



# Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands of Jordan & Israel

## With Optional Aegean Cruise & Ephesus Extension

22 Days

Fully Escorted

4th – 18th / 25th September 2020

ATTEND AN INFORMATION EVENING

**WHEN:** Wednesday, 2nd October 2019 at 7:30pm

**WHERE:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Catholic Church  
14 Bedford Road, Ringwood

\* Receive a full briefing \* Meet your fellow pilgrims  
\* Have all your questions answered

Please RSVP your attendance to [info@olivetree-travel.com.au](mailto:info@olivetree-travel.com.au)  
by 25 September 2019



**PILGRIMAGE PACKAGE PRICE FOR JORDAN/ISRAEL** **\$6,490\*** per person (twin share)  
\* Conditions apply. Subject to change. Price based on minimum of 25 paying participants.

**OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT ADDITIONAL** **\$1,625**

**OPTIONAL AEGEAN CRUISE & EPHEBUS EXTENSION** **\$3,090\*** per person (twin share)

**OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT ADDITIONAL** **\$795**

### Optional Extras on the Cruise:

Supplement for upgrading to an outside cabin on the cruise: AUD\$250 per person (twin share)

Single supplement for staying in an outside cabin on the cruise: An additional AUD\$350

\* Price is subject to change. Conditions apply. Price based on minimum of 15 paying participants participants.



### Escorted by Fr Tony Doran, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ringwood

In 2020, the Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ringwood celebrates 100 years of being a living witness to our faith. As part of our Centenary celebrations, you are invited to join our pilgrimage to the Holy Lands of Jordan & Israel. You will have the chance

to walk the roads, visit the villages and see the countryside seen by Jesus and his first disciples, in company with his mother Mary. We'll visit and pray in the places so familiar to us from the pages of Sacred Scripture: Bethlehem, Calvary, Galilee, Nazareth, Cana, Caesarea Philippi, Emmaus, the Mount of Olives, Jerusalem. We'll pray in the places where Jesus prayed, we'll celebrate Mass at places as diverse as the Mount of the Beatitudes and the Church of the Annunciation. At Cana, there'll be an opportunity to renew wedding vows. We'll see the archaeological wonders of Petra, Qumran, and the Dead Sea. Please consider extending as we set sail across the Aegean in St Paul's Footsteps to see Ephesus, Patmos, Corinth and Ancient Athens. *Come and join us as we walk this pilgrimage of faith with Jesus and Mary!*

### PROPOSED HOTELS FOR JORDAN/ISRAEL (OR SIMILAR)

**Dead Sea** Movenpick Hotel 3 nights **Galilee** Nof Ginosar Kibbutz Hotel 3 nights  
**Bethlehem** St Gabriel Hotel 2 nights **Jerusalem** Olive Tree Hotel 4 nights

### EXTENSION PROPOSED HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

**Athens** Hotel Titania (renovated rooms) 4 nights  
**Celestyal Cruises** Inside Cabin (CAT/IA cabins) 3 nights

### JORDAN/ISRAEL PRICE INCLUDES

- Return economy class airfares from Melbourne – Dubai – Amman - Dubai Melbourne
- All airport and departure taxes
- 12 nights' hotel accommodation including breakfasts & dinners throughout
- 1 lunch at Haret Jdoudna
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours as outlined in the itinerary with the services of a local professional English speaking guide
- Airport meet and assistance and transfers and transportation throughout in a luxury air-conditioned coach
- Entrance fees to museums and all sights as mentioned in the itinerary
- Headsets
- Tips, gratuities and portage throughout

### EXTENSION PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 nights' hotel accommodation
- Breakfasts & Dinners throughout in Hotel Titania
- Full Board on the cruise
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours as outlined in the itinerary with the services of a local professional English speaking guide for the land tour
- Transfers and transportation throughout in a luxury air-conditioned coach on the land tour
- Entrance fees to museums and all sights as mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips, gratuities and portage
- Shuttle service on Mykonos between port and town
- Kusadasi Shore Excursion, Ancient Ephesus through the ages
- Santorini Shore Excursion, Spectacular Oia Village
- Drinks package during the cruise, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Airfare from Tel Aviv to Athens and then return on Emirates from Dubai.
- Athens City tax

### PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Beverages with meals
- Most lunches
- Entrance/sightseeing/meals other than those in the itinerary
- Single supplement
- Travel insurance
- Incidental expenses of a personal nature such as phone calls, laundry, room service etc.
- Any services not listed in 'Price Includes' above

## WHAT TO DO NEXT

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Fr Tony Doran or any of the team at Olive Tree Travel
2. To secure your place, a deposit of AUD\$350 per person will be due by 11th October 2019. (unless sold out prior)
3. Full payment will be required by 2nd July 2020

## DAY 1: FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

### Depart Australia

Depart Melbourne this evening on your Emirates flight to Dubai.

