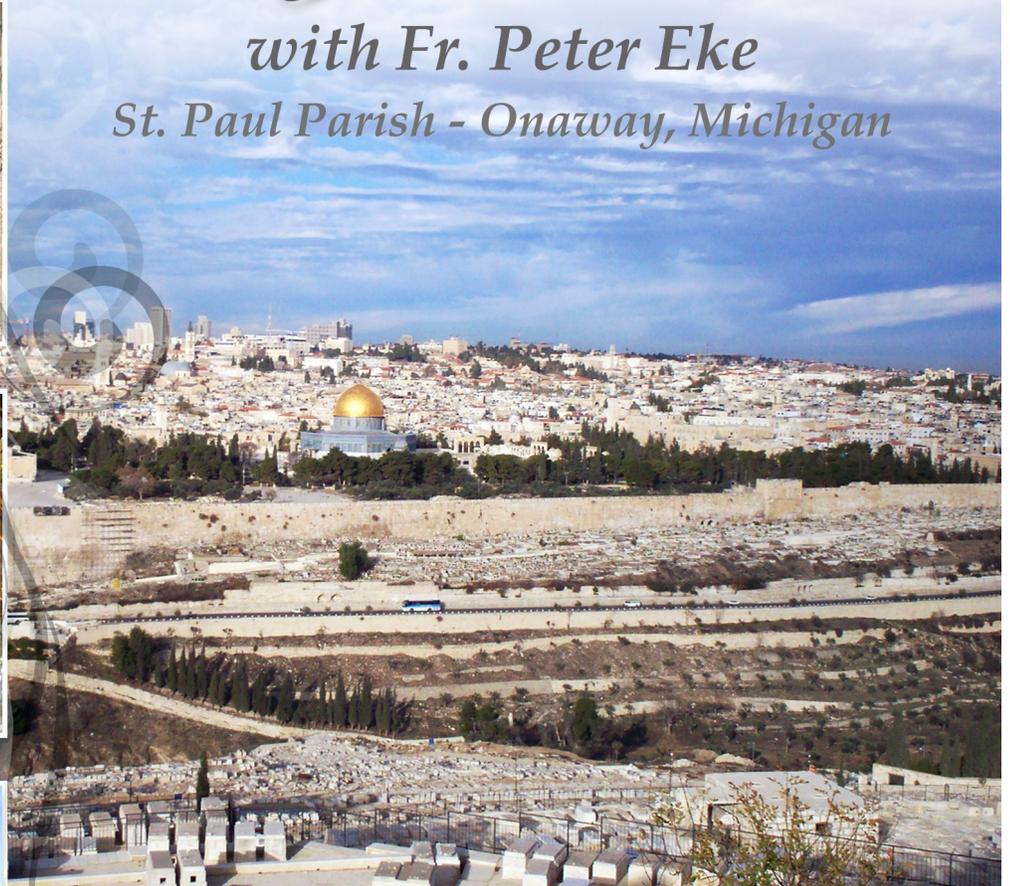


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Wednesday, October 14: Transatlantic flight to Tel Aviv, Israel

Thursday, October 15: Arrival into Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Mount Carmel - Tiberias

Upon arrival in **Tel Aviv**, meet your pilgrimage guide and drive to **Caesarea** where *St. Peter converted the centurion Cornelius*, the first pagan to become a Christian, and where *St. Paul was imprisoned* before his trial in Rome; visit the Crusader walled city and the Roman ruins. Continue to **Mount Carmel** and visit the Carmelite Monastery built in an area that for centuries was frequented by hermits and where the Carmelite Order was founded. Below the monastery is St. Elijah's Cave, where this holy prophet is said to have lived and meditated before

defeating the pagan prophets of Baal. Afterwards, drive towards **Tiberias** for a welcome dinner and overnight. (W,D)

