



Southwestern Lieutenancy of the
Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre



14 Day Greece & Holy Land Pilgrimage

Athens ♦ 4 Day Greek Isle Cruise to: Ephesus (House of the Virgin Mary)
Patmos ♦ Crete ♦ Santorini ♦ Jerusalem ♦ Nazareth ♦ Bethlehem
Sea of Galilee ♦ Mt. Beatitudes ♦ Gethsemane ♦ Tiberias

September 25 – October 9, 2024

\$4,690.00 Per Person From Houston

Includes: Roundtrip Air Transportation From Houston, First Class Hotels, Double Occupancy, Daily Sightseeing, Daily Mass, 3 Meals A Day – Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner, Outside Cabins On The Cruise, Shore Excursions, All Meals On Board Cruise, Airport Taxes, Fuel Surcharges (Which Are Subject To Change), And Tips To Guides, Drivers, Hotel & Cruise Staffs.

Spiritual Director: Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, S.T.L., D.D.
Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

GREECE & HOLY LAND TOUR

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25 HOUSTON / ATHENS

Depart Houston and change planes to Athens.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26 ATHENS

Arrive in Athens in the morning and be met by your guide. Start with a tour of Athens, including the Acropolis and Mars Hill, the site of one of St. Paul's most important gospel presentations. Here, during his second missionary journey (ACTS 17:16-34), he addressed the religious idolatry of the Greeks. Visit the Parthenon, Temple of Zeus, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Agora, see the ruins of the ancient marketplace where Socrates questioned the marketgoers about the understanding of the meaning of life. See the Changing of the Guard at Syntagma Square, the Plaka District and the Royal Palace. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Mass at the Catholic Cathedral of St. Dionysius

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 ATHENS / PIRAEUS / MYKONOS

Transfer to the port of Piraeus and board your cruise ship for a 4-day, 3-night cruise of the Aegean Sea. The Aegean gives one a true sense of Greece's layered history and a great respect for the God-given majesty of the Aegean's breath-taking islands. The first port of call is Mykonos, an island of beautiful beaches, secluded coves, dazzling white-washed houses, narrow paved streets and windmills which cover the island. Mykonos is also known for its churches - 365 of them dot the beautiful island. Return to the ship for dinner and overnight at sea.

Mass on board the ship



Ephesus

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28 PATMOS / KUSADASI / EPHEBUS

You will have an early morning arrival at the port of Kusadasi. Disembark the ship and board your coach for a visit to the ancient city of Ephesus for a guided walking tour through one of the most magnificent, excavated cities in the world. See the Odeon (concert hall), the Fountain of Trajan, the steam-heated Baths of Scholastica, the Library of Celsus and the Great Theatre of Ephesus where Paul preached. Return to your coach via the Arcadian Way where Marc Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession as newlyweds. Next visit the House of Mary, where tradition says the Apostle John and the Virgin Mary lived; celebrate Mass here. Return to the ship for a short sail to the island of Patmos for a visit to the Monastery of St. John where many ancient manuscripts are on display. Then visit the Grotto of the Apocalypse to see the silver niches in the wall that mark the ledge used as a desk

by the author of the Book of Revelation as well as the three-fold crack made by the voice of God. Return to the ship for dinner and your overnight sailing to Crete.

Mass at the House of Mary

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29 CRETE / KNOSSOS / SANTORINI

You will have an early morning arrival at the port of Heraklion, Crete. Visit the Church of St. John the Baptist to celebrate Mass. After Mass, continue to Knossos and visit the Palace and ancient aqueduct. Return to the ship for a short sail to the island of Santorini. Depart the ship by tender to Athinios Harbor to board your motorcoach for an uphill drive to the village of Oia. Enjoy free time exploring the city of Oia before returning to the ship for your overnight sail to Piraeus.

Mass at St. John the Baptist



Mount of Beatitudes

MONDAY, SEPT. 30 PIRAEUS / ATHENS / CORINTH

Arrive in Piraeus in the morning and you will have a tour of the Corinth Canal, Ancient Corinth, the Excavations, the Fountain of Peirene and Temple of Apollo. View the Bema Seat where Paul's trial by Gallio took place. This is also where Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla. Return to Athens for overnight. This evening, you will have dinner at a typical Greek restaurant with a folkloric show.

Mass at St. Theresa Catholic Church

TUESDAY, OCT. 1 ATHENS / TEL AVIV / TIBERIAS

Fly to Tel Aviv. Drive to Mt. Carmel to visit Elijah's cave and have Mass at Stella Maris, the cradle of the Carmelite Order and the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Transfer to your hotel beside the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.

