



" In The Footsteps of Jesus "

"Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem"
(Psalm 122)

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The Holy Land & Jordan: A 11-Day Pilgrimage and Study Tour March 14 - 24, 2011

**Nazareth ♦ Sea of Galilee ♦ Jerusalem ♦ Ein Karem ♦ Bethlehem ♦ Emmaus
Jerash ♦ Petra ♦ Amman ♦ Madaba ♦ Mt. Nebo**

Your Pilgrimage includes:

- Round-trip economy class airfare transportation via British Airways: Boston/Tel Aviv/ Boston.
- US Departure Tax; US Customs User Fee; Security tax and all Airport Departure Taxes.
- Meeting and assistance upon departure from Boston, Logan International Airport.
- Nine (9) nights' accommodations in twin rooms, with private facilities, in first-class hotels throughout: three (3) nights at the Mt. of Beatitudes Guest House overlooking the Sea of Galilee; one (1) night at hotel in Petra, one (1) night at hotel in Amman, and four (4) nights at the Notre Dame Centre in Jerusalem.
- Breakfast and dinner daily, as per itinerary
- Services of a Passages by Peter's Way government-licensed, English-speaking tour manager/guide.
- All sightseeing, as per the itinerary, including overseas arrival and departure transfers, in a private, air-conditioned motor coach
- Entrance fees to all sites, as per itinerary, including boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.
- All fees for border crossing between Israel and Jordan.
- Jordanian Visa for Group
- Gratuities to the tour manager/guide and driver (\$100 per person)
- Coordination of all Liturgies/prayer services throughout the pilgrimage, as per itinerary.
- Portage of one piece of luggage per person at hotels.
- Portfolio of travel documents, for each participant, including a Passages flight packet.

Items not included in the package price:

- Health, trip cancellation/interruption or baggage insurance. All are strongly recommended. Peter's Way offers a comprehensive policy at additional cost.
- Passport & visa costs, if any.
- **US Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months subsequent to return date.**
- Items of a personal nature (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.).
- Meals not specified in the program.
- Any items not specifically mentioned above.

A Special Invitation to Knights and Ladies of the
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We are holding confirmed 40 seats via British Airways from Boston Logan Airport:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Airline</u>	<u>Flight</u>	<u>Departure City/Time</u>	<u>Arrival City/Time</u>
March 14	British Airways	#212	Boston Logan /7:10 pm	-----
March 15			-----	London LHR /5:30 am
March 15	British Airways	#165	London LHR /8:30 am	Tel Aviv TLV /3:25 pm
March 24	British Airways	#162	Tel Aviv TLV /7:30 am	London LHR /11:35 am
March 24	British Airways	#215	London LHR /4:00 pm	Boston Logan /7:30 pm

- ITINERARY -

- **Day 1, March 14, Monday: Depart USA**

"...witness to all the nations..."(Matthew 24:14)

This evening depart Boston Logan International Airport on British Airways for your transatlantic flight to Tel Aviv via London.

Complimentary meals and beverages will be served aloft.

(D,B)

- **Day 2, March 15, Tuesday: Arrive in the Holy Land - Sea of Galilee**

Late afternoon, arrive at Ben Gurion Tel Aviv Airport. You will be met and assisted by a Passages by Peter's Way representative and tour guide. Board your motor coach (portage is included at each hotel upon arrival and departure, throughout your tour) and soon you will be on your way to the unforgettable Sea of Galilee and the Mt. of Beatitudes Guest House for hotel check-in.

Dinner at your hotel.

Overnight at Mt. of Beatitudes Guest House.

(B,D)

- **Day 3, March 16, Wednesday: Cana - Nazareth - Mt. Carmel - Mt. Tabor**

Buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Our morning begins with a visit to Cana, where Jesus performed the first of His miracles. **Couples will have an opportunity to renew their wedding vows.** Then we continue to Nazareth, the village in which Jesus grew up and lived most of his life.

