

The Holy Land and Istanbul

Tour 20313



Walk in the footsteps of Jesus

March 13-25, 2022

A 13-day pilgrimage with Fr. Brian Belongia and Fr. Dennis Ryan



Pastor, St John the Evangelist Rector, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral (Green Bay, WI)



Sacramental Minister, Prince of Peace Parish (Bellevue, WI)

\$3,499 + \$559* from Chicago
Early registration price per person if deposit is paid by 1-14-22

Base price \$3,599 + \$559* per person after 1-14-22

*Estimated Airline Taxes & Fuel Surcharges are subject to increase/decrease at ticketing



TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 4/13/2021 and subject to change without notice should there be a revision in rates prior to departure of tour. The tour price is based on a minimum of 26 passengers. Should there be fewer, there could be a surcharge.

ACCOMMODATIONS: In first class hotels or better, based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities. Single-room supplement is \$99 per night and based on availability. Requests for a roommate are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed. The single-room supplement will be assessed if a roommate is not available when the group is finalized.

MEALS: Eleven full hot breakfasts and eleven dinners throughout the basic tour (continental breakfasts in hotels only where full breakfasts are not available). Extra charge for beverage not included in the menu of the day.

TIPS AND TAXES: Those normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as "service" are included. Airport fees, departure taxes, and fuel surcharges are estimated on the original invoice and adjusted at the time of ticketing.

SIGHTSEEING: By modern motorcoach, including services of English-speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary. Masses at churches indicated are subject to availability.

NOT INCLUDED: Ⓛ: Airport fees, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (est. - \$559); Ⓜ: tips to guides, drivers and meal servers (est. \$161); Ⓝ: \$52 Istanbul upgrade, and Ⓞ: optional travel protection. An amount to cover these items will be added to your original invoice. Also not included: airline baggage fees, luggage handlers, passport and visa fees, laundry, wines, liquors, meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned and items of a personal nature.

NOTE: Due to limited storage space on motor coaches, Pentecost Tours entitles each passenger to one checked bag and one carry-on bag that meets airline "size/weight" allowances. Baggage fees, overweight baggage charges, and fees for additional bags fall under the responsibility of the passenger. Be aware, while you may agree to pay fees for additional luggage, there may not be room on the motor coach.

ASSISTANCE: Pilgrims who require personal assistance must be accompanied by a paying passenger who will provide that assistance.

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION: A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure reservations, which sum will be applied to the price of the tour, with the balance to be paid in full no later than 12/11/2021. Payment of remaining balance received after 12/11/2021 will incur a \$50 penalty and/or a delay in your final travel documents. Reservations made within 92 days of departure may be subject to a late charge.

- ▶ [PENALTY PHASE ONE] In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 11/13/2021 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties.
- ▶ [PENALTY PHASE TWO] From 11/13/2021 to 12/11/2021 the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties.
- ▶ [PENALTY PHASE THREE] If cancellation is received after 12/11/2021 refund will be subject to a minimum 40% cancellation fee plus any airline cancellation penalties, or an amount equal to expenses to the tour operator, whichever is greater.
- ▶ There will be no refund for cancellations within 45 days of departure.

Credit card processing fees are non-refundable. Cancellation must be in writing and the effective date will be the date that Pentecost Tours, Inc. receives it. In the event 15 passengers do not book the tour within 120 days of departure, the agent reserves the right to cancel the tour. If the entire tour is cancelled by Pentecost Tours, Inc., you are entitled to a full refund.

NOTE: Any change request/alterations to the group flight itinerary, requests for airline deviations and/or added domestic flights, automatically accelerates to the next higher penalty phase. Once the change request/alteration is made, those arrangements are final and can NOT be changed back to the group arrangement.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round trip Chicago/Tel Aviv and Istanbul/Chicago on economy class jet via Turkish or any other IATA member. Based on 6-day minimum/21-day maximum advanced purchase fare, subject to participation of ten persons on entire flight itinerary. If cancellation is effected by passenger after 12/11/2021, or after air tickets are written, whichever comes first, 100% of airfare will be forfeited by passenger in addition to the penalties mentioned above. All airfares are subject to government approval and change without notice.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel Protection is NOT included in the tour price. We highly suggest that all participants purchase a plan to help protect your trip and your investment. Plans offer benefits for trip cancellation/interruption, accident & sickness medical expense, emergency evacuation & repatriation, and more. You will be mailed a travel protection brochure along with a waiver form, in the event that you choose to decline coverage. The Plan Document will be provided, upon purchase. Read through this document carefully as it contains full plan and benefit details and exclusions & limitations. Please note that Medicare does not provide coverage outside of the United States. Check with your own insurance provider to determine whether or not you are covered outside of the U.S.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY: Land arrangements including surface transportation: Pentecost Tours, Inc., and the participating Tour Operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors and others that provide the actual land arrangements and are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these land arrangements. Turkish and other IATA carriers, steamship lines and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their 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 passage.