Mass at Stella Maris 16:00

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2 TIBERIAS / CAESAREA MARITIME / NAZARETH / BASILICA OF THE ANNUNCIATION / CANA / TIBERIAS

This morning we take the highway to Caesarea Maritima, once capital of the Roman province. There we will see the Roman and Crusader ruins and the harbor from which St. Paul was taken as prisoner to Rome. Continue to the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth and visit the Church of St. Joseph. Continue to Cana, the village of Jesus' first miracle of changing water into wine; here couples may renew their wedding vows. Continue on to our hotel, beside the Sea of Galilee, for dinner and overnight.

Mass at Annunciation 14:00

THURSDAY, OCT. 3 BOAT RIDE ON SEA OF GALILEE / CAPERNAUM / TABGHA / PRIMACY / MOUNT OF BEATITUDES

We start the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Next, we visit Capernaum to see the synagogue and St. Peter's house, Tabgha to see the splendid mosaic about the miracle of the loaves and fishes, and the nearby Church of Peter's Primacy where Peter was told "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep." Then visit the Mount of Beatitudes, where the Sermon on the Mount was given, for Mass. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Mass at Mount of Beatitudes 15:00

FRIDAY, OCT. 4 MOUNT TABOR / JERICHO / JERUSALEM

This morning, we visit Mount Tabor, scene of the Transfiguration, for Mass. Afterwards drive through the Jordan Valley to Jericho. Visit the excavations of the oldest city in the world and view the Mount of Temptation where Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan. Drive up through the Judean hills, an area rich in Christian tradition and close to the Roman road that Jesus walked, to Wadi Qelt gorge, site of the Monastery of St. George. Continue up to the Holy City of Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Mass at Mount of Tabor 10:00



Boat ride at Sea of Galilee

SATURDAY, OCT. 5 EIN KAREM / OUR LADY OF PALESTINE / DEAD SEA

This morning we head to the village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist, and to the Church of Visitation where the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth, and proclaimed the Magnificat. We will then visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Palestine, patroness of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. It was established by Patriarch Louis Barlasina in 1927 amid difficulties in the Holy Land to appeal for the protection of the Virgin Mary. This afternoon we will relax beside the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea, renowned for its healing properties with time for a swim or (or rather a float!). Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Jerusalem.

Mass at Our Lady of Palestine

SUNDAY, OCT. 6 BETHLEHEM / CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY / SHEPHERDS' FIELDS

Today we have a full day in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ. Visit the Shepherds' Fields where the angels announced the birth of Jesus. Then we visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem that stands upon the site where Jesus was born and celebrate Mass. We will have lunch with students at Bethlehem University, the only Catholic university in the Holy Land, one of the many institutions supported by the Order. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Jerusalem.

Mass at the Nativity 10:00

MONDAY, OCT. 7 THE PASSION OF JESUS: MOUNT OF OLIVES / DOMINUS FLEVIT / GETHSEMANE / PATER NOSTER / UPPER ROOM / ST. PETER IN GALlicantu

Visit the Mount of Olives to walk the Palm Sunday route stopping at Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Drive to Gethsemane and view the Rock of Agony where Jesus prayed His last prayer before his arrest. Visit Pater Noster where you see the Lord's Prayer in many languages. Drive through the Kidron Valley to St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Him thrice. At the Cenacle, visit the Upper Room of the Last Supper. Finish the day at Dormition Abbey where we believe the Blessed Virgin Mary died. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Jerusalem.

Mass at the Rock of Agony in Gethsemane 11:00

TUESDAY, OCT. 8 STATIONS OF THE CROSS / CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE / LATIN PATRIARCHATE

We begin to retrace the last steps of Jesus. As we walk along the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow) through the markets of the Old City, praying the Stations of the Cross, we reflect on the greatness of His sacrifice. Pray at Calvary and celebrate Solemn High Mass at the Holy Tomb. After breakfast at our hotel, we visit the Latin Patriarchate and participate in the Pilgrim Shell Ceremony. Visit St. Anne's Church, the home of the Virgin Mary and her parents Saints Joachim and Anne. We pass the Ecce Homo where Pilate proclaimed, "Behold the man." Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Jerusalem.

