself retracing the steps of Peter and the other disciples, and seeing with your own eyes the same landscape that they saw.

We invite you to join us on a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land in February 15-24, 2017. Together, we will visit many of the sites that we hear about in our Scriptures. We will have many opportunities to read and reflect on the Bible, and to celebrate the Eucharist, pray, dine, talk, explore, and laugh together. We will have plenty of time even for some shopping!

In this brochure, you will find a detailed itinerary for each day of our pilgrimage, and a Registration Form. Space is limited, so please sign up soon! We hope you can join us on this pilgrimage, exploring the Land of Jesus, reflecting on the Word of God, and renewing our lives of faith.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Christ, Fr. George Zieba, CR

Rev. George Zieba, CR

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Depart Chicago on your way to Tel-Aviv

Day 2: Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport where an Ami Travel representative greets us and gives us an introduction about the forthcoming trip as we proceed to our hotel on the Coast for an overnight stay.

Day 3: Drive along the coast to Caesarea where Paul was imprisoned and Cornelius was baptized, visit the Roman Theater, Aqueduct and the Crusader ruins. Continue through the Valley of Armageddon to Mt. Carmel where the Prophet Elijah confronted the pagan priests (1st Kings 18). On to Cana – where we shall renew our marriage vows and to Nazareth to the magnificent Church of the Annunciation built on top of Virgin Mary's house – for our daily Mass celebration. Overnight in Galilee

Day 4: Tour the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of the Beatitudes and Tabgha – the site of the Feeding of the Multitudes and the Church of St. Peter's Primacy. Visit Capernaum and Simon Peter's house for a Mass celebration. We shall take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and enjoy a lunch of St. Peter's Fish. Visit the newly excavated Magdala. End the day at the Jordan River to renew our Baptismal vows. Overnight in the Galilee.

Day 5: Ascend to the top of Mount Tabor – the site of the Transfiguration – where we shall celebrate Mass. Drive via the Coast to the ancient Port City of Jaffa to see St. Peter's Church atop the House of Simon the Tanner. Continue to Abu Ghosh to commemorate the "Road to Emmaus". Continue to Jerusalem for our overnight.

Day 6: Begin our journey in nearby Bethlehem bazaar and later visit Manger Square and the beautiful Shepherd's Fields. Return to Jerusalem to visit Mt of Olives: Chapel of Ascension and Palm Sunday Road. End the day at St Peter in Gallicantu (cock-crowing), built over the palace of the high priest Caiaphas. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 7: Morning Mass inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Continue inside the old city of Jerusalem along the Via Dolorosa; visit the various quarters and the underground excavations. See the Temple ruins and the Western Wall amidst the buildings of old Jerusalem. Explore Mt Zion to see David's Tomb, The Room of the Last Supper and the Dormition Abbey – site of the Assumption of the Virgin. Overnight in Jerusalem.



Day 8: Celebrate Mass at the Cenacle followed by our journey to the lowest point on Earth; the Dead Sea area. Drive to Masada, site of the Jewish zealots' last stand against the Romans. See the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered and enjoy a floating experience in the Dead Sea. Visit Jericho to view Zacheus's Tree, Elisha's spring and the Mount of Temptation. Back to Jerusalem for an overnight stay.

Day 9: Mourning Mass at Gethsemane followed by a free day; we shall direct you to places you may visit at your own pace, or do your last shopping. Farewell dinner and our last night in the Holy Land ...

Day 10: Morning transfer to the Airport for our flight back home. Same day arrival to Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

Space is limited so please call today to make your reservation!

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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DEPOSITS: \$800.00 (check only), insurance premium, if chosen (non-refundable) along with completed Reservation Form and copy of passport valid for six months from return date.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due December 1, 2016

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE & MAIL TO: Viking Travel Service, 700 Pasquinelli Drive, Suite C, Westmont, IL 60559.

FORM OF PAYMENT: For insurance and final payment, checks or credit card. Note: Credit cards will be assessed a 3% processing fee.

PRICING: The tour price is based on airfare, land rates and rates of exchange in effect March 16, 2016. All prices are subject to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharges, tax increases and any other surcharges imposed by the airline, tour company, or government.

NOT INCLUDED: Cancellation/travel insurance, airline baggage fees, expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport fees, and entrance fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, beverages not included in meals, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED: Valid Passport – must be valid for 6 months from return date. Names on reservations must match passports. Copy of passport required.
Citizens of countries other than U.S. - MUST contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Airfare is estimated. Seat requests cannot be guaranteed, however every effort will be made to accommodate seat requests. Subject to baggage rules and restrictions. Note: rate & taxes subject to change until trip is paid in full and air is ticketed.