Friday, October 16: Tiberias: Excursion to Cana, Nazareth & Mount Tabor

This morning, travel to **Cana in Galilee**, where Our Lord performed *His first miracle* by turning water into wine. After the *ceremony to renew your wedding vows*, travel to **Nazareth** and visit the Basilica of the Annunciation. Its crypt includes the Cave of the Annunciation where the Archangel St. Gabriel appeared to Our Lady. A peaceful garden leads to St. Joseph's Church built on the site of St. Joseph's home and workshop. Afterwards, drive to **Mt. Tabor**; and enjoy beautiful views of the Jezreel Valley and the Plain of Esdraelon. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias. (B, D)

Saturday, October 17: Tiberias: Sea of Galilee

The **Sea of Galilee** is rich in memories of the three years of Our Lord's Ministry around its shores. The day opens with a visit to the Mount of Beatitudes, the scene of the Sermon on the Mount, followed by a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant serving the delicious *St. Peter's Fish*. Next, explore the ruins of **Capernaum**, including the ancient Jewish synagogue and St. Peter's house. Finally, visit the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes and the Chapel of the Primacy at Tabgha, both on the Sea of Galilee. Overnight in Tiberias. (B, D)

Sunday, October 18: Tiberias - Bethlehem - Shepherds' Field - Jerusalem

Today's sightseeing will take you to



The Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem

Bethlehem, the royal city of David, to pray at the Cave of the Nativity, the birthplace of Our Savior. Continue to "Shepherds' Field," to visit the Cave of the Shepherds, where the angels appeared and announced the birth of Christ. Then to **Jerusalem** for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

Monday, October 19: Jerusalem: Mount of Olives - Mount Zion

Walking down Mount Olivet, your first stop will be to the Church of Dominus Flevit, where Our Lord wept over the city of Jerusalem. Follow the Palm Sunday road into the Kidron Valley to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Our Lord began the way of His Passion. Visit the Church of All Nations, built over the rock where Jesus Christ prayed before His arrest. From Gethsemane, return to Mount Zion to visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu and the place of Our Lord's imprisonment in the palace of Caiaphas. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B, D)

Tuesday, October 20: Jerusalem: Holy Sepulcher - Mount Zion

Very early, walk the path of Our Lord's Passion to Calvary, followed by an in-depth tour of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, including a visit to the tomb of our forefather Adam and the tombs of Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. Afterwards, visit the Chapel of the Ascension and the Church of Pater Noster, where Our Lord taught His disciples how to pray. Continue to Mount Zion for a visit to the Church of the Dormition and the Hall of the Last Supper. (B, D)

Wednesday, October 21: Jerusalem: Excursion to Bethany, Jericho, Jordan River, Qumran, and the Dead Sea

After an early visit to the Tomb of Our Lord, leave Jerusalem for a visit to **Bethany** and the place of Lazarus' tomb. Continue to **Jericho**, the oldest city in the world, where Our Lord healed two blind

men and lodged at the house of Zacchaeus, the tax collector. Afterwards, stop at the site, on the **Jordan River**, where it is claimed that St. John baptized Our Lord. Nearby, visit the **Caves of Qumran**, where the scrolls of the Dead Sea were found. Finally, take advantage of the opportunity to wade and bathe in the **Dead Sea**. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B, D)

Thursday, October 22: Wailing Wall - Temple Mount - St. Anne Church - Ein Karem - Emmaus

This morning, visit the Wailing Wall, Judaism's holiest place. Continue to Temple Mount, traditionally the site of Solomon's Temple, where Our Lord used to preach but since 691 AD is an Islamic site. Next, stop is the Church of St. Anne built on the spot where St. Anne and St. Joachim, the parents of the Virgin Mary lived. Next to the church, is the Pool of Bethesda where Our Lord cured a paralyzed man. Continue to **Ein Karem** to visit the Church of St. John the Baptist built over the Grotto of the Nativity of St. John and the Church of the Visitation that commemorates the Virgin Mary's visit to St. Elizabeth. Afterwards, journey to **Emmaus**, the village where Our Lord appeared to two disciples in the days after His Resurrection. Here visit the Crusader Church built in the early 12th century by the Knight Hospitallers; it stands almost complete in its original form. Afterwards, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Next, transfer to Tel Aviv airport for your flight back to the USA. (BB, FD)

Friday, October 23 Arrival into USA

Arrive today at your final destination in the USA.

*Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), Dinner (D),
Welcome Dinner (WD), Farewell Dinner (FD)*

** This itinerary is subject to change.*



The Tower of David

Religious Highlights

- Mt. Carmel:** *St. Elijah Cave, Carmelite Monastery*
- Mt. Tabor:** *Transfiguration site*
- Caná:** *First miracle of Our Lord, marriage vows renewed*
- Nazareth:** *Basilica of the Annunciation, St. Joseph's workshop*
- Tiberias:** *Sea of Galilee, St. Peter's House, Mt. of Beatitudes, Chapel of the Primacy, Church of the Multiplication*
- Jerusalem:** *Old City, Mt. of Olives, Mt. Zion, Church of the Holy Sepulcher*
- Ein Karem:** *St. John the Baptist*
- Bethlehem:** *Shepherds' Field, Church of the Nativity*
- Jordan River:** *Baptismal site*
- Qumran:** *Dead Sea scrolls*

What's Included

- ✘ Accommodations in First Class hotels and religious houses
- ✘ Daily Holy Mass
- ✘ Deluxe motor-coach for scheduled transfers and sightseeing
- ✘ Meals according to the itinerary
- ✘ Services of a professional English-speaking tour escort/guide
- ✘ Admission fees for all included sightseeing
- ✘ Porterage for one suitcase per person at the hotels
- ✘ Service charges, government fees
- ✘ Medical travel insurance during the trip

Pricing Information

- ✘ Land-only price per person (pp) in double occupancy:
 - 20-24 paid passengers \$2,095
 - 25-29 paid passengers \$1,975
 - 30-34 paid passengers \$1,895
 - 35-39 paid passengers \$1,835
 - 40 or more paid passengers \$1,770
- ✘ Single supplement at hotels: \$695
- ✘ Non-refundable deposit of \$250 pp is due by: June 30, 2015
- ✘ Balance due by: August 10, 2015

Additional costs

- ✘ Roundtrip airfare from Detroit to Tel Aviv to be determined by the end of Dec. 2014
 - ✘ Gratuities to tour escort/guide, driver, and church stipends
 - ✘ Optional trip cancellation/ interruption travel insurance
- (Also see "Not Included" section on back of brochure.)

For brochure and registration form, visit:
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Terms and Conditions

RESERVATION AND PAYMENT

A non-refundable deposit of \$250 per passenger and a complete registration form are required to hold space on this pilgrimage. The last day to accept initial deposit without penalty is June 30, 2015. For passengers registering after this date, there is an additional late fee of \$100. Prices after June 30, 2015 are subject to change depending on air space availability. The full balance is due no later than August 10, 2015. To maintain our prices as low as possible and to avoid charges that add cost to our pilgrimages, we do not accept credit cards. Space for this pilgrimage is limited; there will be 30 seats reserved for the transatlantic flights. Therefore reservations are processed in the order they are received. A minimum of 20 passengers is needed to form the group.

PILGRIMAGE PRICES

Pilgrimage prices have been based on current costs of services included in the itinerary and on a minimum of 30 passengers. In the event of less than 30 passengers, change in currency conversion rates or amendments in local government taxes, we reserve the right to adjust the price accordingly. The exchange rate used is US \$1 per 3.70 Israeli Shekels.

CANCELLATION PENALTIES

All cancellations requested by participants must be in writing and are subject to the following fees. If cancellation is received more than 120 days prior to departure, the deposit will be retained. Then the following per person cancellation fees apply:

* 120-90 days prior to depart: 25% of total price

* 89-60 days prior to depart: 50% of total price

* 59-30 days prior to depart: 75% of total price

* 29-0 days prior to depart: 100% of total price

If air tickets have been purchased at the time of cancellation, the air ticket fare will count as part of the refund, if a refund applies.

