Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus

THE HOLY LAND AND EGYPT

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Discover the
5th Gospel
and watch **the Bible** come alive!

Nativity Pilgrimage
JOURNEYS OF FAITH

DAY 1: FLIGHT TO TEL AVIV, ISRAEL

Today marks the start of your incredible pilgrimage! As you board your flight to Israel, embrace the excitement ahead. We've handled all the details for a smooth journey, so relax and enjoy the ride. Your spiritual adventure to Tel Aviv is about to begin!

DAY 2: TEL AVIV / NETANYA

Welcome to Israel! After arriving at Ben Gurion Airport and completing customs, you'll meet your tour guide and board a comfortable motor coach to Netanya. If time allows, we'll stop in Jaffa City for Mass at St. Peter's Church before enjoying dinner and a restful night at the hotel.

DAY 3: CAESAREA / MUHRAQA / MOUNT CARMEL / HAIFA / TIBERIAS

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll explore Caesarea Maritima, admiring King Herod's fortress ruins. Next, we'll celebrate Mass at Deir Al-Muhraqa Monastery, the site of Elijah's challenge to the prophets of Baal, before heading to Stella Maris Monastery on Mt. Carmel and strolling through Haifa City. We'll end the day with dinner and a restful night in Tiberias.

DAY 4: CANA / NAZARETH / MT. TABOR / TIBERIAS

After breakfast, we'll celebrate Mass at "The Wedding Church" in Cana, where Jesus turned water into wine, allowing couples to renew their vows. Next, we'll visit Nazareth to explore the Basilica of the Annunciation, St. Joseph's Church, Mary's Well, and the Old Market. We'll return to Tiberias for dinner and an overnight stay.

DAY 5: MT. OF BEATITUDES / TABGHA / CAPERNAUM / SEA OF GALILEE / BETHLEHEM

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel before visiting the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Next, we'll see Tabgha, the site where Jesus fed 5,000, and the Church of Peter's Primacy, followed by historic Capernaum, where Jesus began His ministry. In the afternoon, celebrate Mass on a boat on the Sea of Galilee and conclude with dinner and a welcoming night at our hotel in Bethlehem.

DAY 6: BETHLEHEM / NATIVITY CHURCH / SHEPHERD'S FIELD / EIN KAREM

Join us for a special day in Bethlehem. We'll start at the serene Shepherds' Field, where we'll celebrate Mass in a lovely chapel. Next, we'll visit the Nativity Church, the site of Christ's birth, before exploring Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist. We'll also visit the Church of the Visitation, where the Virgin Mary proclaimed the "Magnificat." After a day of discovery, we'll enjoy a delightful dinner and stay overnight at our hotel in Bethlehem.

DAY 7: JERUSALEM: PALM SUNDAY ROUTE

Today promises to be memorable as we explore Jerusalem's sacred sites! Our journey begins at the Mount of Olives and Pater Noster, where Jesus shared the Lord's Prayer. We'll walk the Palm Sunday route and reflect at Dominus Flevit,

travel notes

This pilgrimage may include early mornings, full sightseeing days, extended travel times, multiple modes of transportation, and moderate physical activity. Please review the full itinerary for complete details.

We strongly recommend purchasing "Cancel For Any Reason" travel insurance to protect your investment upon any unforeseen circumstances. We have partnered with Trawick International who can provide coverage at an additional cost. You are also free to purchase from your own insurance carrier.

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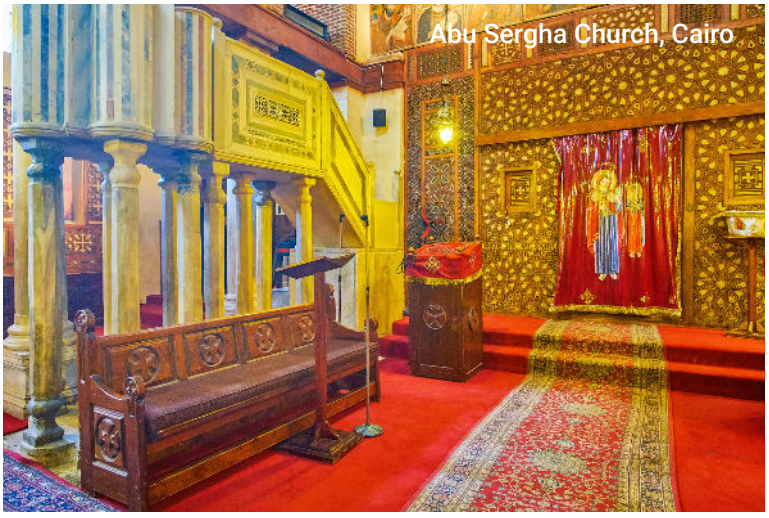
The Wailing Wall, Jerusalem

your trip $4,699

Depart from Los Angeles
October 11, 2027

Return from Cairo
October 23, 2027

Mount of Olives, Jerusalem



Abu Sergha Church, Cairo

then visit the serene Garden of Gethsemane and the Rock of Agony, where Jesus prayed. After celebrating Mass at the Church of All Nations, we'll stop by the Chapel of the Ascension, the site of Jesus' rise to Heaven. In the afternoon, we'll head to Mount Zion to visit the Upper Room and conclude at St. Peter in Gallicantu, where Peter denied Jesus. After a rich day, we'll enjoy dinner and return to our hotel in Bethlehem.

