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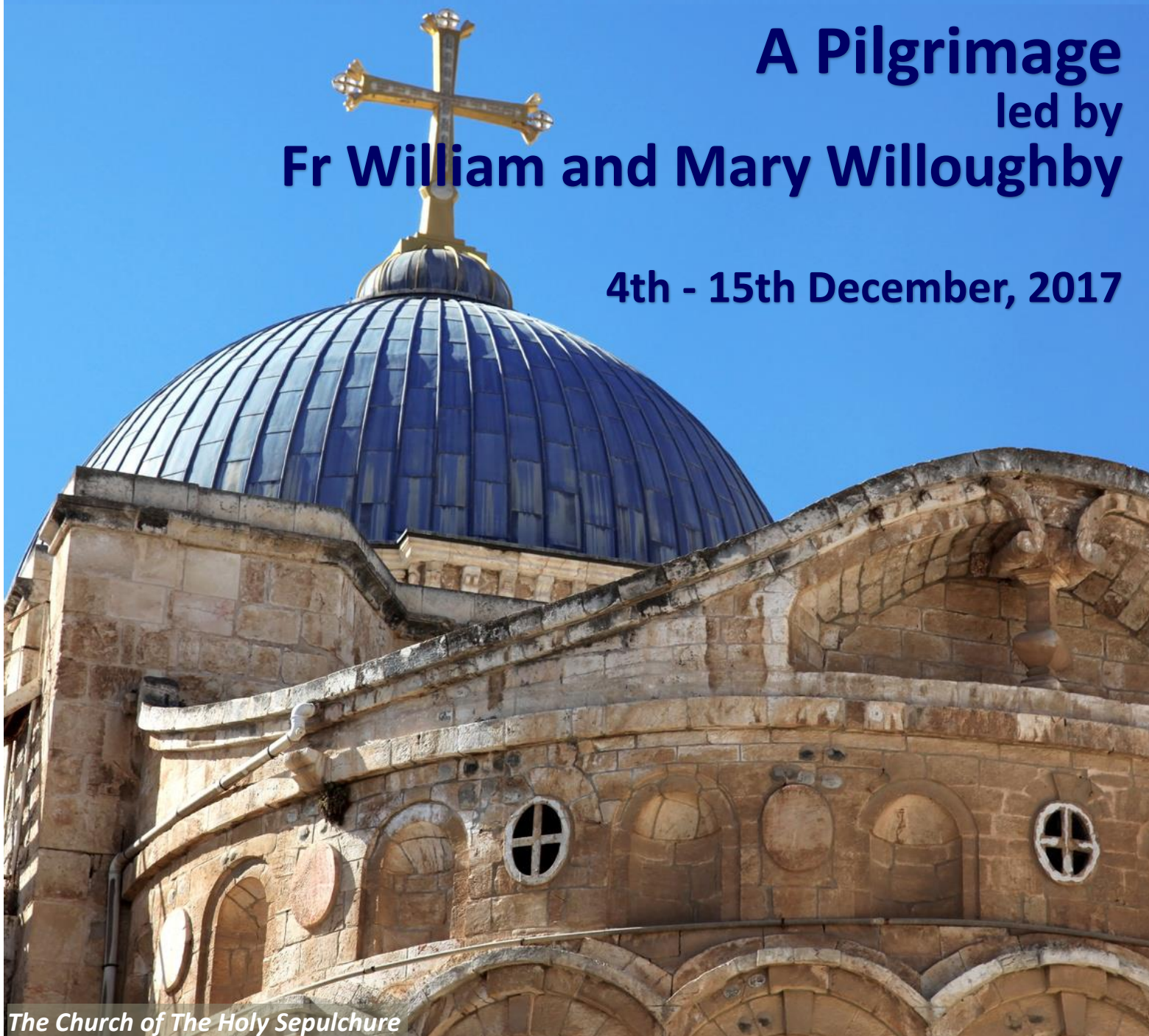
# **Discovering the Holy Land**

**A Pilgrimage**

**led by**

**Fr William and Mary Willoughby**

**4th - 15th December, 2017**



*The Church of The Holy Sepulchre*

***Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC.,***

*- The official Pilgrimage partner for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem -*

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*The geography and built environment of the Holy Land have been described as the fifth Gospel. Pilgrimage allows us to make connections not only with the people, places and vision encountered in Scripture, but it broadens and deepens our appreciation of life which is ours in Jesus Christ. Alongside the monuments and memorials of its history, The Holy Land has and continues to know joy and sorrow, strife and harmony. For many, a pilgrimage to the Holy Land brings those places and encounters glimpsed in the pages of Scripture a fresh appreciation, while allowing the pilgrim to grow more deeply in their walk with Jesus.*