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS: In response to world health initiatives, many countries and airlines are implementing travel suggestions or requirements that can include, but are not limited to: masks, testing, vaccines, specific documentation, etc. These requirements are the responsibility of each passenger.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES: All changes must be in writing and may incur a per-person charge for each revision. Deposits received within 92 days of departure may incur a late registration fee.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary because of emergencies or extenuating circumstances beyond our control.

ERRORS: The Pentecost Tours staff does its best to provide you with accurate billing, brochures, etc. However, in the event of computer error, verbal or written human errors, we reserve the right to invoice, re-invoice, or forward corrected materials.



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MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED DAILY

Day 1: Sunday, March 13, 2022, CHICAGO / ISTANBUL
Tour members are welcomed at Chicago O'Hare International Airport for our departing flight to Istanbul via widebody aircraft, arriving the next morning. Meals served on board.

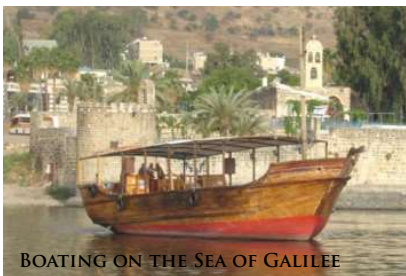
Day 2: Monday 3/14, ISTANBUL / TEL AVIV / NETANYA
We connect from Istanbul to Tel Aviv. Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, we board our motor coach for our first sights of Israel. We proceed to Netanya to check in at our hotel for a welcome dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 3: Tuesday 3/15, NETANYA / CAESAREA MARI-TIMA / MT CARMEL / TIBERIAS
This morning we depart Netanya and head north to Caesarea Maritima to see the Roman aqueduct and port, Crusader's Moat and the ruins of the ancient amphitheater next to the ocean. It was in Caesarea that Paul was imprisoned, tried, and sent from this Mediterranean harbor to Rome. Then, we proceed to Haifa and stop at the Stella Maris, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the home of the prophet, Elijah. As we drive to the top of Tiberias we have a splendid view of the city and the Sea of Galilee. Our day concludes as we check in at our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 4: Wednesday 3/16, TIBERIAS / CAESAREA PHILIPPI / CAPERNAUM / TABGHA / PETER'S PRIMACY / SEA OF GALILEE / TIBERIAS
This morning, we venture north to visit Caesarea Philippi, just north of the Sea of Galilee and at the base of Mt. Hermon. Also called "Baniyas", Caesarea Philippi is the location where Jesus declared Peter "Rock" and entrusted him with the keys to the kingdom of Heaven. During our visit, we will see one of the three springs that feeds the Jordan River. On our way back toward Tiberias, we stop in Capernaum. This is the town where Peter lived and within which Jesus made his base of operations for His Galilean ministry. As we visit the ruins of the town you will find out why Jesus focused his ministry here, where ancient Judaism flourished. We will visit the Synagogue where Jesus healed and taught, and also Peter's house. Nearby, we stop at Tabgha, location of the miracle of the loaves and fish and the Church of St. Peter's Primacy, where Jesus appeared after the Resurrection. We visit there before spending time on the Sea of Galilee on a relaxing boat ride. We return to our hotel for dinner and an overnight. [B,D]



ST PETER'S PRIMACY



BOATING ON THE SEA OF GALILEE

Day 5: Thursday 3/17, TIBERIAS / MT TABOR / CANA / NAZARETH / MT BEATTITUDES / TIBERIAS



MT TABOR



MT OF BEATTITUDES

other children of the city, and later worked with Joseph in carpentry. It is here in the Church of the Annunciation just behind the altar where you can see the grotto where Mary said "yes" to the angel of the Lord. Next, we visit St. Joseph's carpentry shop, Mary's Well, and the Church of St. Joseph. The Mount of Beatitudes, site of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is the perfect end to our day. We relax in tranquil and contemplative time before we return to our hotel for dinner. Overnight in Tiberias. [B,D]

Day 6: Friday 3/18, TIBERIAS / BET SHEAN / MT OF TEMPTATIONS / JERICHO / QSAR EL YAHUD / JERUSALEM

Travelling south parallel to the Jordan River, we stop at Bet Shean (or the Scythopolis), which is a strategic junction between the Jezreel and Jordan River Valleys. It was here where Jewish King Saul faced-off with the Philistines in a battle at nearby Mount Gilboa (1004 BC). The victorious Philistines hung the bodies of King Saul and his sons on the walls of Bet Shean. Later, brilliant military strategy enabled King David to free Bet Shean of the Philistines and send them back to their strongholds in and around the Gaza region. We see ruins of Bet Shean's ancient theatre, Circus Maximus (chariot racing stadium) and Cardo Maximo (main street). Farther south we stop to ride the cable car to the top of the Mount of Temptations and then up to the Monastery of Temptation. We depart there and head to Jericho, the world's oldest city. Qsar El Yahud, the actual site where Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan is nearby and we stop there to renew our baptismal promises. Our day concludes as we check in at our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

