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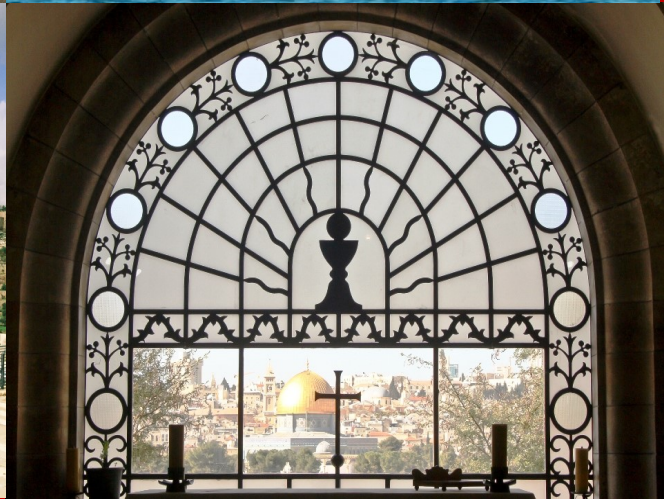


09 DAYS FOR

£2045

12<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

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## Monday 12th September

### LONDON HEATHROW / TEL AVIV / JERUSALEM

Meeting and assistance upon arrival at Heathrow airport. Depart from London Heathrow to Tel Aviv on British Airways flight, BA0165 departing at 08:00 hours and arriving at 14:50 hours. A meal and refreshments are served inflight. Meeting and assistance upon arrival at Tel Aviv airport and transfer to your hotel in Jerusalem for check in, dinner and overnight stay.

## Tuesday 13th September

### MOUNT OF OLIVES / MOUNT SION / EIN KAREM

In the morning we will leave our hotel and proceed to the Mount of Olives, where we view the Place of the Ascension (Luke 24: 50-52) and walk the Palm Sunday route. Visit the Pater Noster, where traditionally Jesus taught His Disciples the Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6: 7-15). Inside the cloisters the Lord's Prayer is written in more than 100 different languages. Descend to the Chapel of Dominus Flevit. It is here, where Jesus wept over the City and foretold of its destruction (Luke 19:41-44). Continue walking along the Palm Sunday Path to the Church of All Nations, where Jesus began His agony, was betrayed and arrested (Luke 22: 22-54). We then proceed to Mount Sion, where we visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, which is built over the site of the house of the High Priest Caiaphas and the dungeon where Our Lord was imprisoned before his trial. It is also here that Peter denied knowing Jesus thrice (Luke 22: 54-62). Continue to the **Sisters of Sion Convent where we have lunch at 13:00 hours (included) and celebrate Mass.** In the afternoon, we continue to the village of Ein Karem, the home of Zachary and Elizabeth the parents of St. John the Baptist and where Mary visited her cousin. Here we visit the Church of the Visitation and the Church of St. John the Baptist. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight stay.



## Wednesday 14th September

### WESTERN WALL / BETHLEHEM

In the morning we proceed to the Western Wall for a visit before we drive to Bethlehem, to **the Shepherds Fields where we celebrate Mass in the Grotto at 11:00 hours.** We will have some time for shopping at a cooperative before we have **a traditional lunch at the Grotto restaurant at 13:00 hours (included).** In the afternoon, we drive to Manger Square where we visit the Basilica and the Grotto of the Nativity and St. Jerome's Caves. We then return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight stay.

## Thursday 15th September

### VIA DOLOROSA / FREE AFTERNOON

This morning, we will enter the Old City through St. Stephen's Gate, starting our day at the Church of St. Anne and the Pools of Bethesda. Continue to the Tower of Antonia, where Our Lord was tried, before we continue to **the Church of the Flagellation where we celebrate Mass at 10:00 hours.** From here, we will walk the Via Dolorosa ending at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre and the Holy Tomb. **We will have a light lunch of falafel or shwarma at Everest Restaurant at 13:00 hours (included).** The afternoon will be free in Jerusalem for your own activities. Dinner and overnight stay at your hotel in Jerusalem.

## Friday 16th September

### FREE MORNING / ABO GOSH

In the morning after breakfast, you are free for your own activities. We will meet at our hotel at 12:00 hours to drive to Abo Gosh, one of the possible sites of Emmaus. First we will stop at **Our Lady of the Ark of the Covenant, where we will have lunch at 13:00 hours (included) and celebrate Mass.** Continue to the Crusader Church of the Resurrection for a visit before returning to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight stay.