*On my pilgrimage journeys, I have learned and experienced great insights, often from spontaneous and casual encounters. Prayerful engagement of the holy sites has the power to mold our hearts because, for centuries, thousands of pilgrims have stood, knelt and prayed in the same spot, considering the same showing of God's love and desire for creation. To pray in our Lord's tomb, to stand at the site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes and to kneel at Jesus place of birth are God moments that connect us with the millions of disciples that have gone before us and will witness to the Resurrection after us.*

*The people and the places of the Holy Land provide challenge and comfort. The Christians, who are the living stones of the Body of Christ in the Holy Land, are increasingly marginalized by the politics of the region, but theirs is a witness of courage and perseverance. As North Americans who live in a culture that is indifferent to the Christian message of love and reconciliation, a pilgrimage can provide each disciple with a renewed appreciation of the privileges and cost of walking in the way of the Lord.*

*Join me, and Mary who have had several opportunities over the years to go to the Holy Land and share its wonders and joys with other disciples. Ours is a rich experience, which has been supplemented by long standing friendships born of a common love of Jesus and the land where he ministered. It would be an honor and privilege to walk with you as you discover the riches intrinsic to such a journey.*

*William+*

### **TO SECURE PLACES ON THIS TOUR**

Please complete and send the enclosed booking form together with a deposit of \$500 per person. The balance of the tour cost is payable no later than **11th September 2017**.



# Our Itinerary

## Day 1, Monday December 4<sup>th</sup>

We fly from Savannah to Newark and then connect to Tel Aviv overnight.

## Day 2, Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>

Landing mid-morning, we meet our guide and drive north towards Galilee and breaking for lunch before driving to Mount Tabor, traditionally associated with the Transfiguration. After visiting the glorious Basilica on the summit of the mount, and enjoying wonderful views of the Jezreel Valley we continue to the beautiful Pilgerhaus situated on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, which will be our home for the next three nights. Time to relax and freshen up before dinner.



## Day 3, Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>

This morning we drive to Cana, the site of Jesus' first sign, according to the Fourth Gospel. We then continue to Nazareth, the town in which the gospel story begins. Here we will visit the Synagogue Church as well as the Basilica of the Annunciation. After a break for lunch we

drive across the Jezreel Valley (the Biblical scene of Armageddon) to visit Solomon's great Chariot city of Megiddo. We will spend the afternoon exploring this well excavated site including its impressive water tunnel. We will return to the Pilgerhaus in time to freshen up for our evening meal.



## Day 4, Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>

Today we will focus on the principal sites of Jesus' ministry around the home he made for himself by the Sea of Galilee. After commemorating the call of the first disciples in a Eucharist by the Sea itself, we will visit the excavated ruins of Capernaum, as well as sites associated with the Feeding of the 5000, the recommissioning of Peter, and the giving of the Sermon on the Mount. In addition we will have a chance to sail on the Sea itself in a modern replica of a First Century fishing boat, as well as





#### Day 4 continued

the well preserved remains of a similar boat dating from the time of Jesus. We will end our day with a visit to the exciting excavations of Magdala, the home town of Jesus' friend and follower Mary Magdalene. The excavations have revealed amongst the many structures a synagogue and the remains of a fish farm dating back to the first century. Return to our lakeside hotel for dinner and overnight stay.



#### Day 5, Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>

After an early breakfast we leave Galilee and drive south through the heart of the West Bank, noting as we drive some of 'facts on the ground' about the occupation. Our first stop is the city of Nablus where we will visit St Luke's Hospital to see first hand some of the wonderful work they carry out, before we proceed to visit Jacob's Well, where the Fourth



Gospel tells us of Jesus' encounter with the woman drawing water – a place of pilgrimage in Jesus' own day. After a chance to drink the beautifully fresh 'living water' from the Well we drive east to the Jordan Valley to the probable site of Jesus' baptism by John at the Jordan River. After a chance to renew our own baptism vows, we will have lunch in the oasis of Jericho, the oldest city in the world. After stopping for a brief view of the Mount of Temptation we drive up through the hills of the Judean Wilderness towards Jerusalem. We by pass Jerusalem and continue on to Bethlehem, passing through the 27-foot concrete Separation Wall that surrounds 'the little town', before coming to our hotel on Manger Square in good time for dinner. Bethlehem will be home for the next two nights.