## DAY 2: SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

### Arrive Amman, Dead Sea

On arrival into Dubai this morning, transfer to your onward Emirates flight to Amman, Jordan. Upon arrival into Amman this morning, we will be met and assisted through immigration by our tour guide and driver. Enjoy a brief orientation tour of Amman including a short visit to Amman Museum. We will also celebrate Mass today at the Catholic Church in Amman. Transfer for dinner and overnight at Dead Sea Hotel. (D)

## DAY 3: SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

### Mt Nebo, Madaba, Dead Sea

This morning we drive to the Dead Sea and drive to mainly the Christian town of Madaba to see the famous mosaic map of the world with Jerusalem at its centre. Continue a short distance to Mt Nebo, where Moses first saw the Promised Land across the Jordan Valley. This afternoon we are free to relax at our resort hotel and perhaps take a dip in the salty waters of the Dead Sea. Dinner and overnight at Dead Sea. (BD)

## DAY 4: MONDAY 07 SEPTEMBER

### Full Day Petra, Dead Sea

Today we drive to Petra, the rose red city half as old as time. We commence our visit of the ancient Nabatean Capital walking through the Ciq, a long narrow fissure between two overhanging cliffs. The tour then proceeds to gradually unfold the mysteries of the red rose city with its spectacular treasury, royal tombs, burial chambers and high place of sacrifice. Return to the Dead Sea for dinner and overnight. (BD)

## DAY 5: TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

### Allenby Bridge, Baptismal Site, Jericho, Tiberias

After check out this morning we transfer to the nearby Allenby Bridge border crossing point to Israel. After border formalities, continue to the traditional Baptismal site for a visit and renewal of baptismal vows. Visit Jericho, one of the oldest cities in the world and see the excavations there. View the Mt of Temptation. Take the scenic drive up through the Jordan Valley to our hotel in the Galilee. Dinner and overnight is at our hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee near Tiberias. (BD)

## DAY 6: WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

### Cana, Nazareth, Mt Tabor

Drive to Cana, the site of the First Miracle of turning water into wine, time for couples to renew marriage vows. On to Nazareth, to visit the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well. Celebrate Mass. We visit Nazareth Village, a reconstructed site, capturing life in 1st Century Nazareth. Drive to the foot of Mt Tabor, site of the Transfiguration and take taxis up to the summit to visit the Church. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BD)

## DAY 7: THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

### Sea of Galilee

After breakfast, enjoy a morning boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. We then visit the ancient fishing boat dating from the 1st Century that was found in the seabed at Nof Ginosar Kibbutz. Driving up the Mount Of Beatitudes, we visit the beautiful church and have mass where the Sermon on the Mount is remembered. From there we continue onto Capernaum to see the Synagogue and Peter's house, center of Jesus' preaching ministry. See the Church of Primacy where Jesus said to Peter "Thou art the rock". Return for dinner and overnight at our hotel in the Galilee. (BD)

## DAY 8: FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

### Tabgha, Mt Carmel, Caesarea, Bethlehem

An early visit to the Church of Tabgha with its famous mosaic of the Loaves and Fishes for mass. Then pass by the ancient town of Megiddo and the Valley of Armageddon, we visit Mt Carmel and enjoy a wonderful view across the Mediterranean Sea, River Kishon and Haifa Harbor and see the cave where Elijah took refuge in his contest with the prophets of Baal. Take the coastal highway to Caesarea once capital of the Roman province. There we will see the Roman and Crusader remains and the harbour from which St. Paul was taken prisoner to Rome. Continue to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (BD)

## DAY 9: SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

### Bethlehem, Israel Museum, Ein Karem, Emmaus

Drive up to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem built over the stable cave of Jesus' birth and visit the Milk Grotto. Celebrate mass. Then to the Shepherds' Fields stopping at the Church there with its blackened cave where Shepherds' watched over their flocks. We visit the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum (open 10 AM – 5 PM), where the Dead Sea Scrolls are kept. We will also visit the Model of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus and the Second Temple. Continue to the village of Ein Karem. See the Church of Visitation and the Church of St. John the Baptist. We end the day with a visit to Emmaus, the site of the meeting of the two disciples with Jesus after the Resurrection. Return to our hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and overnight. (BD)

