

# PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

FEBRUARY 12 TO 21, 2023

with the spiritual leadership of **Father Stephen Bruzzese**, Pastor of St. Denis Parish in St. Catharines and **Father Stuart MacDonald, J.C.L.** Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Snyder



**I rejoiced when they said to me « Let us go to the house of the Lord » (Psalm 122 :1)** We invite you on a spiritual journey that is sure to be one of the most unforgettable experiences of your life. Imagine yourself in the Galilee at the same site where Jesus taught and performed his miracles, renewing your baptismal promises in the Jordan River, walking through the streets of Jerusalem and reflecting on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is an experience that will enrich your faith and change your life. Come and see for yourself, you'll never be the same.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 FEBRUARY 12 FLIGHT TORONTO-TEL AVIV

Fly from Toronto to Tel Aviv. Prepare yourself for an experience that will change your life. In only few hours you will be walking in the same path that Jesus walked! Group seating for our flight will be pre-assigned by the airline.

### DAY 2 FEBRUARY 13 TEL AVIV-NAZARETH

Welcome to Israel! Upon arrival and clearing customs and immigration, we meet our guide and drive to Nazareth. It is here that the Word became Flesh (Luke 1:30-31) and it all began. We get settled in our rooms and enjoy free time to rest. We visit the Church of the Annunciation and pray by the house of Mary.

### DAY 3 FEBRUARY 14 WEDDING IN CANA-TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Couples who are present will have the opportunity today to renew their wedding vows in Cana, where the Shrine reminds us of the first miracle of Jesus turning water into wine (John 2:1-11). Continue to Mt. Tabor to pray at the Church of the Transfiguration, traditional site of the Transfiguration of Christ (Luke 9:28-36). Arrive at our hotel near the Sea of Galilee and get settled for the next 2 nights.

### DAY 4 FEBRUARY 15 THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

We take a relaxing boat ride across the Sea of Galilee recalling the miracle of walking on water (Matthew 14:22-33) and calling on Peter and Andrew to become 'fishers of men' (Matthew 4:19). In Capernaum, Jesus' town (Matthew 9:1) and the center of his ministry (Matthew 4:13, 23), see the remains of the ancient Synagogue where our Lord preached, and the new church built atop St. Peter's house. It is here where Jesus spent most of his public life. In Tabgha, traditional location of the feeding of the 5,000, see the splendid mosaic of the miracle of the loaves and fishes (Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:32-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:1-15), pray at the Chapel of the Primacy where Jesus reinstates Peter (John 21:15-19) and reflect at the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached the Sermon of the Mount (Matthew 5:3-11; Luke 6:20-26). We visit Magdala and explore the hometown of Mary Magdalene.

### DAY 5 FEBRUARY 16 JORDAN RIVER-JESUS' TEMPTATION-JERUSALEM

We visit the Jordan River and whoever wants may renew their baptismal promises. Next, we follow the route to the Mount of Temptation, traditional site where Jesus spent forty days and forty nights and was tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12; Luke 4:1). In Jericho, recall the story about the poor blind man (Luke 18:35-43) and Zacchaeus, the tax collector (Luke 19:1-10). We ascend the Judean Hills towards Jerusalem and see the breathtaking beauty of the *Golden City*, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" (Psalm 118:26)! From atop Mt. of Olives we follow Palm Sunday Road to the Chapel of Dominus Flevit, traditional site where Jesus wept over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41-44). We arrive at our hotel, our home for the next 5 nights.

### DAY 6 FEBRUARY 17 GETHSEMANE-CAIAPHAS HOUSE-PASSION OF CHRIST

We pray at the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:36) and visit the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu as we recall Peter's denial of Christ (Matthew 26:69-75). Visit Dormition Abbey, where Mary "fell into eternal sleep", and the Upper Room, where Jesus shared the last meal with his Apostles the night before he died. Visit the Western Wall and see the outdoor model of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus. We enter the Old City and visit the Church of St. Ann, traditional birthplace of the Virgin Mary. See the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus performed the miracle of healing (John 5:2-9). We prayerfully follow the last footsteps of Jesus as we walk the Way of the Cross, something unforgettable in our pilgrimage, ending at the site of the crucifixion of Christ (Calvary), and the site of the Sepulchre.