#### Day 6, Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>

Today we will have the opportunity to consider some of the implications of the Incarnation and the promise of life 'in all its fullness' as we learn more about some of the Christian ministries undertaken in Bethlehem. We begin by visiting the Church of the Nativity, one of the oldest churches in Christendom and the nearby Shepherds' Fields, before visiting the only Christian run orphanage in the West Bank, and learn about its heart-warming work with abandoned children. After a break for lunch we will visit the Dar al Kalima College. Return to our hotel in good time to relax and freshen up before dinner. Overnight stay in Bethlehem.



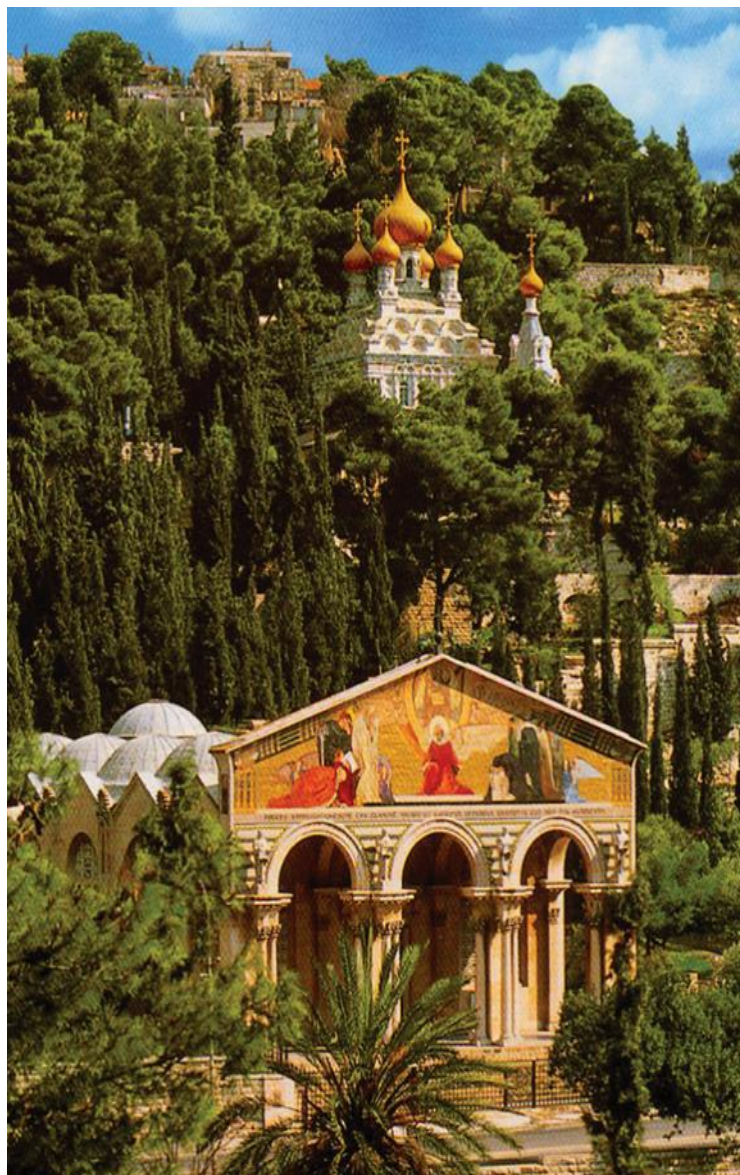


### **Day 7, Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>**

This morning we attend the Eucharist at the mother church of the Episcopal Diocese in the Holy Land, St George's Cathedral in East Jerusalem. Late morning we proceed to the Western Wall the holiest site in Judaism. After a break for lunch we visit the synagogue at the Hadassah Hospital to view the beautiful Marc Chagall windows that depict the 12 Tribes of Israel. Late afternoon we bring our day to a close by visiting the village of Ein Karem, believed to have been the home of Zechariah and Elizabeth and thus the site of the birth of John the Baptist and of the encounter between Elizabeth and Mary, when Magnificat was first sung. Continue to our Jerusalem hotel. Dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem.

### **Day 8, Monday December 11<sup>th</sup>**

After breakfast we drive over to West Jerusalem to visit the Israel Museum which houses the parts of Dead Sea Scrolls and a wonderful detailed model of Jerusalem based around the time of Jesus. After a break for lunch we drive to the summit of the Mount of Olives where we recall the Palm Sunday route, and visiting places associated with particular events in the gospels as we slowly make our way downhill. We start at Bethphage, the traditional starting point of the procession of palms, and in the course of our journey will visit the church of the Pater Noster, where we recall Jesus' teaching of the Lord's Prayer to his disciples, and the church of Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over the fate of the city. Finally, we reach the



Garden of Gethsemane, and the dark and brooding Church of All Nations where we recall Jesus' agonized prayers prior to his arrest, and reflect on the failure of his closest friends to keep awake and watch with him. Return to our hotel in good time to freshen up before dinner. Overnight stay in Jerusalem.