## Saturday 17th September

### HOLY SEPULCHRE / YAD VASHEM / GALILEE

This morning there will be an *optional* early morning visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Return to the hotel for breakfast and check out. We will then continue to visit Yad Vashem; the official



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memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. It is dedicated to preserving the memory of the dead, honouring Jews who fought against their oppressors and non Jews who selflessly aided the needy. The museum also seeks to research the phenomenon of the Holocaust in particular and genocide in general. **Lunch at the Casa Nova Ein Karem at 13:00 hours (included) and celebrate Mass.** In the afternoon, we will leave Jerusalem and drive to Tiberias via the Jordan valley. Check in, dinner and overnight stay at our hotel.

#### **Sunday 18th September**

##### **MAGDALA / NAZARETH**

After breakfast, we will leave our hotel and drive to Magdala, a unique Holy Land site with a first century city where Jesus visited and taught. **Celebrate Mass in Magdala at 10:00 hours.** We will then continue to drive to Nazareth, stopping en route to view Mount Tabor. **We will have lunch at Fontana de Maria restaurant at 12:30 hours (included).** In the afternoon, we will Nazareth, where the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to give birth to the Son of God. First we visit the Old Synagogue and St. Joseph's Church before continuing to the Basilica of the Annunciation and the Grotto. From here, we walk through the Old City of Nazareth to Mary's Well, which is built over the only fresh water spring in Nazareth, a place where Mary and Jesus must have visited to draw their daily water supply. After our visits, we return to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight stay.

#### **Monday 19th September**

##### **SEA OF GALILEE / CAESAREA PHILIPPI**

In the morning we will leave our hotel and take a cruise across the Sea of Galilee from Tiberias to Ginosar. We will have a pause on the water for prayer and reflection. We shall then continue to visit Capharnaum "The Town of Jesus" where He carried out the major part of His Ministry. Jesus told Peter and Andrew "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:12-22), He cured the Demoniac (Mark 1:21-28), He cured Peter's mother in law (Mark 1:21). He cured the Roman Centurion's servant (Luke 1:1-10) and here Jesus made the promise of the Eucharist (John 6:22-71). We will then visit the excavations and St. Peter's Church. Continue to **Tabgha, where the Miracle of the Multiplication of the Loaves**

and Fishes took place and where we will celebrate Mass at 11:00 hours. **We will have a St. Peters fish lunch at the Pagoda lake side restaurant at 12:30 hours (included).** In the afternoon drive to Caesarea Philippi, a city of Greek-Roman culture. This is where, Jesus announced that he would establish a church and gave authority over it to Peter. The Confession of Peter took place here and the first announcement of passion (Matt 16: 13-24). We will then return to our hotel for dinner and over night stay.

#### **Tuesday 20th September**

##### **JAFFA / TEL AVIV / LONDON HEATHROW**

In the morning, we will check out of our hotel and proceed to Jaffa where **we celebrate our farewell Mass at St. Peter's Church as 09:00 hours.** We will then take a walking tour where we will see the House of Simon the Tanner, the Old Jaffa Port and tower and ending at the Jaffa flea market, which bustles with stalls, shops and cafes. You will then have some free time to relax and explore **We will then have a packed lunch prepared by our hotel (included)** before we proceed to Tel Aviv for our return flight to London Heathrow on BA0164 departing at 16:40 hours and arriving at 19:55 hours. **Last days visits are subject to flight times permitting.**

## **Wishing you a blessed pilgrimage**

You will find in this pack your brochure, booking form & booking guidance, booking conditions including cancellation charges, passport details / emergency contacts form & the travel insurance policy request form. They are applicable to all our pilgrimages. If any item is missing please contact us urgently.

**Due to the considerable walking on uneven places and steps to climb during the tour, anyone applying must be reasonably fit to do so. The excursions in this pilgrimage are not suitable for people with walking difficulties. The tour may also involve walking on unpaved paths and trails. For further advice, please ask your guide or Tour Leader for advice.**

**THE AIRFARE DEMANDED BY ALL AIRLINES ARE SUBJECT TO OCCUPANCY AND PROXIMITY TO DEPARTURE DATE. TO GUARANTEE A PLACE ON THIS DEPARTURE, BASED ON THE TOUR PRICE ADVERTISED, WE STRONGLY ADVISE YOU TO BOOK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**The flights and accommodation information in this brochure are provisional and should be treated as such. Hotels, carriers, airports and flights schedule can change with out prior notice. We cannot be held responsible for any travel or transportation arrangements you personally under take with a third party in conjunction with the flights and accommodation information provided in this brochure. Final flight and accommodation details will be supplied three weeks before departure.**



