

Tour 30130

Fr. John Meyer

invites you to join him
on a 13-day pilgrimage to
Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus

The Holy Land

with
Nicaca & Istanbul

Jan. 30 - Feb. 11, 2023

\$3,199 + \$559*

Early registration price
per person
from
Chicago
if deposit is
paid by 10-22-22

Base price
\$3,299 + \$559* after 10-22-22

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

TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 2/28/2020 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 36 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: ①: Airport fees, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (est. - \$559); ②: tips to guides, drivers and meal servers (\$172); and ③: 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 10/30/2022.** Payment of remaining balance received after 10/30/2022 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 10/2/2022 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶ **[PENALTY PHASE TWO]** From 10/2/2022 to 10/30/2022 the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶ **[PENALTY PHASE THREE]** If cancellation is received after 10/30/2022 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 65 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 advances into the next penalty level or the current level, whichever is greater. 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 air/tour cancellation is effected by passenger after 10/30/2022, 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 requirements that can include, but are not limited to: masks, testing, vaccines, specific documentations, etc. These requirements are the responsibility of each passenger. Passengers must have a valid, working email.

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

[B] = Breakfast [D] = Dinner

Day 1: Monday, January 30, 2023, USA / ISTANBUL

Tour members are welcomed at an international airport for our departing flight to Tel Aviv via Istanbul, arriving the next morning. Meals served on board.

Day 2: Tuesday, 1/31, ISTANBUL / TEL AVIV / CAESAREA / MT CARMEL / TIBERIAS

Upon our arrival in Tel Aviv, we proceed north along the Mediterranean, to **Caesarea Maritime**, where St. Paul was imprisoned, tried, and sent from this Mediterranean harbor to Rome. We visit one of Herod the Great's palaces and see the ruins of the ancient amphitheater next to the ocean. From there, 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. We proceed to our hotel in Tiberias to check in for dinner and overnight. [D]

Day 3: Wednesday, 2/1, TIBERIAS / MAGDALA / MT OF BEATITUDES / SEA OF GALILEE / TIBERIAS

Today we visit **Magdala**, birthplace and home of Mary Magdalene, a witness to the resurrection. We spend time at **Duc in Altum Church**, a new and quite unique spiritual center. To commemorate Jesus preaching from the boat, Duc in Altum Church has coupled the boat-shaped altar in the church with the beautiful Sea of Galilee backdrop to bring history back to life. Other features of the church include: an atrium dedicated to the women of the church who followed Jesus, a mosaics chapel, and the Encounter Chapel with its floor from the original first-century market place of the Magdala port. Once a frontrunner in first century culture, in Magdala's archeological park you can see mikvaot (ritual baths) that are more sophisticated than others from its period. The oldest synagogue in Galilee was also excavated in Magdala. As it exists in such a well preserved state from the time of Christ's teaching, much information could be extracted and shared. An ancient coin found in the synagogue during excavation has been determined to be from the time of Christ's ministry. Also unearthed was a marketplace on what was once the trade route that



MT OF BEATITUDES

has been able to tell archeologists a great deal about life in Magdala and its role in ancient history. The **Mount of Beatitudes**, site of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is our next stop. We relax and enjoy tranquil and contemplative time before our boat ride on the Sea of Galilee.

We return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

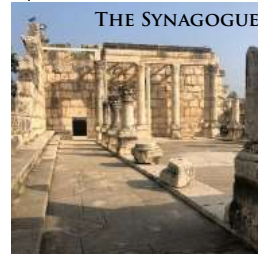
Day 4: Thursday, 2/2, TIBERIAS / MT TABOR / CANA / NAZARETH / TIBERIAS

We board our motor coach today and proceed to **Mt. Tabor**, site of the Transfiguration. The church has two altars: one dedicated to the symbolism of Our Lord on earth and the other is dedicated to Jesus in Heaven. From there, we visit **Cana** where Jesus performed His first miracle. As a lasting remembrance of Cana, couples may renew their wedding vows at the place where Jesus

changed the water into wine. Then, we proceed to **Nazareth**, where Jesus played, grew up amongst the 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. We visit **St. Joseph's carpentry shop, the Church of St. Joseph, and Mary's well**. Finally, we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Tiberias. [B,D]

Day 5: Friday, 2/3, TIBERIAS / CAESAREA PHILIPPI / CAPERNAUM / TABGHA / ST PETER'S PRIMACY / TIBERIAS

We venture north to visit **Caesarea Philippi**, just north of the Sea of Galilee and at the base of Mt. Herman. It is here you will see one of the main springs of the Jordan River. Caesarea Philippi, also called "Banias", is the location of the testimony of St. Peter and where Jesus answered him, "You are the Rock and upon this rock I will build my Church." 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 return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