### **Day 9, Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>**

In the morning, we journey south to the ancient city of Hebron, the burial place of Abraham and the Patriarchs, where we will also see the hideous complexity of occupation and division in clear focus in the center of the city. After a break for lunch we return to Jerusalem and drive to the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, built at the top of an ancient set of steps which leads up from the City of David to what is believed to have been the residence of the High Priest. Many believe that Jesus himself



### Day 9, continued



was led up these steps to his trial by the Jewish authorities after his arrest. Here we will celebrate the Eucharist, as we recall not only Jesus' incarceration over the last night of his life, but also Peter's faithless threefold denial of Jesus.



### Day 10, Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>

We will spend the morning in the Old City, as we journey towards the site that is the ultimate pilgrim goal for a Christian - the place of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. Entering the Old City through the Lions' Gate, we come to the remarkable church of St Anne and the Pools of Bethesda, which we will visit, before coming to the start of the *Via Dolorosa*. Here we will celebrate the Eucharist, and then wind our way through the narrow alleys of the Old City, following the traditional Way of the Cross, culminating in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Late morning we leave Jerusalem

and drive down to the Dead Sea. We proceed to the shores of the Dead Sea and visit the site of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in the caves which once were home



to the Essene community and also to have an opportunity to float in the unique mineral-laden waters of the Dead Sea. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem.

### Day 11, Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>

After breakfast we walk to Mt Zion, where it is believed the first Christians were living immediately after the resurrection. Here, in a magnificent abbey dedicated to the Virgin Mary, we will remember the story of the risen Christ appearing to Thomas, as we celebrate the final Eucharist of our pilgrimage. The rest of the day will be free to explore the Old City. Lunch is not included today. In the late afternoon we leave Jerusalem and drive on to the Mediterranean and the ancient city port of Jaffa, biblical Joppa where we will free to explore this beautiful artists colony. We will have dinner in Jaffa before driving onto Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport for our overnight flight to the East Coast.

### Day 12, Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>

Our flight from Tel Aviv lands in the early morning, and after completing formalities we transfer on to Savannah to make our way home and to tell of all that we encountered on the road with the risen Christ....

*Please note this touring programme may be subject to minor local amendments*



## HOLY LAND INCLUSIVE TOUR COST - \$4195

*All Lightline Pilgrimages are carefully costed to include all necessary items to complete the pilgrimage at the advertised price - **absolutely no hidden costs***

✓ **Scheduled flights from Casper/Natrona International Airport.**

<b>OUT</b>	<b>4 DEC</b>	<b>UA4206</b>	<b>Savannah/Newark</b>	<b>11.55am</b>	<b>1.55pm</b>
	<b>4 DEC</b>	<b>UA084</b>	<b>Newark/ Tel Aviv</b>	<b>4.05pm</b>	<b>9.25am (5 DEC)</b>
<b>RETURN</b>	<b>14 DEC</b>	<b>UA91</b>	<b>Tel Aviv/Newark</b>	<b>11.10pm</b>	<b>4.35am (15 DEC)</b>
	<b>14 DEC</b>	<b>UA4341</b>	<b>Newark/Savannah</b>	<b>9.03am</b>	<b>11.26am</b>

*Please note the above flights and times are subject to change.*

- ✓ **All airport departure & passenger taxes (US & Israel).**
- ✓ **En Suite accommodation at Christian Pilgrim hotels & guest houses**  
 Galilee - Pilgerhaus (*Benedictine guest house by the Sea of Galilee*)  
 Bethlehem - Casa Nova (*a Franciscan Guest House on Manger Square*)  
 Jerusalem - Gloria Hotel (*Within the Old City, by Jaffa Gate*)
- ✓ **Full board throughout (breakfast, lunch & dinner daily).**
- ✓ **All entrance fees and local government taxes.**
- ✓ **State licensed English speaking guides throughout the tour.**
- ✓ **All touring in modern air-conditioned tourist coaches.**
- ✓ **All tipping.**

### THE ONLY ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

Single Room supplement \$675, Travel Insurance (*we suggest [travelexinsurance.com](http://travelexinsurance.com)*),  
 Laundry, Beverages and any items of a personal nature.