After breakfast, we travel to Mt. Tabor, the mountain that early fathers of the church believed was the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus when Jesus spoke to Moses and Elijah. The church has two altars: one dedicated to the symbolism of Our Lord on earth and the other is dedicated to Jesus in Heaven. Next, we proceed to Cana, the place where Jesus performed his first miracle. Couples may renew their wedding vows at the place where Jesus changed the water into wine at the wedding in Cana. We continue a short distance to Nazareth, where Jesus played, grew up amongst the

Day 7: Saturday 3/19, JERUSALEM / BETHLEHEM / JERUSALEM

After breakfast, we visit the New City of Jerusalem, Mount Zion, the Upper Room, and the tomb of King David. From there, we drive to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity, the Manger, the Crusader's Cloister and the Grotto of St. Jerome. We then visit the cave in Shepherd's Field and view the Fields of Boaz. En route to Jerusalem we see the Tomb of Rachel. Pilgrims will have an opportunity to spend some time shopping in Bethlehem before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 8: Sunday 3/20, JERUSALEM / QUMRAN / MASADA / DEAD SEA / JERUSALEM

The excavations of Qumran, the Essene community connected with John the Baptist and the site of the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, will be where we begin today. Then, we ascend by cable car to the magnificent ruins of the fortress in Masada where, from 70 to 73 AD, Jewish defenders made their last stand in the Judean revolt against Rome. On our return to Jerusalem, we stop at the shore of the Dead Sea, 1300 ft. below sea level (the lowest spot on earth), where we have the opportunity to "float" or lather up in the mud that is known for its mineral-rich properties. Our day concludes as we return to the hotel to freshen up for dinner. Overnight in Jerusalem. [B,D]

Day 9: Monday 3/21, JERUSALEM

For a beautiful panoramic view of Jerusalem, we stop first at the Mount of Olives. We visit the Chapel of Ascension and the Church of Pater Noster. We continue with a walk down the Mount of Olives to Dominus Flevit Chapel, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. We proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations, where Jesus endured his Agony. Next, we stop at Dormition Abbey. From there, we view the Knesset (Israeli Parliament) as we make our way to view (briefly) the Model of the City of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus and visit (briefly) the Shrine of the Book, where we see the Dead Sea Scrolls on display. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS

Day 10: Tuesday 3/22, JERUSALEM

Early this morning, we prayerfully follow the Via Dolorosa (Stations of the Cross) through the old city to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where we pray on top

the Rock of Calvary and inside the Lord's tomb. From there we **visit Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos, and the Arch of Ecce Homo** ("Behold the Man") and the **Convent of the Sisters of Zion**. This afternoon, we proceed to **Ein Karem**, birthplace of John the Baptist, and the **Church of the Visitation**, where Mary uttered the words of the Magnificat. **Farewell dinner with wine**. Overnight at the hotel in Jerusalem. **[B,D]**

Day 11: Wednesday 3/23, JERUSALEM / flight / ISTANBUL

Today we depart Jerusalem and **fly into Istanbul**, Turkey. Istanbul was the capital of the Byzantine Empire under the names of Constantinople and Byzantium. First, we will stroll through **Hippodrome Square**, the former sporting and social center of Constantinople that hosted chariot races during the Roman period. Afterwards, we are off to witness the incredible majesty and splendor of the Sultan Ahmet Mosque. Popularly known as the **Blue Mosque**, this 17th century Ottoman sanctuary is adorned with six minarets and more than 20,000 hand-painted Iznik tiles. And then we will walk directly across from the mosque to visit the domed masterpiece of the **Hagia Sophia** before we head to the **Grand Bazaar**, the massive covered market that houses a labyrinth of streets lined with shops selling jewelry, leather products and many other handcrafted souvenirs. Today's journey concludes as we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. **[B,D]**



HAGIA SOPHIA

Day 12: Thursday 3/24, ISTANBUL

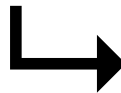
After breakfast, we will drive to **Iznik**, formerly known as Nicaea, the important Roman and Byzantine town where the first Council of Nicaea was held during the reign of Constantine in 325 AD. **Drive back to Istanbul**. Next, we head to **Topkapi Palace**. Located on the very cape of the peninsula where Constantinople was founded, Topkapi Palace is the former abode of Ottoman Sultans that still houses their legion of treasures, including an extensive collection of royal jewels. This evening we enjoy a **farewell dinner cruise on the Bosphorus** and overnight. **[B,D]**

Day 13: Friday, March 25, 2022, ISTANBUL / CHICAGO

Very early this morning, we proceed to the **Istanbul Airport** for our departing flight back to the United States. We arrive home today, knowing we have walked in the footsteps of Jesus and the early Christians. Our journey offers the mind and soul new and treasured memories inspired by God's majestic landscape and a world we explore one pilgrimage at a time. **[B]**

To Register:

Complete the Registration Form and mail your deposit to Pentecost Tours



Or, call (800) 713-9800 or (812) 933-0730 to pay your deposit over the phone with a credit card.

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