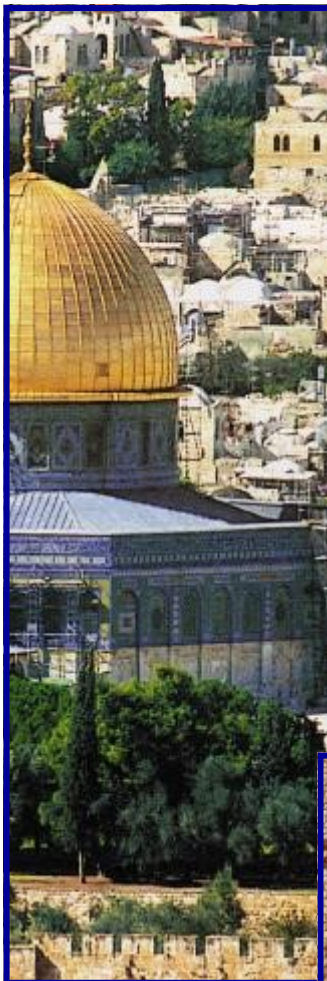
# TRAVEL INFORMATION

## THE TOUR PRICE £2045 INCLUDES:

- Flights from London Heathrow with British Airways. You will have one hand luggage and one check in luggage per person. A meal and refreshments will be served on the flight.
- Hotel accommodation on Half Board basis in Hotel accommodation on Half Board basis in (Galilee) for 5 nights in Jerusalem based at the Austrian Hospice or similar (<https://www.austrianhospice.com/en/>) and 3 nights at the Ron Beach hotel or similar (<http://www.ronbeachhotel.com/>). Rates are based on sharing a double / twin room. All rooms will be with private facilities.
- 8 lunches as per your itinerary
- The services of an official fully licensed local excellent English speaking guide for the duration of your pilgrimage (airport to airport)
- All transfers and transportation in deluxe and air-conditioned tourist motor coaches as per your itinerary.
- All the entrance fees as outlined in your itinerary.
- The advance booking of all the services relevant to your tour including your Masses
- A basic tip of \$1.00 per person per day for guide, driver and hotel staff in the Holy Land

## NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE:

- Single room supplement **£575.00**
- Any tests / vaccinations required for travel
- Transfers to and from UK airports
- Love & Appreciation Tips Collection for your guide & Driver
- Beverages and refreshments
- Items of a personal nature, e.g. laundry, telephone, bar bills etc.
- Passport and Visa Costs if applicable
- Any kind of Travel Insurance.



Bookings made within 12 weeks from departure may incur an extra administration charge of at least £50 per person

Departure based on a minimum of 20 pilgrims  
Exchange rate £1 = \$1.30

At the time of print we are unable to disclose the type of aircraft

Please note that this tour will not be cancelled unless the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office bans all travel to / from Israel and / or BA, El Al Israel Airlines or other airlines stop flying to and from Tel Aviv to the United Kingdom for political, or security reasons.

## HOW TO BOOK

Please complete the enclosed booking form in **BLOCK CAPITALS**, which should be returned to us together with a deposit of **£125.00** per person. **Cheque payments should be made payable to 'Special Pilgrimages Ltd'**. If you wish to pay your deposit by online bank transfer, please follow the instructions on the enclosed **"Green Appendix" payments Guidance.**

## SINGLE ROOMS

Single rooms are available at an extra cost of **£575.00** for the duration of your pilgrimage and are subject to availability and to our confirmation. If you are booking on your own and request to share a twin room, we will do our best to find you a suitable person to share with. In the event that we fail to do so by 3 weeks before your departure, we will charge you the single room supplement and allocate you a single room.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance cover today is now easily available to buy online and often is included with your house insurance, bank account or credit card cost. Also as some people travel frequently they find it cheaper to purchase annual Travel Insurance Policy. Therefore we have decided to stop selling travel insurance policies. Please ensure that you have adequate Covid19 cover and medical cover with your policy.

**It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a valid travel insurance policy in place, which affords you repatriation and medical cover that includes any and all of your pre existing medical conditions during your holiday with us. It is of utmost importance that you declare to your underwriter any and all pre existing medical conditions to enjoy unrestricted cover. We strongly advise you not travel without such adequate and comprehensive travel insurance cover.**

## PASSPORTS

You will require a full ten-year international passport for your pilgrimage. **The passport must be valid for a further 6 months at the date of travel.** If you do not hold a European Community passport you must inform us in writing immediately. Visas for Israel may be required for non British and E.C. passport holders.

## VISAS

If you are not a British or EU Citizen, **it is your responsibility** to ensure that you obtain all the necessary visas as required by the states you are visiting whether single or multiple entries.

**Visas for Israel may be required for non British / E.C. passport holders. For more information please check <http://embassies.gov.il/london/ConsularServices/Pages/Visa-Information.aspx>**

## FINAL BALANCE

Final payment is due **TWELVE weeks** before you travel. If we do not receive your full payment by the date shown on your remittance slip we shall assume that you are no longer travelling and we shall cancel your place with loss of your deposit. A reminder will not be issued.

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