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# BOOKING FORM

To make a booking please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS and sign this Booking Form. Each pilgrim must sign the Terms and Conditions Form and the Waiver Form, and return all documents to:

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**TOUR REF**  
**HL17120412**

## LEAD PASSENGER

Title	Given names as appears in your passport			Surname		Name by which you would like to be known	
Gender M/F	Date of Birth mm/dd/yyyy	Nationality	Passport Number	Passport issue date mm/dd/yyyy	Passport expiry date mm/dd/yyyy		
KTN/TSA Number			Frequent Flyer Number			Seating Request	

## SECOND PASSENGER

Title	Given names as appears in your passport			Surname		Name by which you would like to be known	
Gender M/F	Date of Birth mm/dd/yyyy	Nationality	Passport Number	Passport issue date mm/dd/yyyy	Passport expiry date mm/dd/yyyy		
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**LEAD PASSENGER DETAILS (All correspondence is sent to lead passenger)**

**Address:**

<b>Zip Code:</b>

**Tel (day) :**

**Tel (eve):**

**Tel (cell):**

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**Email:**

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**ACCOMMODATION** (please tick (✓) appropriate box(s))

**SPECIAL DIETS ETC**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Twin/Double Bed Room</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Shared Twin Room</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Single Room (incurs a supplementary cost)</b>

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**YOUR PAYMENT:**

**REMARKS:**

<b>Deposit per person</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>@ US\$ 500 =</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Total enclosed</b>		<b>=</b>	<input type="text"/>

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By signing and submitting this booking form and non-refundable deposit you confirm that you and all of the travelers named on the booking form understand and are bound by Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC's terms and conditions, waiver of liability and assumption of risk and indemnity agreement ("waiver of liability"), and custom itineraries and invoices pertaining to the trip (collectively, "booking documents"). You all understand that each traveler must submit a signed waiver of liability by the date specified on the confirmation invoice to participate on the trip. We recommend that you submit the documents for yourself and each traveler at the time of booking by mail or email at the address below. You agree that you and all of the travelers named above have read and are bound by the booking documents whether or not you have signed them. You certify that you are not aware of any circumstances which are likely to lead to cancellation or the curtailment of the pilgrimage by any person. You confirm that you would like all correspondence sent to your address.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist to secure your booking:**

- This form has all sections completed IN BLOCK CAPITALS and has been signed.**
- Each pilgrim has signed and dated the Waiver Form.**
- Each pilgrim has signed and dated the Terms & Conditions.**
- Return all documents and your deposit check to:**

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**If you wish to pay by card indicate this above under REMARKS and return all the documents to our office. We will send you an online form for payment.**

**CHECK PAYMENTS**

**Pease make checks out to:**

**"LIGHTLINE PILGRIMAGES NA, LLC,"**

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**



**Please note credit card payments carry a 3.75%**



**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

*Read this Agreement carefully as it is a legally binding contract. Both parents/legal guardian must sign for minors under 18 years of age.*

In consideration for my acceptance as a participant in the trip arranged for me by Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC ("Lightline Pilgrimages," "we," or "us"), and the services to be provided to me by Lightline Pilgrimages, I acknowledge and agree as follows:

**Responsibility:** I understand that Lightline Pilgrimages uses reasonable care in the selection of its suppliers, who to its knowledge are reputable and competent based on information that is reasonably available to it. I understand that Lightline Pilgrimages acts only as an intermediary for its suppliers and, as such, assumes no responsibility and cannot be held liable for any negligent or willful act or omission of any supplier, or of any other person or entity. A supplier's services are subject to the supplier's own terms and conditions and its local laws, regulations and treaties where applicable.

**Assumption of Risk:** I am voluntarily participating in this trip with the knowledge of the numerous risks and dangers involved, which include but are not limited to: accommodations, roads, trails, vehicles, boats or aircraft, or other means of conveyance which may not be maintained or operated to standards common in my country; dangers and risks inherent in the activities set forth in my itinerary; dangers and risks inherent in walking and hiking in outdoor settings (e.g., cultural sites, dirt and rocky paths and rural roads), including falling or tripping on uneven surfaces or debris; food-borne illnesses from eating local or other foods; emotional trauma; personal injury; disfigurement; temporary or permanent disability (including paralysis); death; acts of God and force majeure; the hazards of traveling in unsafe or politically unstable areas or under unsafe conditions; road blocks; civil disturbances, social or labor unrest, terrorist activities, and war; physical exertion for which I am not prepared; environmental conditions/hazards (e.g., slippery roads due to rain, mudslides); transportation failures or the failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, whether by bus, van, car, bike, boat, horseback or other animal, by foot, or by any other conveyance; equipment failures or deficiencies; contact with wildlife, marine life, pests and insects, including bites and stings; accident or illness in remote or rural places without access to medical facilities, transportation, or means of evacuation and assistance; the adequacy of medical attention; medical or dietary restrictions; mechanical or construction failures or difficulties; diseases, epidemics or the threat thereof; stolen, lost or misplaced luggage or property; theft or break-ins into vehicles, lodging or elsewhere; local laws; climactic conditions; abnormal conditions or developments; or any other actions, omissions, or conditions outside of our control that are not specified in this agreement.