THE SYNAGOGUE

Day 6: Saturday, February 4, 2023, TIBERIAS / BET SHEAN / QSAR EL YAHUD / JERICHO / JERUSALEM

This morning we begin at **Bet Shean** (or the Scythopolis), which is a strategic junction between the Jezreel and Jordan River Valleys. It was here, in Bet Shean, 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 Maximus (main street)**. From there, we head further south to **Qsar El Yahud**, the actual site where Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan. We renew our baptismal promises. Next, we visit **Jericho**, the world's oldest city. From the excavated tel atop the ruins of ancient Jericho, we view the lush green **Jordan Valley, Elisha's spring and Qarantal, the Mount of Temptation**. We continue on to **Jerusalem** to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

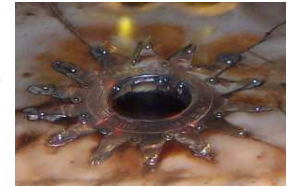


BET SHEAN

Day 7: Sunday, 2/5, JERUSALEM

Our motor coach will take us for a brief view of the **Model of the City of Jerusalem** at Jesus' time and

(briefly) visit the **Shrine of the Book**, where we see the **Dead Sea Scrolls** on display. Then, we proceed to **Ein Karem**, birthplace of John the Baptist, and the **Church of the Visitation**, where Mary uttered the words of the Magnificat. After spending time there, we proceed 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**. We take time to shop in Bethlehem before we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



BIRTH SPOT OF JESUS

Day 8: Monday, 2/6, JERUSALEM / QUMRAN / MASADA / JERUSALEM

Today, we proceed to 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. Then, we drive to **Masada and ascend by cable car** to the magnificent ruins of the fortress where, from 70 to 73 AD, Jewish defenders made their last stand in the Judean revolt against Rome. We see the remains of storehouses, cisterns and a sixth-century Byzantine church. On our return to Jerusalem, we stop at the shore of the **Dead Sea**, 1300 feet below sea level (the lowest spot on earth). We have the opportunity to swim in the Dead Sea before we return to the hotel for dinner. After dinner, we proceed to the **Garden of Gethsemane for a holy hour**. Overnight in Jerusalem. [B,D]

Day 9: Tuesday, 2/7, 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 of the **Rock of Calvary and inside the Lord's tomb**. After Mass, we return to our hotel for breakfast. Our next stop will be a 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**. We proceed from there to the **New City of Jerusalem to Mount Zion, the Upper Room, the tomb of King David and Dormition Abbey**. We cross the Kidron Valley, pass the tombs of Absalom, Zechariah and St. James, on our way to the **Pool of Siloam**. The Pool of Siloam is the reservoir to which Jesus sent the blind man to wash his eyes; his vision was miraculously restored. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. [B,D]



FRONT OF TOMB OF JESUS

Day 10: Wednesday, 2/8, JERUSALEM

Our morning begins with a panoramic view of Jerusalem from the **Mount of Olives**. We visit the **Church of Pater Noster and the Chapel of Ascension**. We continue with a walk down the hill to **Dominus Flevit Chapel** where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Then, we visit the **Garden of Gethsemane**. Beside the garden is the **Church of**

All Nations, built over the location where Jesus endured his Agony, and the **Grotto of the Apostles** (known to us as the grotto of betrayal and the arrest of Jesus). Next, we visit the **tomb of the Virgin Mary** and ask that she wrap her protective mantle around us and thank her for her most precious gift: our Lord, Jesus Christ. Next, we visit the beautiful **Church of St. Peter of Gallicantu (The Cock Crows)**, location where Jesus was held in the house of the High Priest Caiaphas. We **enter the Old City through the Zion Gate** and see the **Cardo** and the remains of Nehemiah's Wall on the way to the **Western (Wailing) Wall**. We **view, in passing, the Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount** and then visit the **Southern Steps**. We visit the **Davidson Center** and visit the **Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda**. Our day concludes as we return to our hotel for a **farewell dinner** and overnight. [B,D]

Day 11: Thursday, 2/9, 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]



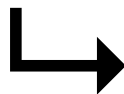
HAGIA SOPHIA

Day 12: Friday, 2/10, 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 have **free time** to explore independently. This evening we enjoy a **farewell dinner cruise on the Bosphorus** and overnight. [B,D]

Day 13: Saturday, February 11, 2023, ISTANBUL / USA
 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 a treasure trove of 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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Enclosed is my/our deposit of \$ _____ (\$500 per person) to reserve _____ seat(s).

Full Name _____

Birthdate: _____ MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR

Male Female US Citizen: Y N

Passport Expires: _____ MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR

I must apply for or renew passport

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