

**GEORGE'S**  
INTERNATIONAL TOURS



# **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & ROME**

**October 15-27, 2017**

with

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**Day 1 - Oct. 15: Depart U.S.A.**

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our overnight flight to Israel. Meals and drinks served aloft.

**Day 2 - Oct. 16: Arrive Tel Aviv**

After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv we will be met by our local guide who will arrange the schedule of our visits and make the scripture come alive as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Drive to our hotel in Tel Aviv for overnight.

**Day 3 - Oct. 17: Tel Aviv / Tiberias**

This morning we will drive along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, the capital of the ancient Roman Procurators of Judea where St. Peter preached and St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. Here we will visit the ruins of the Roman Theater, the Crusader's Moat and the Byzantine Churches. Then continue our drive up the coast to the sparkling port city of Haifa where we will ascend Mount Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, for Mass at the Stella Maris Convent. Then continue on to our hotel located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee in Tiberias, our home for the next two nights.



**Day 4 - Oct. 18: Tiberias**

Following breakfast, drive to Cana of Galilee, where Our Lord performed the first miracle - changing water into wine at the wedding feast. Then drive to Nazareth for Mass at the Annunciation Church and a complete visit of Our Lord's boyhood town. In the afternoon we will take an excursion to the summit of Mt. Tabor to visit the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus before returning to Tiberias.

**Day 5 - Oct. 19: Tiberias / Jerusalem**

This morning we'll enjoy a scenic boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, home of Our Lord during his ministry. After visiting the Synagogue where he taught we will proceed to Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Nearby we will visit the Church of Peter's Primacy where Jesus told Peter "Feed my sheep". Then drive up to the Mount of the Beatitudes for Mass at the site of the Sermon on the Mount. We will then depart Galilee and drive south through the Jordan Valley and then up through the Judean wilderness to Jerusalem, our home for the next five nights.



**Day 6 - Oct. 20: Jerusalem**

This morning we will drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught the Lord's prayer to his Disciples and the Chapel of Ascension where Jesus ascended into Heaven forty days after his resurrection. Then walk along the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations for Mass on the Rock of Agony. This afternoon, enter the Old City of Jerusalem through St. Stephen's Gate. Visit the Church of St. Anne, the Pool of Bethesda, the Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos, and Arch of the "Ecce Homo". Then follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where we will visit Golgotha and the Tomb of the Risen Savior.

**Day 7 - Oct. 21: Jerusalem**

Drive to Bethlehem for Mass at the Nativity Church which was built above the traditional Grotto of Jesus' birth by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century. Also tour the Manger, the Grotto of St. Jerome, the Church of St. Catherine, and the Shepherd's Fields. In the afternoon, drive to Ein Karem to see the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous "Magnificat" and the Church of St. John the Baptist where St. John the Baptist was born. Then visit the Israel Museum where we will see the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed and a scale model of Jerusalem as it appeared 2,000 years ago.



**Day 8 - Oct. 22: Jerusalem**

After an early Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre we will return to our hotel for breakfast. Following breakfast, drive to

Bethany to visit the site of the House of Mary, Martha and Lazarus, where we'll visit the Tomb of Lazarus. Next, drive through the Judean Wilderness and along the Dead Sea to Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Next proceed to ancient Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western World. From the top of the ancient "tel" of Jericho we'll have an excellent view of Elisha's Fountain, the Qarantal, and the Mt. of Temptation. Return to Jerusalem.



**Day 9 - Oct. 23: Jerusalem**

This morning we will visit the Temple Area of the Old City of Jerusalem featuring the Dome of the Rock, el Aqsa Mosque and the Wailing Wall. We will then enter the restored Jewish Quarter and walk along the excavated Cardo, once a main street of ancient Jerusalem. Enjoy touring the Herodian Mansions, a complex of villas from 2,000 years ago. This afternoon, proceed to Mt. Zion to visit the Upper Room which was the scene of the Last Supper. Then survey Dormition Abbey where Mary fell into eternal sleep and St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times.

