



Please join Fr. James McGuinn
of St. Anthony and St. Joseph Parishes
Ambler, PA



Pilgrimage to The Holy Land and Jordan in May 2024

Day 1 Thursday, May 23 - Flight to Tel Aviv Depart Newark, NJ on El Al non-stop service to Tel Aviv. Dinner and breakfast will be served enroute.

Day 2 Friday, May 24 - Tel Aviv/Tiberias Early morning arrival in Tel Aviv where you will meet our tour escort. Board our deluxe motorcoach and head for Caesarea where Peter baptized Cornelius (Acts 10:24). Visit the Roman Amphitheatre, the impressive Crusader Fortress and Herod's Stadium and Harbor. View the Roman Aqueduct from the beach and put your feet in the blue Mediterranean Sea. Visit Mount Carmel. Enjoy the magnificent panoramic view from the top of the mountain at Mukraka, site of the prophet Elijah's contest of faith with the priests of Baal (1 Kings 18). Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and continue to Tiberias for dinner and overnight at the Nof Ginnosar Kibbutz Hotel. (Dinner)

Day 3 Saturday, May 25 -Tiberias After breakfast travel to Cana, site of the first miracle where Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding (John 2:1). Continue up the mountains to Nazareth, boyhood town of Jesus. Visit the Church of the Annunciation (Luke 1:46) where Mass will be celebrated. Visit the Church of Mary's Well and the house of St. Joseph. Continue to the Sea of Galilee via the Valley of Armageddon to see the excavation at Tel Megiddo, regarded as one of the most important biblical sites in Israel. We return to the Sea of Galilee Nof Ginnosar Kibbutz Hotel for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 4 Sunday, May 26 - Tiberias We begin with a bus ride to the village of Capernaum. Visit the ruins of St. Peter's House where Jesus stayed while he was preaching in the local synagogue. Visit the second century synagogue and then proceed to Tabgha. Here we will visit the Church of St. Peter's Primacy where Jesus appeared to the disciples after His resurrection. Next, we visit the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes (Mark 6:44). Proceed to the Mt. of Beatitudes, overlooking the Sea of Galilee where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5: 1) and where Mass will be celebrated. Then travel to Caesarea Phillipi where Peter proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah (Matthew 16:13). Jesus replied that Peter was the rock on which the church would be built. Dinner and overnight at the Sea of Galilee Nof Ginnosar Kibbutz Hotel. (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 5 Monday, May 27 - Tiberias Today we will visit the recently opened MAGDALA Center in Galilee. When construction began in 2009 for the MAGDALA Center and as workers began to dig, a first century synagogue was discovered, and it seems certain that Jesus taught there. As archaeologists continued to dig, they discovered an entire first century Jewish town lying just below the surface. MAGDALA, the hometown of Mary Magdalene provides pilgrims an authentic location to walk where Jesus taught and connect with the first century life of Jesus' followers. Continue on for an inspiring visit to Domus Galilaeae. This afternoon may include Rimom Winery or Similar. Visit Kibbutz Neot Mordechai & Naot shoe factory. Overnight at the Sea of Galilee Nof Ginnosar Kibbutz Hotel (Breakfast and Dinner)



Day 6 Tuesday, May 28 - Jerusalem After breakfast, we proceed to Mt. Tabor, site of the Transfiguration (Mathew 17:2). We will ascend the mountain to the Church of the Transfiguration where Mass will be celebrated. Continue to the old Roman city of Beit Shean to visit the impressive ruins. Drive along the Gilboa mountain range. From here we will venture south toward the holy city of Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem at Notre Dame Hotel. (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 7 Wednesday, May 29 - Jerusalem Today visit "Old Jerusalem" and follow the Via Dolorosa, "The Way of the Cross" starting at Pilate's Judgement Hall and stopping to pray at each station all the way to "Calvary and the Tomb" and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Wind our way through the ancient cobblestone alleyways amidst the colorful bazaars. Stand at the Western Wailing Wall - the only ruins that remained after the destruction of the Second Temple and where Jewish people worship. Overnight Notre Dame Hotel. (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 8 Thursday, May 30 - Bethany/Masada/Qumran caves This morning travel to Bethlehem for Mass at the Church of the Nativity. Continue to the Dead Sea (lowest point on earth) to visit the Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered and then on to Masada. Ascend to the top for a magnificent view of the desert. We will have time for a swim in the Dead Sea and then return to Jerusalem via the Judean wilderness. Overnight at the Notre Dame Hotel (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 9 Friday, May 31 - Jerusalem After breakfast enjoy a full day at leisure to pursue personal interests or shop. Mass will be celebrated at the Notre Dame Chapel. Farewell dinner this evening at the Eucalyptus Restaurant. Overnight at the Notre Dame Hotel. (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 10 Saturday, June 01 - Jerusalem Drive to Mt. of Olives for an outstanding view of the city and surrounding area. After visiting the place of the Ascension and the Church of Pater Noster (Acts 1:9), we will walk down the hill to Dominus Flevit where Jesus wept over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41). Proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane and to the Church of All Nations where Mass can be celebrated. Visit the Church of the Tomb of the Virgin Mary. See the Kidron Valley, Tomb of Absalom, Zachariah, and James. We continue on to Mt. Zion, to the Church of the Dormition, the Room of the Last Supper (Luke 22:17) and King David's Tomb. Proceed to the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, (The Cock Crows) (Mark 14:30) Continue to the Church of the Visitation, the original site of the Magnificat (Luke 1:41). Continue to Ein Karem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist. (Breakfast and Dinner)

-Main group members will be transferred to Tel Aviv airport in time for return flight. Dinner included enroute.