## DAY 10: SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER:

### Masada, Dead Sea, Ein Gedi, Qumran

Drive to Qumran to visit the remains of the Essene enclave and see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden and discovered. Continue on along

the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth to the fortress mountain called Masada, the stronghold of Jewish resistance to the Romans in the revolt of AD 75. Ascend by cable car to see the remains of Herod's Palace and many other archeological excavations found. Stop by Ein Gedi before returning to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

## DAY 11: MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

### Mt. Olives, Gethsemane

This morning we drive to the Mount of Olives for a wonderful view of the Old City of Jerusalem. See the Place of Ascension, commemorating Jesus' Ascension and the Pater Noster Church. We then follow the Palm Sunday Road stopping at Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. At the foot of the hill see the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees and the church of All Nations. Dinner and overnight is in Jerusalem. (BLD)

## DAY 12: TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

### Old City of Jerusalem, Mt Zion

This morning we start early to enter the Old City through St Stephen's Gate and walk along the Via Dolorosa ending up at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Mass is at the Holy Sepulchre. After breakfast at our hotel we return to the Old City of Jerusalem to visit St. Anne's Church, the home of the Virgin Mary and her parents Saints Joachim and Anne. We visit the Ecce Homo where Pilate proclaimed "Behold the man" and visit the excavations; then the Wailing Wall, the most holy place for Jews. Nearby is the Dome of the Rock and the Haram al Sharif or Temple Mount. In the afternoon, we drive up to Mt Zion to see the Upper Room and the Tomb of David and the Church of Dormition. Visit the Church known as St. Peter in Gallicantu, where Peter denied Christ. See also Caiphas' House, where Jesus was held. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BD)

## DAY 13: WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

### Day of Leisure

Enjoy a full day at leisure to relax, further explore independently or do some shopping. Meet back for dinner and overnight at our hotel. This evening after dinner there will be a meeting with the Bereaved Families at the hotel. (BD)

## DAY 14: THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

### Allenby Bridge, Departure

This morning we cross the border at the Allenby Bridge back into Jordan. After lunch at the Haret Joudna Restaurant in Madaba, we head to Amman Airport for check in for our Emirates flight to Dubai. Upon arrival into Dubai this evening, transfer to your onward connecting Emirates flight back to Australia (BL).

## DAY 15: FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

### Arrive Australia

Arrive back into Melbourne in the early hours of the morning with wonderful memories of a fantastic trip!

## OPTIONAL GREECE EXTENSION

## DAY 14: THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

### Arrive Athens

Depart from Tel Aviv tonight on our Aegean flight A3925 from Tel Aviv at 9.20pm arriving into Athens at 9.30pm. On arrival into Athens we'll be met and transferred to our hotel. Enjoy overnight in Athens.

## DAY 15: FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

### Cruise, Mykonos

After breakfast we will be transferred to the port of Piraeus where we will board our cruise. The ship sails at 11:30am and will arrive into Mykonos at 6.00pm. Take a stroll along the narrow cobble streets, past chic boutiques, white-washed churches and elegant cafes. Shuttle buses operate continuously between the port and Mykonos town. Overnight is onboard our cruise ship. (B, L, D)

## DAY 16: SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

### Cruise, Kusadasi And Patmos

Morning visit to Ephesus in Kusadasi. At Ancient Ephesus we find Immortal relics of the Hellenistic, Roman and Early Christian era. At the archaeological site we will be given a guided tour among the Agora, the Odeon, the Library of Celsus, the marble-paved main Street of Kouretes, the Baths of Scholastica, Trajan's Fountain, the Public Latrines, the Residences of the Patricians, the Prytaneum, the Temple of Hadrian...The Great Theatre, built in the 4th century B.C., could accommodate 24,000 spectators and it is famous even nowadays for its acoustics. The finds from the excavations, which have yet brought to light only 13% of ancient Ephesus, reside in the Archaeological Museum of Ephesus, in the city of Selcuk. During the excursion we will have a chance to do some shopping and see the carpet waving demonstration.