**Day 10 - Oct. 24: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv / Rome**

This morning we will depart Jerusalem and drive to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv to catch our early morning flight to Rome. After arrival in the "Eternal City" of Rome, we will be met by our local tour manager and visit the Trevi Fountain where a coin thrown over your shoulder will guarantee you another visit to Rome, the Pantheon, Piazza Navona with Bernini's famous fountains and Campo de' Fiori which is one of the most colorful street markets in Rome. We will then proceed to our hotel for check-in.



**Day 11 - Oct. 25: Rome**

This morning we will experience a highlight of our Roman stay, attendance at the Papal Audience at St. Peter's (subject to the Holy Father's schedule). Join thousands of pilgrims from throughout the world to listen to the Holy Father and receive His Blessing. In the afternoon our sightseeing of Rome includes visits to the Roman Forum, the Colosseum, St. Peter in Chains featuring Michelangelo's "Moses" and St. Paul Outside the Walls where Mass will be celebrated.

**Day 12 - Oct. 26: Rome**

A full day of exploring Rome will begin with Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. Our guide will then take us on a guided tour through the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel with its awesome frescoes painted by Michelangelo. In the afternoon our sightseeing includes visits to St. Mary Major Basilica, St. John Lateran, San Clemente, the Holy Stairs, the Old Appian Way and the St. Sebastian Catacombs. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 13 - Oct. 27: Rome / U.S.A.**

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

**P I L G R I M A G E C O S T**

**\$3,999.00**

per person/double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$811.00.

**This price includes:**

- ✘ Roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles
- ✘ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✘ Accommodation in 4 star hotels
- ✘ All hotel taxes
- ✘ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ✘ Land transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- ✘ All transfers and baggage handling
- ✘ Sightseeing with professional licensed guides
- ✘ All entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✘ Daily Mass

*Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.*

## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

**Reservations and Payment:** Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. Final payment is due 65 days prior to departure.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days prior to departure, \$250.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking. Additional cancellation charges may apply depending upon the cancellation terms of our suppliers.

**Refunds:** Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, George's International Tours agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

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**Travel Documents:** A passport with a minimum of 6 months validity remaining is required of all U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens do not require visas for entry to the countries being visited on this tour. If you are not a U. S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. George's International is not responsible for visas or passports.

**Tour Cost:** All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 40 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

**Tour Documents and Tickets:** Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 3 weeks of departure.

**Baggage:** Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. You will be responsible for paying to the airline any additional charges for additional checked baggage or overweight baggage (if excess weight is permitted). George's International Tours is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

**Air Transportation:** Air travel is in economy class on Alitalia (or any other IATA carrier). Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing. Fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

**Hotels:** Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

**Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend that you have comprehensive travel insurance. Insurance may be purchased directly through George's International Tours and registration forms will be provided upon receipt of your deposit or you may purchase online at [www.georgesintl.com](http://www.georgesintl.com). George's International Tours acts only as an intermediary between you and the insurance provider and in no event shall George's International Tours be liable to any person or entity whatsoever for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, compensatory, consequential, or punitive damages related to insurance coverage purchased.

**Not Included:** Passport and visa fees, gratuities, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of airport allowance, optional sightseeing tours, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

**Responsibility Clause:** The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. George's International Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries.

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Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

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## RESERVATION APPLICATION

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Rome (October 15-27, 2017)**

Group Reference Number: 101517A

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)**

<b>Name</b> (as printed on your passport): First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____	
<b>Name</b> (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):	
<b>Passport number:</b>	<b>Male</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Female</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Passport date of issue:</b>	<b>Passport date of expiration:</b>
<b>Country of citizenship:</b>	<b>Date of birth:</b>
<b>Street address:</b>	
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b> <b>Zipcode:</b>
<b>Home phone:</b>	<b>Work phone:</b>
<b>Mobile phone:</b>	<b>Email address:</b>

### **ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION**

<b>Please check one:</b> Double occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (\$811.00 additional) <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:</b>
<b>If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

<b>Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:</b>
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Please enclose a deposit of **\$300.00 per person** made payable to **George's International Tours** and mail to:

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