-Jordan tour members will travel across Allenby Bridge into Jordan with overnight in Amman

Day 11 Sunday, June 02 - Main group departs Tel Aviv shortly after midnight with arrival in Newark, NJ airport in the early morning.

Jordan Extension

Day 10 Saturday, June 01 - Jerusalem Allenby Bridge – Amman - Jordan tour members will travel across Allenby Bridge into Jordan with overnight in Amman Landmark Hotel (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 11 Sunday, June 02 - Amman –Jerash Tour - Amman City Tour - After breakfast we head to Jerash, one of the best-preserved example of Roman Civilization in Jordan. The major highlights: Arc de Triumph or Hadrian's Arch, The Hippodrome, the oval square, the colonnaded streets, the temple of Aphrodite, Temple of Artemis and Zeus and the Roman theater, the Nymphaeum, 14 Churches from early Christian Byzantine era. Amman is the Capital of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan which was founded 7000 years ago-The Major highlights of the city: Amman Citadel where you can visit Amman Archaeological Museum, Hercules Temple, Byzantine Church & the Ummayad Palace. The Roman Amphitheater is in the downtown area next to the Folklore Museum. Amman's down-town streets are ideal for shopping walks within the old markets, and also you can enjoy Amman's cafes in the New Part of the city where the major shopping malls are located. Overnight in Amman Landmark Hotel (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 12 Monday, June 03 - Amman – Um Qeis – Husson Parish Irbid (Immaculate Conception Church): Enjoy breakfast in Amman Hotel. Visit Umm Qais, also known as Gadara. A prestigious cultural center overlooking Lake Tiberias, Gadara is one of the most unique Greco-Roman Decapolis sites in Jordan. Gadara was also the birthplace and home of many Roman writers and philosophers who were inspired by the beauty of the panoramic views. It was in Gadara that Jesus vanquished demonic spirits into the sea far below. Major Highlights: the ruins of three theatres, a temple double-colonnaded paved street, Basilica, and the longest drinking water aqueduct known in ancient times. Overnight in Amman Landmark Hotel (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 13 Tuesday, June 04 - Amman –Baptism Site - Madaba (St. George Church & Mosaic Map)-Mount Nebo-Kerak Castle-Petra After breakfast visit the area believed to be “Bethany beyond the Jordan” and the site where Our Lord was baptized by John the Baptist. All major Christian Church leaders consider it as one of the three holiest sites of Christianity, along with Bethlehem and Jerusalem. The Baptism site was a Pilgrimage Station on the early Pilgrimage Trail. It is an historical site preserved just as it was over 2000 years ago. Continue to Madaba where the major highlight is the Greek Orthodox Basilica of St. George where you will marvel at the ancient mosaic map portraying the old Holy Land. The well-preserved 2 million pieces of mosaic comprise a map of the entire region of Jordan and Palestine in the North to Egypt in the South. **Mount Nebo** affords a fine view over the Dead Sea, Jordan River, rugged hills, West Bank and Jerusalem. It is at Mt. Nebo that Moses is reputed to be buried. It was from here that he was shown the Land of Canaan which he was never to visit. Kerak Castle is one of the largest crusader fortresses built in the 1140's under Pagan and Fulk Kings of Jerusalem when it was called “Crac des Moabites” or “Karak in Moab”. The Castle surrendered to Saladin's army in the 12th century. It is an example of Crusader architecture, a mixture of Western European, Byzantine and Arab designs and as one of the early Frankish castles. Overnight Petra Moon Luxury Hotel (Breakfast and Dinner)