**I expressly agree to be responsible for my own welfare and fully assume all of the above risks, as well as all other risks set forth in this agreement, both known and unknown, voluntarily and knowingly, to the fullest extent permitted by law.**

**Waiver of Liability, Release, Indemnification, and Covenant Not to Sue:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, I on behalf of myself, my heirs, legal and personal representatives, next of kin, including my spouse, successors and assigns (collectively, "Releasers") expressly **RELEASE, WAIVE, FOREVER DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE** Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC, its owners, officers, employees, managers, shareholders, affiliates, agents, representatives, officers, directors, volunteers, successors and assigns (collectively, "Releasees"), from and against any and all liability, claims, causes of action, demands, costs, damages, losses or suits of any and every kind which I now have or may later have against Releasees arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the travel services arranged through or provided by Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC, whether arising from Releasees' negligence or otherwise. I further agree that if any such cause of action is brought against Releasee(s) and I am found responsible for injury or damages to any person, including myself, as a consequence of my own actions or inactions, I shall fully **DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS** Releasee(s) in that cause of action.



**I AGREE THAT THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL SERVE AS A COMPLETE RELEASE AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK** for myself, all members of my family and all minors traveling with me, my and their heirs, next of kin, successors, assigns, and legal and personal representatives. It is my intention to fully assume all risks associated with this trip and to release Lightline Pilgrimages from any and all liability to the maximum extent permitted by law.

**APPLICABLE LAW, CHOICE OF FORUM AND SEVERABILITY:** This agreement will be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Illinois, USA. Jurisdiction over any dispute arising out of, in connection with, or relating to this agreement and/or the transactions and relationships among the parties contemplated by this agreement shall be filed exclusively in state, local or federal courts in Chicago, Illinois. You agree to personal jurisdiction in the specified forum.

**KNOWING AND VOLUNTARY EXECUTION:** By signing this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, I certify that I have read this agreement, fully understand all of its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and voluntarily agree to be bound by its terms. My signature applies to all pages of this agreement. These representations are true whether I am signing on my own behalf or on behalf a minor.

I understand that in calculating the cost of the trip, Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC has relied on my consent to these terms and their enforceability. Without this agreement, the trip cost would have been higher or, alternatively, Lightline Pilgrimages would not be able to offer these services.

I agree that execution of a facsimile counterpart or electronic transmission of this agreement shall be deemed execution of the original agreement. I agree that facsimile or electronic transmission of an executed copy of this agreement shall constitute acceptance of this agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

**Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC.,**  
**1829 North Cleveland Ave, Unit B, Chicago, IL 60614-8015**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR YOUR LIGHTLINE PILGRIMAGES TRIP**

***Read this agreement thoroughly and carefully before booking a trip with us. It is a legally binding contract.***

The terms and conditions set forth in this agreement (“Terms and Conditions” or “agreement”) constitute the entire understanding and agreement between you the trip participant (“Participant” or “You”) and Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC (“Lightline Pilgrimages,” “we,” or “us”) with respect to any and all bookings, tours or transactions made with Lightline Pilgrimages NA. By signing this agreement, you accept all of the terms in this agreement and direct us to perform services on your behalf. All trips that we offer are subject to these terms and conditions, our waiver of liability and assumption of risk and indemnity agreement, and the custom itineraries and invoices pertaining to the trip.

**BOOKING AND PAYMENT**

When you make your booking, you must sign this agreement on behalf of yourself and all persons named in your booking, submit a completed booking form, and pay a **non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person**. If a booking is made within 12 weeks of departure, the full amount of the tour must be sent along with the completed booking form and signed Terms and Conditions. **The balance of the amount is payable by the deadline in your custom invoice.** A booking is not accepted until we provide written confirmation. The booking is accepted on the date shown on the written confirmation. If a booking is not accepted, we will notify you in writing and refund the deposit. **Medical insurance is not included in the trip price but is a condition of booking.**

**Group booking** - If you are booking a group trip (“group trip”), you will be our single point of contact for the tour arrangements (“group leader” or “you”). You will be responsible for making the group’s travel arrangements with us, including coordinating, collecting and submitting all required payments and documentation. Your responsibilities include providing a copy of these terms and conditions to all travelers in your group and collecting and submitting to us a signed liability waiver for each traveler in your group.