In the afternoon, visit St. John monastery and Cave of Apocalypse in Patmos. The picturesque alleyways wind upwards, towards the Monastery of St. John the Evangelist, founded in 1088 by St. Christodoulos. The visit will open the doors for us to the Monastery's yard, the place where the monks take their meals and the old bakery. Of exquisite beauty is the tour of the Byzantine Church of St. John, which is adorned with a wood-carved icon screen, important frescoes from several periods, with both mosaic and other icons. Our next stop is the small museum which hosts religious treasures of inestimable value, like manuscripts, medieval textiles and sacerdotal vestments. Walking down the stairs, the religious energy that we will experience is soul touching. Behind



the chapel of St. Anne lies the entrance to the Grotto of the Apocalypse. We will see the cross engraved by St. John the Evangelist, according to tradition, the triple fissure in the wall of the cave, from where St. John heard God dictating to him the Apocalypse and also the spot where he lay down to sleep. Overnight is onboard our cruise ship. (B, L, D)

**DAY 17: SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER  
Cruise, Heraklion And Santorini**

We sail into Heraklion this morning, where we can choose to stay on the ship and enjoy its facilities or join an optional Shore Excursion. Our recommended excursion is the Minoan Palace of Knossos - to see the first European Civilization. In the afternoon we will sail into Santorini with more optional excursions available. Our recommended excursion is the spectacular Oia village perched on the Caldera Rim. Overnight is onboard our cruise ship. (B, L, D)

**DAY 18: MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER  
Athens, Delphi, Athens**

We disembark from the cruise ship and travel north for a day tour to Delphi. In antiquity Delphi was known as the center or the navel of the earth for it was believed that when Zeus released two eagles from opposite sides of the world they would meet in Delphi. It reached its height in power in the 4th century as the sanctuary to the god Apollo. Pilgrims would gather here to seek advice from the great oracle, Pythia, on various matters including waging wars. We explore the sanctuary by walking up the Sacred Way to see the Treasuries, the Theater and the Temple of Apollo. Visit the museum of Delphi and marvel at the unique collection of artifacts from the excavation, including the bronze "Charioteer" one of the best preserved ancient works of metallurgy. Dinner and overnight is at our hotel in Athens. (B, D)

**DAY 19: TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER  
Athens**

Enjoy a full day in Athens, seeing its highlights, visiting the Acropolis as well as the New Acropolis museum. Athens, the capital of Greece, is one of the oldest cities in the world spanning a history of 3,400 years. Home of the great minds, philosophers and teachers of ancient times such as Plato, Socrates and Aristotle, Athens is the birthplace of democracy and the cradle of Western Civilization. A bus tour will guide us through the highlights of Athens; House of Parliament, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Presidential Palace, Panathenaic Stadium, Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, to lead us to the world renowned Acropolis. We will walk through the architectural wonders of the Golden Age of Pericles; the Propylaia, the Parthenon and the Erechtheion. We walk to Areopagus

or Mars Hill, the site where trials were heard before the Council of Elders and where St Paul delivered his speech to the Athenians. Our visit is not complete without a tour of the New Acropolis museum, which houses the findings of the Acropolis of Athens. Dinner and overnight is at our hotel in Athens. (B, D)

**DAY 20: WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER  
Athens, Corinth, Athens**

Today we travel to the Peloponnese where we cross the Corinth Canal and enjoy a visit to Ancient Corinth. Drive through the coastal road to the Corinth Canal, which separates Peloponnese from the Greek mainland and connects the two Seas, the Ionian and the Aegean. Continue to Ancient Corinth, one of the most important trading cities of ancient Greece dating back to the 6th century B.C. Visiting the archaeological site we will come across the Temple of Apollo, the agora, the sacred spring and the Peirene Fountain. The apostle Paul resided in Corinth for 18 months in A.D. 51-52. Here he wrote the First and Second Epistles to the Corinthians. We shall visit the site of the Bema of St. Paul, where he preached. Time permitting we will visit Epidaurus which was known in antiquity as a healing centre, the place where the god of medicine Asclepius was born and was worshiped. The ruins of the sanctuary include among other things the Temple of Asclepius, the hospice and a stadium. We will visit the Theatre of Epidaurus famous for its astonishing acoustics and one of the best-preserved classical Greek structures still being used for theatrical and musical performances.

Dinner and overnight is at our hotel in Athens. (B, D)

**DAY 21: THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER  
Depart Athens**

Enjoy a morning at leisure for last minute shopping and relaxation. This afternoon we will transfer to the airport for our flight back to Dubai and then onto Australia.

**DAY 22: FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER  
Arrive Australia**

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