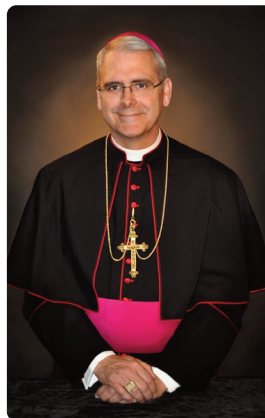
Mass at the Holy Sepulchre (High Mass)



Church of the Holy Sepulchre

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9 DEPARTURE

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to Houston.



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**Early Registration
Is Highly Encouraged!
First Come - First Serve Basis**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The Tour Price Includes:

Air Transportation: Airfare is based on special contract agreements with various international airlines and include certain restrictions and deadlines. These fares are subject to cancellation penalties, and once tickets are issued, they are **NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE AND CANNOT BE USED TOWARDS FUTURE TRAVEL**. Please refer to our CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY below. Airfare and tour prices are based on prices effective as of **JANUARY 1, 2024** and are subject to change without notice.

Surface/Land Transportation: All surface/land transportation described in the itinerary will be provided by modern motor coach, designed for highway travel. Groups will be met and transferred upon arrival and departure.

Hotels: We only use first-class hotels. Hotel accommodations are based on double occupancy (2 per room). We reserve the right to substitute hotels of similar quality for those specified in the itinerary.

Single Room Supplements: If you would like a single room, there is an additional cost of **\$1,400.00** that will be added to the tour price. Single rooms are limited and will be reserved on a first come first serve basis. If you request a roommate and none is available, you will be considered a "forced single," and charged one half (½) of the Single Room Supplement cost.

Meal Plan: Meal plans include three (3) meals per day, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with timing depending on the itinerary. Taxes and service charges normally appearing on restaurant bills are included in the tour price for these meals. **A list of any and all dietary requests or food allergies must be emailed to cathy@inspirationaltoursinc.com for hotel/airline accommodation at least seven (7) days before departure.** We cannot guarantee any dietary accommodations but will make all efforts to secure special dietary requests. In the event airlines or hotels are unable to accommodate dietary requests, you will be responsible for your meals; it is the individual's responsibility to choose appropriate foods while on the tour. Unused meals will NOT be reimbursed.

Baggage: Inspirational Tours, Inc. restricts all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage (max. 50 lbs.) and one (1) carry-on (max. 18 lbs.). **All passengers should check with the airline for up-to-date baggage weight/dimension information and restrictions, which are subject to change at any time before departure.**

Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges: are included in the tour price and are subject to change.

Tips On The Tour: Tips to guides, porters, headwaiters, and drivers are included in the tour price, unless otherwise specified.

The Tour Price Does Not Include: Expenses related to issuance/renewal of passports, laundry, mineral waters, wine & liquor, after-lunch/dinner tea, coffee, or food not included in the meal plan above; additional baggage; expenses of carriages, guides, sightseeing or other services other than those specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary; insurance for baggage or personal trip or health insurance; all items of a personal nature, in addition to those not listed above as being included in the tour price.

Booking Conditions: Deposits and Payment: **A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person**, payable via cash, check or money order, is required at the time of registration. No registration will be processed without a deposit. Invoices for final balances are issued at or near 90 days before departure. Full and final payment is due 60 days before departure. Registrations received within 90 days of departure require payment in full. If there is any outstanding balance by the Final Payment due date listed on your invoice, all travel services will be subject to automatic cancellation and cancellation fees will apply. A service reinstatement fee may be added to your invoice and must be paid in advance in order to apply for reconfirmation of services. **WE ONLY ACCEPT CASH, CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS FOR THE REGISTRATION FEE.** Payment by credit card is accepted ONLY for final balances or payments towards final balances; all credit card payments will be assessed a **3% non-refundable** convenience fee, which will be added to the total amount being charged.