DAY 8: JERUSALEM: VIA DOLOROSA

Today, we embark on a meaningful journey along the Via Dolorosa, retracing Jesus' last steps through the Old City. We'll pray at the Stations of the Cross and attend Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Next, we'll visit St. Anne's Church, believed to be the birthplace of the Virgin Mary, and the historic Ecce Homo, where Pontius Pilate proclaimed, "Behold the man!" Our final stop will be the Wailing Wall, a sacred site for the Jewish people for reflection. The rest of the day is yours to explore, shop, or relax at the hotel, followed by dinner at a local restaurant before returning to our hotel in Bethlehem.

DAY 9: JORDAN VALLEY / JERICHO / DEAD SEA / SINAI

Rise and shine for an exciting day! We'll head to the Jordan River to renew baptismal vows at Yardenit, where Jesus was baptized. Then, we'll drive through the beautiful Jordan Valley to Jericho, one of the oldest settlements, seeing the Mount of Temptation along the way. If the weather's nice, we can enjoy a swim in the Dead Sea, so don't forget your swimsuit! Next, we'll travel towards Eilat, cross into Egypt, and head to St. Catherine in Sinai. If you're up for it, consider an early morning climb of Mt. Sinai to witness a breathtaking sunrise and reflect on the stunning views. Dinner and an overnight stay will be at your hotel in Sinai..

DAY 10: ST. CATHERINE / CAIRO

After breakfast, we'll explore the historic St. Catherine Monastery at the foot of the mountain, where Moses received the Ten Commandments. This site has been a pilgrimage destination for over fifteen centuries. Later, we'll head to Cairo, enjoy dinner, and explore this vibrant city.

DAY 11: CAIRO / EGYPTIAN MUSEUM / PYRAMIDS / SPHINX

Our adventure continues with a visit to the Egyptian Museum, which showcases ancient Egyptian antiquities. We'll explore the Great Pyramids of Giza and marvel at the Sphinx, the oldest monumental sculpture in Egypt. To unwind, we'll enjoy a dinner cruise on the Nile before a comfortable overnight stay at our hotel in Cairo.

DAY 12: CAIRO

Discover Cairo's highlights, including the Citadel, Mohamed Ali Mosque, Abu Sergha Church, and Khan Khalili Bazaar. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.

DAY 13: RETURN HOME

As our journey concludes, we'll transfer to the airport for your flight home. We hope you've made wonderful memories and look forward to welcoming you back soon!

trip inclusions

- Round-Trip Airfare
- First-Class Hotels
- Private Transportation
- Breakfast and Dinner
- Daily Mass
- Sightseeing Fees
- Professional Guide
- Medical Insurance

St. Catherine's Monastery, Sinai, Egypt

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YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

Air Transportation: Economy class and round-trip airfares are based on the time of the reservation. Rates and times are subject to change without notice. Airfares, once issued, are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be used towards future travel.

Private Transfers: All land transportation as described in the itinerary will be by Deluxe Motor Coach. Some may be equipped with Wi-Fi service.

Hotel Accommodations: Your hotels will be first-class with double occupancy (2 people per room with a private bath). Neither Nativity Pilgrimage nor the trip coordinator are responsible for providing a roommate.

Included Meals: The meal plan offers breakfast & dinner daily, unless otherwise stated.

Baggage: Most airlines limit passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage and one (1) carry-on. All passengers should check with their airline carrier for up-to-date baggage weight and dimensions.

Airport Fees: Airport Taxes, porterage, fuel surcharges and security fees

Medical Coverage: Medical coverage for the duration of your trip. Coverage details, limits, exclusions, and claims procedures are governed solely by the insurance policy documents provided by the insurer.

YOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

Cancellation Insurance: We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration.

Passport /Visa Expenses: This includes any passports or additional travel documents that may be required. Passports must be valid until at least 6 months from your return date. Travelers are solely responsible for obtaining and carrying all required passports, visas, vaccination documentation, and other entry requirements imposed by destination countries.

Personal Expenses: Laundry, beverages (including wine, liquor, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.), meals or food items not listed on the included menu plan, and any excess or additional luggage.

Non-itinerary fees: Any sightseeing or service fees or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary.

Non-included meals: You are responsible for any meals not specified in your itinerary.

Tips/Gratuities: This includes tour guides, drivers, hotel service staff, and wait staff.

GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

Group Air Policy: Group Air differs from individually purchased airline tickets in that it is subject to the terms and conditions of the airlines. For this reason, we need to receive your registration and full payment by the payment deadline. After that date, registrations may be subject to a different air rate, ticketing method, or on a different airline. Additional fees and charges may apply. Group air flights are confirmed 60 - 90 days prior to departure.