### DAY 7 FEBRUARY 18 BETHLEHEM AND THE SHEPHERDS FIELDS

Today we celebrate the Birth of our Lord in Bethlehem. At the Church of the Nativity, see the Manger and the Grotto of St. Jerome, and at the Shepherd's field we remember the humble shepherds listening to the angels that sang: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors! (Luke 2:14).

### DAY 8 FEBRUARY 19 MAGNIFICAT-DEAD SEA

Start the morning praying at the Church of the Visitation, where the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth and proclaimed the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). We drive next to the Judean wilderness, ascend to the fortress of Masada and have the opportunity to float in the salt water of the Dead Sea. This is going to be an exciting day!

### DAY 9 FEBRUARY 20 THE RESURRECTION-AT LEISURE IN JERUSALEM

Our last day in the Holy Land. Celebrate Jesus' resurrection, He is not here, He has Risen (Matthew 28:6). The rest of the day is at leisure to explore, shop or visit again the Holy sites. Tonight, we share our thoughts and enjoy a Farewell Dinner.

### DAY 10 FEBRUARY 21 FLIGHT TEL AVIV-TORONTO

Today we fly home. We feel deeply moved for the spiritual experience that we have just lived, knowing that we have walked in the footsteps of Jesus, the Virgin Mary and the Apostles bringing new meaning to our Scripture reading and celebration of Mass. We land at Toronto International Airport. **END OF OUR PILGRIMAGE.**

## \$ 4,550 CAD

Price per person in Double Occupancy. Single room pay \$ 1,190 CAD supplement.  
Price includes \$794.01 CAD for Fuel Surcharge & Airport Taxes and they are subject to change without notice until time of ticketing  
\*\*\*See next page for complete list of inclusions\*\*\*

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### THE TOUR INCLUDES

- ✓ Round trip Economy airfare from Toronto
- ✓ 8 nights accommodation at First Class hotels in double occupancy
- ✓ Breakfast and Dinner daily
- ✓ Private coach transportation throughout
- ✓ Entrance fees, tours and visit to holy sites as per the itinerary with English speaking guide
- ✓ Daily Mass and/or Spiritual activities
- ✓ Hotel taxes and service charges
- ✓ Fuel surcharge & Airport taxes (at time of printing \$794.01 CAD, subject to change at any time without notice until time of ticketing)
- ✓ Gratuities to hotel and restaurant staff

### NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- ✓ Meals and drinks not mentioned above
- ✓ Passports: Canadian citizens require a valid passport for more than 6 months after the return date
- ✓ Gratuities to guides and drivers and other local staff: **US\$ 120.00** per participant collected in cash ahead for your convenience
- ✓ Costs of personal nature, optional excursions, excess baggage charges
- ✓ Insurance for medical, Cancellation and Interruption, baggage (strongly recommended)

### BOOKING:

A **\$ 400 non-refundable deposit** is required at time of booking. If you opt to purchase Non-Medical or All-Inclusive insurance, it must be purchased at time of first deposit. Bookings after October 31, 2022 are subject to availability and full payment is due at time of booking.

**PLEASE NOTE ALL PAYMENTS ARE 100% NON- REFUNDABLE.**

### CANCELLATIONS AND CHANGES:

If you must cancel, Gateways International must be informed in writing immediately. A \$75 CAD fee will be applied for any changes you wish to make to the group's itinerary. Changes after full payment is received will be treated as cancellations.

### PHYSICAL HEALTH

Participants on this tour take full responsibility for being fully able to participate in the daily scheduled activities of the group, noting that tours organized by Gateways International require physical fitness. There is daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, and at times sidewalks and uneven terrain. One may choose not to participate in parts of the sightseeing; however, there is no refund for missed sightseeing.