If you are participating in a group trip, you must direct all booking inquiries, including change and cancellation requests, to your group leader.

**ROOM SHARING ARRANGEMENTS**

All prices are quoted on the basis of two persons to a room. Single room accommodation is limited and may not always be available. If you are traveling alone but wish to share, notify us at booking and we shall endeavor to find a suitable traveling companion. If we are unable to find someone, we will allocate you a single room and charge you only half the applicable single room supplement stated in the brochure. In this instance, a separate invoice will be issued 14 days before departure with the single room supplement fee.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

Lightline Pilgrimages takes reasonable care in selecting competent, reliable and qualified suppliers based on information that is reasonably available to us. That said, Lightline Pilgrimages acts only as an intermediary for the various independent suppliers that provide lodging, meals, transportation, sightseeing, activities or other goods and services connected with your tour (“Supplier” or “Suppliers”). You acknowledge that you are aware and clearly understand that these Suppliers are independent contractors, are not managed by Lightline Pilgrimages, and are not agents or employees of Lightline Pilgrimages. A Supplier’s services are subject to the Supplier’s own terms and conditions and any applicable local laws, regulations and treaties of the relevant country. Any flight scheduled or otherwise forming part of the arrangements will be subject to the Conditions of Carriage of that airline. Some of these will limit or even exclude liability and conditions are the subject of international agreements between countries. Lightline Pilgrimages will not provide any refund for a Supplier’s delay, cancellation, overbooking, or strike.

**TRIP MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

Unless specified otherwise, the minimum number of persons required for most tours to take place is 15 persons. If this is not achieved, we reserve the right to continue to operate (with Driver/Guide), or to cancel the tour no later than 4 weeks prior to departure. If we cancel under this paragraph, all monies paid to us for the tour will be refunded.

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

To cancel your booking, you must submit your request to us in writing by email at [info@lightlinena.com](mailto:info@lightlinena.com) with “Cancellation” in the subject line or postal mail at Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC, 1829 North Cleveland Ave, Unit B, Chicago, IL 60614-8015 USA. Cancellation fees will be applied per person according to the following schedule, based on the date we receive your written notification, not when you send it or notify us by phone:

PERIOD	CANCELLATION FEE (% of Total Trip Cost)
Over 90 days before departure	Deposit Only
90-45	75%
Within 45 days of departure	100%

NOTE: If the reason for cancellation is covered under the terms of your insurance policy, consult with your insurance provider to see if you can reclaim these cancellation charges, less excesses and insurance premiums.



No refunds will be provided for any unused portion of a tour once the tour begins, including if you leave a tour for any reason, miss the tour's departure date, or have to be removed from a tour. There are no exceptions to this cancellation policy, including for reasons related to weather, terrorism, civil strife, personal, family or medical emergencies or any other circumstances beyond our control. **For this reason, you strongly recommend that all Participants purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance prior to travel.**

***Group travelers must submit any cancelation requests to their Group Leaders***

#### **CHANGES WE MAKE AND FLEXIBILITY**

We plan our trips many months and sometimes years in advance. Sometimes, although not often, we have to change or cancel portions of the itinerary, lodging and other details of a trip. As such, we cannot guarantee that every part of the itinerary advertised in the brochure will be followed or that the duration of each visit along the route will be as advised. While we strive to operate all tours as advertised, we reserve the right to modify or cancel any flight, schedule, accommodation or other details of your trip at any time and without notice except as provided in this section. Most changes are minor, but where they are significant, we will inform you of an existing changes when you book, or if you have already booked, prior to your departure provided that we have sufficient time to do so. You then have the following choices:

- a. Accept the changed arrangements as notified to you,
- b. Purchase another available tour from us, or
- c. Cancel your tour. If in these particular circumstances you cancel, all monies paid to us will be refunded to you less any non-refundable deposits.

In the event that the significant change is our cancellation of the tour, we will return to you all money that you have paid us or will offer you an alternative available tour to purchase of comparable standard.

