



**SOUTHWESTERN LIEUTENANCY OF THE
EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE**



14 Day Seminararians' Holy Land Retreat

Mt. Beatitudes ♦ Nazareth ♦ Sea of Galilee ♦ Jerusalem
Bethlehem ♦ Jericho ♦ Jordan River ♦ Old City

July 15 – 28, 2027

\$4,490.00 Per Person From Houston

Includes: Roundtrip Air Transportation From Houston, 2-3 Star Hotels, Double Occupancy, Daily Sightseeing, Daily Mass, 3 Meals A Day – Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner, Airport Taxes, Fuel Surcharges (Which Are Subject To Change), And Tips To Guides, Drivers, And Hotels Staffs.

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THE HOLY LAND RETREAT

14 DAY TRAVEL ITINERARY

JULY 15 THURSDAY HOUSTON / FRANKFURT

Depart from Houston to Frankfurt.

JULY 16 FRIDAY FRANKFURT / TEL AVIV / TIBERIAS

Arrive Frankfurt and board your flight to Tel Aviv. On arrival in Tel Aviv, you will be met and transferred to a guest house on the Galilee for Mass, dinner and overnight.

Mass and Overnight at Pilgerhaus

JULY 17 SATURDAY SEA OF GALILEE / CAPERNAUM

The day starts with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Visit Capernaum, where Jesus launched his Ministry, see the synagogue which dates to the time of Jesus and the church built over the site of Peter's home. Celebrate Mass in this special place. Then visit Tabgha where Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000. Here, after His resurrection, Jesus met with His disciples and told Peter to "Feed my lambs; feed my sheep". Return to the guesthouse for prayer, reflection, and dinner.

Mass at Capernaum; Overnight at Pilgerhaus



Boat Ride in Sea of Galilee

JULY 18 SUNDAY CANA / NAZARETH

Start the day with a visit to Cana, where Jesus performed His first miracle at the request of His mother. Drive to nearby Nazareth, the site of Mary's home and where Jesus lived as a child. Stop at the convent of the Sisters of Nazareth and see the excavations there. See the site of the Annunciation, celebrate Mass in the Basilica and visit the nearby Church of St. Joseph. Then we spend time in prayer, reflection and have dinner.

Mass at Annunciation Basilica; Overnight at Pilgerhaus

JULY 19 MONDAY CAESAREA PHILIPPI / GOLAN HEIGHTS / ST. PETER'S PRIMACY

This morning head up the Golan Heights to the Springs of Banias, also known as Caesarea Philippi, where Peter said "Thou are Christ." We return to the Sea of Galilee for lunch and to the Church of Peter's Primacy for celebrate Mass. Continue via Wadi Arbel to visit the recently discovered excavations at Magdala Centre. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Mass at St. Peter's Primacy; Overnight at Pilgerhaus

JULY 20 TUESDAY STELLA MARIS / CAESAREA MARITIME

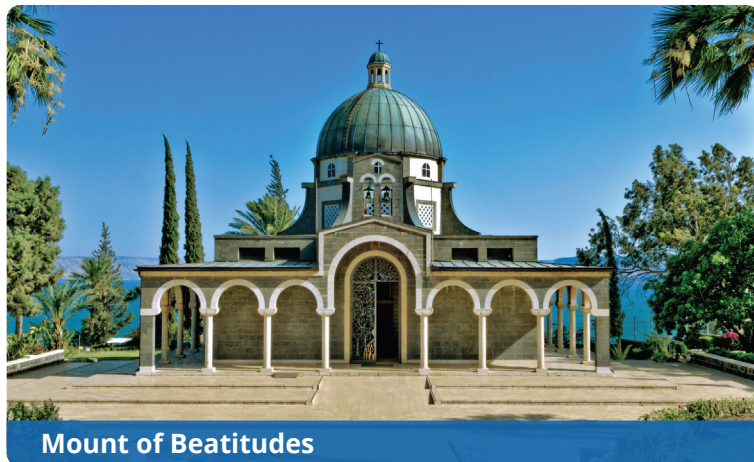
Drive to Haifa, a modern seaport, which is situated on the slopes of Mt. Carmel. See the mountain of Elijah, Elijah's cave and the cradle of the Carmelite Order at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. After lunch with the nuns, we take the coastal highway to Caesarea, once capital of the Roman province. There we will see the Roman and Crusader remains and the harbor from which St. Paul was taken as prisoner to Rome. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight

Mass at Sella Maris Church; Overnight at Pilgerhaus

JULY 21 WEDNESDAY MOUNT TABOR / JORDAN RIVER / JERICHO

Start the day at Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration, for Mass/ Reflect on Christ's Humanity and Divinity. Continue to Jericho, one of the oldest cities in the world, and see the excavations there. View the Mount of Temptation. Drive down the Jordan Valley to the traditional Baptismal Site. Drive through the Judean Wilderness where Jesus spent 40 days fasting. Follow the same road that tradition holds the Good Samaritan travelled. On our way we may also see the ancient Orthodox Monastery of St. George, which is carved into the stone walls of Wadi Kelt. Transfer to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

Mass at Mount Tabor; Overnight at St. Vincent Hotel Bethlehem



Mount of Beatitudes

JULY 22 THURSDAY EIN KAREM / BETHLEHEM

Start the day with a visit to Ein Karem to visit the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and the Shrine of the Visitation. Visit Bethlehem University for a possible lunch with the students of this Catholic center of hope, if the school is open. Stop by the Bethlehem Orphanage for time to interact with the children and the nuns. Then to Manger Square which stands in front of one of the oldest of Christian churches, the Church of the Nativity. Enter the Church and walk down to the site of the Nativity. Beneath the Altar, there is a silver star with the Latin inscription: HIC DE VIRGINE MARIA JESUS CHRISTUS NATUS. Celebrate Christmas Mass before ending the day at the Shepherds' Fields, where the caves have soot marks of the fires that shepherds lit to keep warm while watching over their flocks.

Christmas Mass in Bethlehem

Overnight at St. Vincent Bethlehem

JULY 23 FRIDAY BETHANY / QUMRAN / DEAD SEA

We visit Bethany in the morning for Mass and visit Lazarus Tomb. Continue to Qumran and the area in which the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. After Lunch, Proceed along the Dead Sea to Enjoy Dead Sea hotel for a swim in the Dead Sea, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Mass at Bethany; Overnight at St. Vincent Bethlehem

JULY 24 SATURDAY MT. ZION / ABU GHOSH

Today we head to Mount Zion to visit the Upper Room and the nearby Benedictine Church of the Dormition. After lunch, head to where Jesus was taken as a prisoner to the house of the High Priest Caiaphas where He was interrogated and imprisoned. Now called Peter in Gallicantu ("crowing rooster"), this beautiful Church also commemorates Peter's Denial of Christ and his repentance, Celebrate Mass. We finish our day with Vespers at the French Benedictine Abbey of Abu Ghosh, one of the three possible sites of the Emmaus story and one of the best-preserved Crusader churches in all of the Holy Land.

Mass at St. Peter in Gallicantu

Overnight at St. Vincent Bethlehem

JULY 25 SUNDAY LATIN PATRIARCHATE OF JERUSALEM IN BEIT JALA

This morning, we take a visit to the Seminary of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, located in the serene town of Beit Jala. We will begin our day with a celebration of Mass in the beautiful chapel, where the rich traditions of the Catholic faith come to life. Following the service, we will gather for a delightful lunch, where you can savor local cuisine and engage in meaningful conversations with fellow attendees. After lunch, you will have the afternoon free to explore the picturesque surroundings, reflect on your experiences, or simply relax and take in the peaceful ambiance of the area.

Overnight at St. Vincent Bethlehem



Church of All Nations

JULY 26 MONDAY JERUSALEM: MT. OF OLIVES

From the Mount of Olives this morning we take in the panoramic view of Jerusalem. On to the Pater Noster shrine, where the prayer Our Lord taught is commemorated in so many languages. Walking down the Palm Sunday Road, stop at the beautiful little church, Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. A Continue to Gethsemane to reflect on Jesus' final night. The Garden contains trees, the roots of which go back to the time of Jesus. Visit the Church of All Nations to pray at the "Rock of Agony," a section of bedrock identified as the place where Jesus prayed alone in the garden on the night of His arrest. Celebrate Mass.

Mass at Gethsemane; Overnight at Notre Dame Jerusalem

JULY 27 TUESDAY JERUSALEM: VIA DOLOROSA / HOLY SEPULCHRE / OLD CITY / TEMPLE AREA

This morning walk the Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross) starting at the Antonia Fortress, where Jesus was condemned to death by Pontius Pilate, stopping at each Station to remember the journey of His

Passion through the markets of the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Here is the site of Calvary and the Tomb of Christ. Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Visit the Old City of Jerusalem to see the Western Wall Temple Area. At the steps of the Southern Wall of the Temple Mount ponder three key events here: the Presentation of Jesus, the finding of Jesus and the healing of the blind man. The day will conclude with a visit to the Latin Patriarchate and St. Anne's Church.

High Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre Overnight at Notre Dame Jerusalem



Bethlehem View

JULY 28 WEDNESDAY DEPARTURE

Transfer to Tel Aviv airport for the flights home, arriving in Houston the same day.

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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, 2027** 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 **\$500.00** 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 some 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 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.

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