"...The Word became flesh..."(John 1:14)

Celebrate Mass at the Grotto of the Annunciation. After Mass, visit Joseph's workshop and explore the magnificent Basilica of the Annunciation, Mary's Well, and the Church of the Old Synagogue, which marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

Independent lunch in Nazareth.

- **Day 3, continued:**

Continue to Mt. Carmel (*Vineyard of God*) on the Mediterranean coast. Here the triumph of Elijah over the pagan prophets of Baal took place (1 Kings 18). Visit Stella Maris, the largest monastery of the Carmelite order, dedicated to the prophet Elijah and Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. It is easy to appreciate the natural beauty of this summit and realize the sanctity associated with it from ancient times to the present. **Time will be given for prayer and reflection at the Monastery.**

This afternoon, we drive to Mt. Tabor. At the foot of Mt. Tabor is the little village of Naim. Here, Jesus raised the son of the poor widow from the dead. (*Luke 7:11-17*). Take a taxi to the top of Mt. Tabor. The elevation provides an utterly commanding view of all of Galilee. It was here that Jesus revealed the wonderful power of presence in communion with saints of the past (Moses and Elijah). This also became immediate evidence of Communion with His Father as well. Visit the site of the Transfiguration. *"...Lord, it is good for us to be here..." (Luke 9:33).*

Dinner and overnight at Mt. of Beatitudes Guest House.

(B,D)

- **Day 4, March 17, Thursday: Around the Sea of Galilee - Upper Galilee - Jordan River**

"...He gave the power to become the children of God..."(Matt. 5:1-12).

After breakfast, this morning's boat ride on the Sea of Galilee will be among your favorite memories. Arrive at the ancient city of Capernaum, where Jesus started His ministry. It was here that Jesus found Matthew and called him to discipleship. Jesus worked many of His miracles in Capernaum. Here, the excellent condition of a 2nd century synagogue undoubtedly, enclosed the sacred sanctuary in which Jesus taught and preached. Most Scripture scholars recognize the home of Peter's mother-in-law in the remains of a church near the shore as dedicated to his honor. At Tabgha, Jesus challenged his disciples to feed a crowd of 5,000 in the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes. Visit the Mount of the Beatitudes, where Jesus offered His 'Sermon on the Mount'.

Celebrate Mass at Tabgha, the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes.

Independent lunch. (Perhaps try delicious St. Peter's Fish).

This afternoon, drive north to explore the upper regions of Israel to the foot of Mount Hermon, overlooking Syria and the Road to Damascus, where Jesus appeared to Paul. We will travel to Caesarea Philippi where Jesus asked his disciples and each one of us, "who do you say that I am?" Here Jesus acknowledges Peter's act of faith in his true identity (Mt.16: 13-20). **The day will climax at the River Jordan, where there will be the opportunity to renew baptismal vows (Mark 1:9-11).**

Dinner and overnight at the Mount of Beatitudes Guest House.

(B,D)

- **Day 5, March 18, Friday: Cross to Jordan - Jerash - Petra**

After early breakfast, **celebrate Mass at the Church of the Primacy.**

After Mass, we drive to the Sheikh Hussein Northern Border bridge, pass border formalities and meet the Jordanian guide and driver, and be on our way to visit Jerash. Our Jordan journey will begin at the best-preserved Roman Decapolis city in the east, a city that is located in the heart of the Gilead Mountains and bordered by the Jabbok River (where the Angel wrestled with Jacob). A walk through the city gives visitors a superb view of its scale and how intact the remains are. We'll begin at the visitors' center by visiting the 2 major monuments outside the city walls - The Hadrian Arch and the Hippodrome (we'll note the Christian churches that are built on its sides). We'll enter the walled city by going through the south gate, then into the Forum (oval plaza area) that is surrounded by ionic capitals, which is the introduction to the colonnaded street. We'll walk to Zeus' temple and the south theatre (which accommodated 4,000 people) and down to the Cardo, a street that runs south north in the Roman city. We'll see shops on both sides of the Cardo as we visit the cathedral, the Nymphaeum, and Artemis' temple, and then walk up to visit the churches that are covered with mosaic floors. Independent lunch.