Point of Departure: If your departure city is not listed on the brochure, indicate which airport you would like to depart from on the registration form. We will provide you with the best possible price and flight schedule to connect with the group. Additional fees and charges may apply.

Land-Only Option: If you would like to book your own air travel, indicate on your registration form that you want the land-only option. This amount equals to the total tour price minus $800 for all destinations except Mexico, which is minus $350. By booking your own air, you may select your seat, airline, and travel schedule, use airline miles/points, provide airline reward program information, and make any special requests directly with the airline. No changes can be made after the final payment deadline. Land-only services begin and end at the hotels unless you are able to meet the group at the airport. Land-only travelers are responsible for their own airport transfers.

IMPORTANT POLICIES

Travel/Scheduling Changes: Flight schedules, aircraft type, routing, departure airports, and carriers are subject to change by the airline without notice.

Seat Assignments: The airline carrier selects seat assignments for group air, not the tour operator. Seat upgrades are available for registered travelers, by request. Quoted rates for an upgrade are subject to change until payment is received. Some upgrades are not available until the group tickets are issued.

Single Room: Tour price is based on double occupancy. If you'd like a single room, there is an additional cost per person as specified on the registration form. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Seat Upgrades: Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives an upgrade or seat location request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee the acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

Special Requests: Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a special request, such as a wheelchair, food, etc., we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily)

TRAVELER CONDUCT POLICY

Nativity Pilgrimage reserves the right to remove any traveler whose behavior is disruptive, unsafe, unlawful, abusive, or interferes with the enjoyment or safety of other participants. No refund shall be provided for unused portions of the trip.

HEALTH/FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

Travelers are responsible for determining that they are physically and medically capable of participating. Travelers requiring special accommodations must notify Nativity Pilgrimage at the time of registration.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

Registration: An $300 non-refundable deposit per person is required at the time of registration. No reservation will be processed without a deposit.

Payment Deadline: Full payment is due (07/02/2027) 100 days before departure. Late registrations received after the deadline require an additional $100 (subject to availability). If payment is not made in full 50 days prior to departure, your payments are non-refundable.

Payment Methods: We accept major credit cards, checks, money orders, and Zelle payments. There is an additional 3% fee for each credit card transaction.

LATE PAYMENT POLICY

Customers will receive late fees if they are not paid in full:

- 100-61 days prior to departure: $150
- 60-30 days prior to departure: $300
- 30 days or less prior to departure: Subject to cancellation

Customers are also responsible for any difference in fare due to late payment (subject to availability). Refusal to pay will be considered a cancellation.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

Cancellation penalties are assessed based on the date written notice of cancellation is received:

- 100 days or more prior to departure: $300 deposit
- 99–50 days prior to departure: 50% of total trip cost
- 49 days or less prior to departure: 100% of total trip cost

FORCE MAJEURE

Nativity Pilgrimage shall not be liable for delays, cancellations, changes, losses, or damages resulting from acts of God, natural disasters, pandemics, government actions, border closures, airline disruptions, labor disputes, terrorism, civil unrest, or other events beyond its reasonable control.

TRAVEL INSURANCE OPTIONS

Medical Coverage: Every pilgrim traveling with Nativity will receive complimentary medical insurance that provides coverage for the full duration of your trip. Coverage details, limits, exclusions, and claims procedures are governed solely by the insurance policy documents provided by the insurer.

Trip Cancellation Insurance: We also strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation insurance (available at an additional cost) to safeguard your travel investment in case unforeseen circumstances require you to cancel. You may review our Travel insurance details at **https://nativity.trawickinternational.com**. Travelers can also reach our 24/7 customer service team via phone at **888-301-9289** or **info@trawickinternational.com**.

Important: If you plan to purchase Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) coverage, it must be purchased within 14 days of registration.

TRAVELER CONSENT

Travelers consent to receive trip-related communications electronically, including invoices, itineraries, updates, and travel documents. In addition, travelers grant Nativity Pilgrimage permission to use photographs and video taken during the tour for promotional purposes unless written notice is provided prior to departure.

RESPONSIBILITY

Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. and their agents assume no liability or responsibility in regard to travel in any form for any injuries or loss of property, accidents, delays, changes in schedule or itinerary, incidental damages or any irregular circumstances. This would include, but not limited to, default or omission by any third-party providing services or facilities related to and/or included in the tour or any part thereof. The IATA carriers, steamship firms and other transportation companies, whose services are featured in these tours, are not to be held responsible or accountable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their respective conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passengers and Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. does not assume any liability or responsibility in connection therewith. They are not responsible for any losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, guarantees, or other causes. All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality to those specified in the itinerary. Nativity Pilgrimage reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Refund details vary upon each trip. No refund will be made for any used portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure from the United States. Prices and itineraries are subject to change without notice if booking conditions are not complied with.

Any dispute arising from this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and resolved exclusively in the courts located in Harris County, Texas.

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