DOMESTIC AIRFARE: For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, we strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

TOUR MINIMUM: Minimum 20 passengers for tour to operate. Hosted by Fr. George

CANCELLATION/TRAVEL INSURANCE: We strongly recommend travel insurance. The optional travel insurance coverage covers trip cancellation for covered medical reason, interruption, accident, baggage and medical and covered unforeseen circumstances. As with all insurance policies, cost is non-refundable and subject to change at any time. Travel insurance will protect you from the penalties listed below.

CANCELLATION POLICY: If you must cancel, the following per person penalties apply. Without exception, all cancellations must be in writing (letter, fax or email) to Viking Travel Service and are effective the date of receipt. Any unused portions of the package are non-refundable. No shows or no written notice will result in 100% penalty.

Date of Deposit to November 30, 2016: \$250.00 pp penalty (insurance premium is non-refundable).
December 1, 2016 to date of departure: 100% of total charges.

GROUP INSURANCE PROTECTION Insurance Coverage's & Rates

| <u>Coverage</u> | <u>Maximum Benefits</u> | <u>Coverage</u> | <u>Maximum Benefits</u> |
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| Trip Cancellation | Trip Cost | Baggage Delay | \$300 |
| Trip Interruption | Trip Cost | Medical Expenses | \$25,000 |
| Travel Delay (Maximum of \$150 per day) | \$750 | Emergency Medical Transportation | \$500,000 |
| Missed Connection | \$250 | Baggage & Personal Effects Loss | \$1,000 |
| | | (Includes lost, stolen or damaged luggage or travel documents) | |

Double Occupancy Rate: \$260 pp

Single Occupancy Rate: \$306



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RESERVATION FORM

Please indicate: _____ \$3999.00 pp., Double Occupancy _____ \$4699.00 Single Occupancy

Please use legal names as they appear on your passport.

Passenger 1: _____
 First Middle Last
 Home Address: _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
 Cell: _____ E-mail address: _____
 Passport # _____ Date Issued _____ Expiration Date _____ Birth Date: _____
 Any physical limitations / Dietary or Special Requests? _____

Please fill out separate reservation form if not traveling with a spouse.

Passenger 2: _____
 First Middle Last
 Passport # _____ Date Issued _____ Expiration Date _____ Birth Date: _____
 Any physical limitations / Dietary or Special Requests? _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

DEPOSIT

Enclosed is deposit for _____ people (person) @ **\$800 per person**: Deposit amount: \$ _____
Note: Credit cards will be assessed a 3% processing fee.

INSURANCE

_____ I (we) have chosen to purchase the offered insurance.
 _____ I (we) are aware of the cancellation penalties but choose **not** to purchase the offered cancellation/travel insurance.
 Insurance amount for name 1. \$ _____
 Insurance amount for name 2. \$ _____
Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

CHARGE CARD PAYMENTS: _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____ American Express *Note: Credit cards will assessed a 3% processing fee.*

Card Number: _____ Expires: _____ Security # _____

Name as it appears on the credit card

Notice: While every effort will be made to adhere to the specifics shown in this or any other publication, certain circumstances may necessitate alterations, therefore: all fares, taxes, fuel surcharges, schedules, hours of arrival and departure and all other information contained herein are subject to change. Any unused portions of the package are non-refundable.
20 passengers are required for the trip to operate.

Responsibility: Neither Viking Travel Service nor AMI Travel, its affiliated entities and its and their employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns, own or operate any person or entity which provide goods and services for these trips. Because none of the above maintains any control over the personnel, equipment, or operations of these suppliers, Viking Travel Service assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any personal injury, death property damage or other loss, accident or delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of (1) any wrongful, negligent, willful or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any of the suppliers or their employees or agents, (2) any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, or instrument owned, operated or otherwise used by any of these suppliers, or (3) any wrongful, willful or negligent act or omission on the part of any other party not under the supervision and control of Viking Travel Service. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expense due to sickness, lack of appropriate medical facilities or practitioners, weather, strikes, theft or other criminal acts, war, terrorism, computer problems, or other such causes. All service and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Viking Travel Service reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. They reserve the right to withdraw any tour announced. Viking Travel Service reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the tour manager to be in the best interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. Viking Travel Service is not liable for any personal effects, same being the sole responsibility of the owner at all times. Payment constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. AMI Travel, and Viking Travel Service or the organizer, accept no responsibility for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or any other cause beyond their personal control. No carrier shall be responsible for any act, omission or events during the time passengers are not on board its own conveyance. The right is reserved to cancel or change itineraries, or substitute services without notice and to decline to accept or retain any passenger at any time. In view of statutory or contractual limitations that may apply to personal injury or property damage losses the purchase of accident and baggage insurance is strongly recommended.

I (we) have read, understand and am (are) in agreement with the Terms & Conditions of this tour.

Signed: _____ Date: _____