### OPTIONAL TRAVEL HEALTH & CANCELLATION INSURANCE

CAD \$Premium per person	All-Inclusive	Non-Medical	Staying in single room add
up to 59 years	301.00	263.00	54.00
60-64 years	364.00	298.00	64.00
65-69 years	440.00	329.00	74.00
70-74 years	586.00	376.00	84.00
75-79 years	884.00	538.00	130.00
80-84 years	1,134.00	675.00	159.00

- ✓ **All-Inclusive Worldwide Plan** provides coverage for *cancellation and interruption* up to sum insured, trip delay, \$ 10 million emergency medical, baggage & personal effects, baggage delay, personal money loss, passport loss, airflight accident and travel accident.

*On February 28, 2022, the Canadian Government has lifted the global 'non-essential' travel advisory, and Emergency Medical coverage for COVID-19 will be available only for fully vaccinated individuals or those not medically eligible.*

See the [Policy Brochure](#) for the full description and eligibility.

- ✓ **Non-Medical Plan** provides coverage for *cancellation and interruption* up to sum insured, trip delay, baggage & personal effects, baggage delay, personal money loss, passport loss, airflight accident and travel accident. There is no coverage for Emergency Medical.

- ✓ For people living outside the province of Ontario, insurance will be processed by Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada.
- ✓ Premium per person is subject to change without prior notice

Travel insurance is designed to cover losses arising from sudden and unforeseeable circumstances. Please contact us to get a copy of the policy. It is important that you read and understand the policy before you purchase as the coverage is subject to certain limitations, conditions or exclusions.

**\*\*All participants must hold Trip Cancellation/Interruption + Emergency Medical Insurance to travel with us. Proof of coverage if purchased elsewhere must be provided at time of booking.**

COVID-19 is known event and is excluded from cancellation coverage. However, if you contract COVID-19 prior to departure, you may be covered for trip cancellation, if you have a confirmed and documented diagnosis at the time of departure due to COVID-19.

[All participants must comply with the travel regulations and guidelines of Public Health and the Ministry of Health of each country we visit. Proof of vaccination and further testing may be required at time of travelling.](#)

**Please contact us if you live outside the Province of Ontario and for other types of coverage.**

## Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Stephen Bruzzese & Fr. Stuart MacDonald, February 12-21, 2023

### Deposit Registration Form

Name (as per passport): First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have any Dietary restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have any Medical problems? \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  Enclosed is a photocopy of my passport (page showing name and photo)

I am departing from Toronto  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (fare supplement and flight details to be informed accordingly)

I have a Roommate  I need a Roommate (subject to availability)  I would like a Single room and pay **\$ 1,190 CAD** Supplement

Enclosed is my **deposit of \$ 400** and/or **full payment** by E-Transfer or Cheque payable to Gateways International, for credit card complete below

I authorize Gateways International to charge the deposit of **\$ 400** now and/or full payment of **\$ 4,150 CAD by October 31, 2022** (plus or minus changes in Airport taxes and single supplement if applicable) on my credit card listed below

Credit Card Type: VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MASTERCARD \_\_\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

CVV \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name as it appears on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### INSURANCE: Please add the following Travel Insurance to my package (Payment will be collected separately)

All-Inclusive Worldwide Policy  Non-Medical Policy  I decline insurance. Proof of my own Emergency Medical & Cancellation/ Interruption policy attached.

My signature below indicates that I have read and agreed to the Terms and Conditions outlined by Gateways International in this brochure. I also understand that it is now mandatory that all participants on a Gateways International tour, must have Emergency Medical and Trip Cancellation/Interruption insurance, which is not included in the trip price, and that Gateways International's cancellation policy cannot be waived for any reason. In order to participate in the aforementioned group, I confirm I will have such insurance, and I will not hold Gateways International liable in any matter that is or is not covered by this added insurance.

Signature of participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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