After lunch we drive along the modern highway built over the "Kings Highway" (through areas known to John the Baptist, Esau, and Moses) to Petra, the "Rose-red city." Petra is surrounded by the Biblical Seir Mountains that are mentioned in the Bible as places where people lived in caves.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Petra.

(B,D)

- **Day 6, March 19, Saturday: AM/Enjoy Petra - PM/Amman**

After breakfast, a short carriage ride through the narrow 'Siq' will bring us to the ancient Nabatean city of Petra, a city which is sculptured into the rose pink rock. A walk through the outer Siq brings us to monuments which are basically the treasury and the tombs; tombs which were intended for rich and poor people. The Street of Façades is the first one and was for poor people. Further down we come to the theatre, which is carved into the mountain and which contains the "high place of sacrifice". The theatre, which accommodates 7,000 persons, apparently was not utilized only for acting, but also for celebrating the Gods, as there is an altar in the heart of the theatre for rituals. In the eastern cliff, we'll view the Royal Tombs (the URN, the SILK, the Corinthian and Palace tombs). Further down, we can visit more temples and even a church with mosaic floor. Petra could easily be the Eighth Wonder of the Ancient World. Independent lunch.

After lunch, we leave Petra for Amman. **Celebrate Mass at the Franciscan Church in Amman.** Following Mass we will visit the **Patriarchal school in Marka**, the Northeastern Lieutenancy's special apostolate which provides financial support for the Christian students enrolled in this school located in Amman. The school was founded in 1963 to serve local Jordanian Christians and the Palestinian Christians who were displaced by wars and strife in the Holy Land. This special initiative has put a "human face" on the Order's mission and creates a personal bond between our members and the Christians in the Holy Land. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Amman. (B,D)

- **Day 7, March 20, Sunday: Madaba -Mt. Nebo-Baptismal Site -Qumran -Jerusalem**

Breakfast at your hotel. After breakfast we leave Amman to visit Madaba, city of mosaics. We'll see mosaics depicting Jerusalem and Palestine at the time of Justinian, and what is possibly the oldest existing map of the Holy Land. Then, we continue to visit Mount Nebo, to stand where Moses stood and gazed across the Jordan Valley. If the day is clear we'll be able to see as far as Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, the Jordan Valley and the Gilead Mountains. **Celebrate Mass at the Franciscan Monastery on Mt. Nebo.** Continue to visit Machaerus, where John the Baptist was held captive and later beheaded, and continue to the site where the baptism of Jesus took place. We'll continue to Amman to visit the beautiful 2nd century Roman Amphitheater in the center of town. Independent lunch.

After crossing over the Allenby Bridge into Israel we'll pass border formalities and meet our Israeli guide and driver, and be on our way to the Judean Wilderness for one of the most unique locations on the planet earth - the Dead Sea. On its shores, we will visit Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. (currently displayed at the Israel Museum), were found in 1947. Explore the relationship of their teachings to those of John the Baptist and Jesus. Continue to Jerusalem for Hotel check-in. Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem. (B,D)

- **Day 8, March 21, Monday: AM/City of David - PM/ Mt. Zion & Mt. of Olives**

"...Eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ (John 17:3) ~ Do this in memory of me..." (Luke 22:19).

After breakfast, we explore the City of David, which will lead us to the Western Wall of the Temple Mount where we will pray. Above the Temple foundations, we view the El Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. Visit the excavation of the Western Wall (Ophel Hill). Walking through the narrow alleyways and streets of Jerusalem seeing the Pinnacle of the Temple (Gate of Hulda - after Pentecost, it was here where the disciples preached and baptized). We will also visit the newly constructed Jewish Quarter "Cardo" and will arrive in the center of city, where you can have an independent lunch.

"...He saw the city and wept over it..."(Luke 19:41).