Cancellations and Refund Policy: All cancellations **MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING VIA FAX, E-MAIL OR U.S. MAIL**. The date of the cancellation request is the date used for purposes of any assessed cancellation fees. Please note that Registration Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE as stated on the Registration Form. Cancellation fees (as to any monies paid over the deposit for a tour with a non-refundable deposit) depend on the timing of the cancellation request, and are as follows: request received between time of registration and up to 59 to 45 days prior to departure—cancellation fee of **50%** of tour cost; request received 44 days or less prior to departure through date of departure—assessed **100%** of the tour cost (air and land, and any deviation fees) as the cancellation fee. Additional charges/fees for deviations and/or upgraded seats may require full payment at time of booking/confirmation, and may be non-refundable; **if a non-refundable air ticket has been issued prior to receiving notice of a cancellation request, you will be 100% responsible for those fees, in addition to the cancellation penalties listed above.** Package cancellation fees include airfare. Once airfare is purchased, either at time of booking, including but not limited to, deviations or seat upgrade requests, or at time of full payment, airline tickets will be issued and are always subject to a 100% penalty. Once full payment is received, Inspirational Tours, Inc. will issue airline tickets, which are non-refundable. If the tour is canceled for any reason, including but not limited to, tour leader's decision, decision of Inspirational Tours, Inc., weather or natural disasters, strike, acts of war, terrorism, acts of god, quarantine, disease, virus, epidemic, pandemic, compliance with government orders, travel restrictions issued by the U.S. Department of State, or any other force majeure event, Inspirational Tours, Inc. reserves the right to charge a minimum \$300.00 administrative fee per person, plus any non-reimbursable expenses incurred from airlines and/or overseas operators. **ALL RESERVATIONS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON.**

Deviations/Seat Upgrades: Deviation policies vary by airline and are normally allowed only on the return journey, **from the same departing city as the group, and is subject to availability.** There is a **minimum** change fee of \$150.00 per person, plus any additional airline charges. Seat upgrade requests may also require additional fees by the airlines and vary. Any additional fees required to be paid by the airline for deviation requests and/or seat upgrade requests will need to be approved by the passenger in writing before confirmed/reserved, and if the request requires payment at the time of confirmation, this must be paid by the passenger at the time requested, and may be non-refundable. **ALL deviation or seat upgrade requests must be made in writing, at least 90 days prior to your departure date.**

Tour Prices: All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements in this tour are based on rates, (including foreign exchange rates), in effect at the time of the original tour agreement with your tour host and Inspirational Tours, Inc. and are subject to increase without notice prior to departure. **NOTE:** Our tours are based on a minimum number of participants. We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any tour for any reason including insufficient participants, or events beyond our control. Any cancellation will be advised at the soonest date possible. Inspirational Tours, Inc. will not be held responsible for any costs related to the issuance and/or cancellation of airline tickets or visa fees that are not refunded by those entities.

Travel Insurance: To protect your travel plans, **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE PURCHASE OF TRIP INSURANCE.** A brochure for a company we recommend will be provided with your deposit confirmation letter, upon our receipt of your registration and deposit. We do not sell travel insurance and travel insurance is not included in the tour price.

Passports: It is your responsibility to provide us with a copy of your current passport with your Registration Form. **Validity date on passports must be for at least six (6) months after the date of return of the tour as per the tour dates, or any deviation request.** If we do not receive a copy of your current passport, the information you provide on your Registration Form will be used for ticketing purposes. If ANY information provided (name, date of birth, etc.) does not match what is on your passport, you may be subject to penalties or fees for corrections to airline tickets, and/or may be denied boarding by the airline. Any name change, including minor spelling corrections, may require reservations to be canceled and re-booked. Reservations will then be subject to availability and pricing at the time of re-booking; any increase in airfare will be borne by the passenger. Inspirational Tours, Inc. will not be held responsible for the denial of services by a carrier due to any name or passport discrepancies. If you have a passport issued from any country other than the U.S., it is your responsibility to contact the embassies of the countries to be visited to determine if a visa will be required, and if so, it will be your responsibility to obtain such visa before departure. Please contact us for further information if this applies to you.

Travelers Needing Special Assistance: We recommend you please select a tour suitable to your physical capabilities. Our tours are often-times fast paced and may require lengthy walks over uneven terrain and/or steps. If you require any form of mobility assistance or for any sight/hearing disabilities, you are required to notify us before registering so we can best assist you and/or determine if this tour is suitable. Inspirational Tours, Inc., tour leaders/coordinators, guides, drivers or other tour, hotel, transfers or ship personnel will not provide individual services, such as assistance with walking, pushing wheelchairs, or helping one embark/disembark motor coaches, cruise ships, etc. We reserve the right to reject participation or remove an individual from a tour in the event that notification was not provided and/or when, in our sole judgment, continued participation would significantly hinder the services to be provided to all guests. Expenses, including cancellation fees and/or costs for alternate travel plans or to return home, will be the responsibility of the passenger. All unused services are non-refundable. **Wheelchairs & Walkers:** certain features of tours may not accommodate wheelchairs, scooters, or other special equipment. We cannot provide individual assistance to travelers with wheelchairs or other mobility devices. We regret that some itineraries cannot accommodate these devices. You are required to notify us before registering of a need for a wheelchair, walker or other mobility devices.

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