PILGRIMAGE CANCELLATION

If Catholic Heritage Tours cancels the pilgrimage before October 14, 2015 due to lack of participants, it will refund all monies paid to Catholic Heritage Tours for the scheduled pilgrimage, with the exception of airline cancellation fees, if any. There is no additional liability. Catholic Heritage Tours cannot assume responsibility for any additional cost or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellations of individual air tickets or other arrangements made for this pilgrimage.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

For residents of the US, Canada, and Puerto Rico, the price includes travel insurance during the trip covering trip delay, baggage delay, baggage loss, accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency medical transportation. *We also offer and strongly recommend optional trip cancellation and interruption insurance, which is not included.* Please call for details.

AIRLINE SEATING

Seating requests under the group air reservation may be made; however, please know that sometimes airlines do not provide group

seating assignments prior to departure, and sometimes when they do, changes cannot be made until check-in at the airport. In these cases, we will ask that the request be made directly to the airline at the ticket counter on the day of departure. Passengers may also exchange seats with other group members once on the plane.

GROUP TRAVEL

This is a group pilgrimage - not an individual trip - with its goal being the benefit of the group as a whole. All planned activities are for the entire group; therefore passengers are expected, but not required, to participate in these activities. One may choose not to participate in parts of the sightseeing; however, there is no refund for missed sightseeing.

GROUP AIR RESTRICTIONS

Due to the airlines' reduced capacity and restrictive group reservation terms, group air reservations are often difficult to coordinate. The number of connections, length of layovers, and all conditions surrounding air travel cannot be guaranteed and may change before departure. Accordingly, if passengers require specific air travel needs and are not flexible concerning group air travel, they may wish to consider purchasing the Land-Only package and secure their own preferred air arrangements.

SINGLE ROOMS AND ROOMMATES

A limited number of single rooms are available at the single supplement price. In case they are all taken, there may be an additional fee for a double room in single occupancy. If passengers wish to have Catholic Heritage Tours assign a roommate, we will do our best; however, if we cannot find a roommate, we will ask if the passenger would like to pay the single supplement fee.

PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE

Catholic Heritage Tours' itineraries depend mainly on the opening times of the visited shrines and on the celebration of Holy Mass. Pilgrimage itineraries are prepared in advance and are subject to change.

PHYSICAL HEALTH

Participants will take full responsibility for being fully able to participate in the daily scheduled activities of the group, noting that pilgrimages organized by Catholic Heritage Tours require physical fitness. There is daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, and at times sidewalks and terrain may be uneven. We recommend preparing oneself by walking before the trip. One may choose not to participate in parts of the sightseeing; however, there is no refund for missed sightseeing.

BAGGAGE

Porterage for one suitcase on the pilgrimage is included. Its weight should not exceed 50 pounds, nor 62 linear inches (L+W+H). A handbag not exceeding 12x11x6 inches is allowed inside the motor-coach.

NOT INCLUDED

Beverages and food not included on the menu served on the pilgrimage; laundry; excess baggage, fees for passport/visas; Mass stipends; tips for tour escort/guide and driver; and all other items of a personal nature.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

A valid passport with expiration date at least 6 months after traveling dates is required for all participants. As of November 2014, US citizens do not require a tourist visa for Israel. Other nationalities, please contact the Israeli embassy or consulate.

TRAVEL ADVISORIES

From time to time the State Department (www.state.gov) and other government agencies and departments issue travel advisories or warnings for one or more of the destinations that participants may be visiting on their pilgrimage. We encourage participants to contact these agencies directly to obtain the most current information. Catholic Heritage Tours cannot change the cancellation terms or conditions based on the issuance of any such warning or advisory or the occurrence of any terror, health or other incident in one or more of the places this pilgrimage is scheduled to visit. All cancellation penalties must remain in full force and effect as outlined in these Terms & Conditions.

RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY

Catholic Heritage Tours acts only as an agent for the various independent suppliers that provide hotel accommodations, transportation, sightseeing, activities, or other services connected with this pilgrimage. Such services are subject to the terms and conditions of those suppliers. Catholic Heritage Tours and their respective employees, agents, representatives, and assigns accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or any other incident which may be caused by the negligence, defect, default of any company or person in performing these services. Responsibility is not accepted for losses, injury, damages or expenses of any kind due to sickness, mental disorders, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, local laws or other such causes.



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