This afternoon, we continue to Mt. Zion, for a visit to the Church of St. Peter-in-Gallicantu. This church is built on the site of the Palace of Caiaphas, the High Priest. Here, Jesus was imprisoned and Peter denied the Lord three times. Next we visit the Upper Room, site of the Last Supper and descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Then, visit the Dormition Abbey, built to honor the Assumption of Our Lady. From Mt. Zion we drive to the Mt. of Olives. The summit offers a magnificent view of the Old City. This visit reminds us of Jesus' last hours in prayer and anguish as he faced his passion and death. Visit the Chapel of the Ascension, the Shrine of Pater Noster and the Chapel of Dominus Flevit (*The Lord Wept*). Then, follow Jesus' Palm Sunday route along Hosanna Road to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Grotto, the Garden and the Church of the Agony. **End our day with Mass at the Church of the Agony.** Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem. (B,D)

- **Day 9, March 22, Tuesday: AM/Ein Karem - Old City - PM/Via Dolorosa - Latin Patriarchate**

After early breakfast, drive to Ein Karem, home of Elizabeth and Zachariah. See the birthplace of St. John the Baptist! Visit the Church of the Visitation, one of the most artistic in the Holy Land. Time will be given for quiet meditation on the meeting between these two mothers, Mary and Elizabeth. Verses from the Magnificat are engraved on the columns of the church, and on the wall opposite it are forty-two ceramic tablets bearing verses from the Magnificat in forty-two different languages. Continue to the Old City to visit the Crusader Church of St. Anne and explore the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic. Independent lunch. Return to your hotel to freshen up for fully vested procession to the Holy Sepulchre.

"...Christ became obedient for us unto death..."("Passion" John 18:1-19:42).

This afternoon, return to the Old City through St. Stephen's Gate to the convent of the Sisters of Zion to see the Lithostrotos in the chapel of the Flagellation, where Jesus was tried and condemned by Pilate. From here we begin the Way of the Cross, **culminating with Solemn Entry into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. Following Mass, continue to the Latin Patriarchate for an audience with His Beatitude Fouad Twal. Knights and Ladies may receive the Pilgrim Shell** (*all subject to confirmation*).

Dinner and overnight at the Notre Dame Centre in Jerusalem.

(B,D)

- **Day 10, March 23, Wednesday: Bethlehem & Shepherd's Field - Emmaus (Abu Gosh)**

Breakfast at your hotel.

"...They name him Wonder-Counselor...Prince of Peace"(Isaiah 9:5).

This morning, drive to the hills of Bethlehem where you can read the Biblical account of Ruth, David and the birth of Jesus. Stop at Shepherd's Field, where you will visit some of the caves, which are typical of the stables of that time. In Bethlehem we visit the traditional birthplace of the Nativity. Here, He was born! Let us kneel down, let us bow our heads and raise our hearts full of admiration and gratitude before this sublime mystery of love! **Celebrate Mass at the Cave of St. Jerome.**

Independent lunch.

After lunch, we visit the **Seminary in Beit Jala.**

"...Lord, stay with us, for it is toward evening..."(Luke 24:29)

End our day with a visit to the site of Emmaus (Abu Gosh). We will recall the story in Luke's Gospel where Jesus appeared to his disciples on the road, after the Resurrection.

Dinner and overnight at the Notre Dame Centre in Jerusalem.

(B,D)

- **Day 11, March 24, Thursday: Return to the USA**

Early morning, you will be transferred to Tel Aviv Airport, for your return flight back to the USA.

This afternoon, arrive in Boston, filled to overflowing with memories that will change your life.

PRAYER AT THE END OF A PILGRIMAGE

Father, we have walked in the land where Jesus walked. We have touched the soil and rocks where the seed falls. We have seen the lilies of the field and heard the birds of the air. We have been warmed by the sun that warmed Him and cooled by the breezes that touched His face. We have been to the sea where He walked, and to the river where He was baptized. We have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit where He first sent it and anguished at the spot where He gave Himself for us. We have rejoiced at the emptiness of His tomb and the fullness of His love in our hearts. Be with us as we continue our earthly pilgrimage to the New Jerusalem, where every tear will be wiped away and we will be with You, Your Son and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.