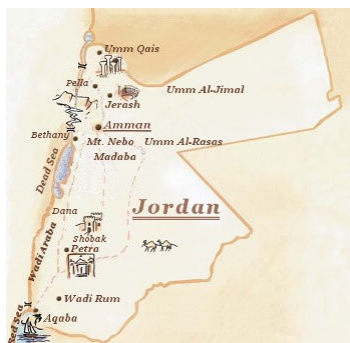
Day 14 Wednesday, June 05 - Petra After breakfast tour Petra, the ‘Pink-Rose City’, or the “Lost City” one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. a breathtaking guided walking tour today through the ruins of ancient Petra – the city that the Nabateans carved out of solid rock dating back to 300 BC. Special moments as you walk down the SIQ, the narrow gorge made famous in the movie Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, Palace of the Pharaoh's Daughter, the carved Roman Theatre, Royal courts along with one of the oldest Cathedrals of the Bishop's Highchair. Option for those who can stand the strenuous climb, a path takes you up 1000 steps to the high place: an ancient Nabatean sacrificial site with an Altar cut from the rock. Overnight in Petra the Moon Luxury Hotel (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 15 Thursday, June 06 - Petra –Aqaba Enjoy breakfast at the hotel Today we explore Little Petra, also known as "Siq al-Barid" (Cold Canyon). We will visit the Petra Visitors' Center, established and carved in the rock in the 1st century AD for cultic purposes and to be as a rest-place for the caravans of the traders' road which were was not allowed to enter the "Holy City" of Petra! An open plaza, a Hostel carved in the rock, carved Temple, and a cave house. (Wadi Rum) A moonscape of ancient valleys and towering weathered sandstone mountains rise out of the pink and white colored sand. It was the place where the famous British Army Officer T.E. Lawrence, and Hollywood Producers are particularly drawn to for science fiction films set on Mars like the famous movie ‘Martian’ set in Wadi Rum in 2015. You will visit the Seven Pillars of Wisdom, Al Khaz'aly, Lawrence Jail, and the sunset area. Activities like Jeep ride, Camel ride and Sand-ski in this ‘Mars like’ landscape. Overnight in Movenpick Resort and Residence Aqaba Hotel (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 16 Friday, June 07 - Aqaba Breakfast in Aqaba Hotel. Enjoy this Free Day in Aqaba exploring at your own pace. Meet back for dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Movenpick Resort and Residence (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 17 Saturday, June 08 - Aqaba –Arava Border – Israel. Breakfast in Aqaba. Today we will drive North through Israel to Jaffa for dinner before heading to Tel Aviv Airport for Transatlantic flight (Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 18 Sunday, June 09 - Departure from Tel Aviv on El Al a few minutes after midnight. Arrive in USA in the early morning...with memories to last a lifetime!



\$ 3185.00 Israel Land Package per person / double occupancy

\$1038.00 single supplement Israel Tour

\$2497.00 Jordan extension per person / double occupancy

\$683.00 single supplement Jordan Tour

Airfare additional: El Al Airlines from Newark, NJ to Tel Aviv Roundtrip \$1452.27 per person
(fuel charges and taxes included, taxes are subject to change prior to ticketing)

Valid Passport required for all U.S. citizens, passport must be valid for 6 months past return date.

Included Features:

Roundtrip airfare on El Al Airlines from Newark to Tel Aviv (taxes subject to change prior to ticketing)

4 nights Israel accommodations in Tiberias at Nof Ginosar Kibbutz or similar

4 nights Israel accommodations in Jerusalem at Notre Dame Hotel or similar

3 nights Jordan accommodations in Amman at Amman Landmark Hotel or similar

2 nights Jordan accommodations in Petra at The Moon Luxury Hotel or similar

2 nights Jordan accommodations in Aqaba at Movenpick Resort and Residence or similar

Breakfast and Dinner daily, Farewell dinner at Restaurant in Jerusalem

All transfers and excursions as per itinerary, with air-conditioned private, deluxe motorcoach, with private English Speaking Tour Guide

All sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary

Baggage handling while on tour, 1 bag (max weight 50lbs) per person

All hotel taxes and service charges and gratuities for drivers and guide.

***Celebration of Holy Mass will be arranged according to the wishes of Fr. McGuinn.

Insurance: Cancellation/Interruption Insurance is optional and additional. Premium cost is based on the amount of trip and the age of traveler. Premium cost per individual traveler will be quoted at time of deposit. Coverage includes: Trip Cancellation up to amount of coverage / Trip Interruption up to 150% of amount purchased / Travel-Trip delay up to \$750.00 / Baggage coverage up to \$1500.00 / Baggage delay up to \$500.00 / Emergency Transportation up to \$500,000.00 Emergency Medical—Dental up to \$50,000.00

Cancellation policy: Date of deposit to 160 days prior: \$350.00 per person / 159 to 46 days prior to departure: \$500.00 per person / 45 to 31 days prior to departure: 50% of total cost of tour / 30 to 00 days prior to departure: 100% no refund

Tour Price: Tour price is based on airfares, land rates and exchange rates in effect at the time of printing. Group rates are based on minimum of 30 passengers for Israel and 12 for Jordan. Rates are subject to change if minimum numbers are not met. Tour price based on payments by check or cash.

Not Included: Meals, beverages, and sightseeing other than that which is listed in the specific itinerary, passport fees, visa fees and bank charges, any item of a personal nature including dry cleaning and valet services, additional baggage fees.

Passport: A valid U.S. Passport is required for all U.S. Citizens. Passport must be valid for 6 months following the return date of the trip or boarding may be denied or entry into the destination may be forbidden.

Health Requirements: Travelers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking, as motor coaches are not permitted to pick up and drop off in front of major attractions.

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