#### **CHANGE REQUESTS THAT YOU MAKE**

To change your booking, you must submit your request to us in writing by email at [info@lightlinena.com](mailto:info@lightlinena.com) with "Change Request" in the subject line or postal mail at Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC, 1829 North Cleveland Ave, Unit B, Chicago, IL 60614-8015 USA. If you request to change your tour dates or alter your itinerary after we confirm your booking, we will do our best to accommodate your request. If we are able to make such changes, a change fee will be imposed. The type and scope of change dictates the amount of the change fee. Our outside suppliers, including hotels, often impose additional fees or penalties for changes and cancellations. These are included in the change fee and can be substantial.

We will forward any alteration that you request after your tour has commenced to our independent suppliers. We will work with our suppliers to try and accommodate reasonable requests but cannot guarantee that any changes will be possible after your tour has commenced. Changes while a tour is in progress can cause severe complications and are often not possible.

In the event you request a change, you will be liable for any cancellation charges and change fees that may be levied for the booking of revised arrangements and for all costs associated with the arrangements themselves.

***Group travelers must submit any change request to their group leaders.***

#### **FORCE MAJEURE**

Lightline Pilgrimages will not be deemed in breach of this agreement or otherwise liable to you, by reason of delay in performance or nonperformance of any of its obligations under this agreement to the extent that any such delay or nonperformance is due to any Force Majeure. "Force Majeure" means any circumstances beyond our reasonable control, including without limitation acts of God, terrorist activities, insurrection, explosion, flood, tempest, forceful wind, fire or accident, war or threat of war declared or undeclared, sabotage, civil disturbance, labor strikes, requisition, sickness, quarantine, government intervention, weather conditions, and unforeseen circumstances. If we and any of our suppliers are affected by Force Majeure, we and our suppliers shall be entitled to, and may in our sole discretion, vary or cancel any itinerary or arrangement in relation to the tour. Regarding civil unrest, once we have investigated the prevailing situation, as we deem fit, it shall remain in our sole and absolute discretion whether to proceed with the tour.

#### **TRIP PRICE ADJUSTMENTS**

The prices quoted for these tours are based on known costs and exchange rates when tours are planned. We reserve the right to levy a surcharge in the event of any material variation in such costs and rates such as transportation costs and fuel; dues, taxes or fees; or exchange rates applied to particular purchases. Even in such cases, we will absorb an amount equivalent to 2% of the tour price (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges). Only amounts in excess of this 2% will be surcharged. If this means paying more than 10% of the tour price, you will be entitled to cancel the tour with a full refund of all monies paid. Should you decide to cancel because of this, you must do so within 14 days from the issue date printed on the invoice that contains the surcharge, otherwise your cancellation will be subject to our cancellation policy and fees.

Since we have to absorb increased costs equivalent to 2% of the tour price, there will be no reduction in the price of the tour in the event of a favorable variation in costs or exchange rates. Prices will not be increased within 14 days of departure.

#### **LOST/DAMAGED LUGGAGE**

You are responsible for your baggage and personal effects throughout the tour. It is important that you keep track of your belongings while traveling just as you would at home. All costs incurred for lost, misplaced, damaged or delayed baggage are at the owner's expense. Any valuable items should be insured accordingly.

## **NO REFUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES**

You will not be reimbursed for any personal expenses such as airfare, hotel or other travel expenses due to changes in itineraries or tour cancellations.

## **COMPLAINT PROCEDURE**

If you have a complaint during your tour, you must promptly report it to either your tour leader or our local representative, so that action can be taken to remedy the problem. Failure to do so while you are on the tour will extinguish or reduce your ability to claim any compensation from Lightline Pilgrimages, in the event that prompt reporting would have allowed us to fully or partially resolve the complaint at that time. Further, if you attempt to address the issue on your own without using this notice procedure, you assume responsibility for any added costs you may incur and forfeit any potential refunds. If you are not satisfied after using this notice procedure, you must submit your complaint in writing to us within 30 days of the tour's end date. Any complaints received after this date will not be accepted.

## **PASSPORTS AND VISAS**

You are responsible for ensuring that all necessary travel documents are valid and effective and in your possession for the entire tour. Passports are required for all citizens traveling abroad and should be valid for at least **seven (7) months** after your date of return. **It is important that the first name and surname on the air ticket matches those on the passport, otherwise the passenger may not be able to travel and any applicable travel insurance may be ineffective.** We suggest you apply for or renew a passport early. Other required documents may include visas, permits, and vaccination certificates. You assume complete and full responsibility for checking and verifying any and all passport, visa, vaccination, or other entry requirements. You are also solely responsible for any adverse consequences resulting from incomplete or defective documentation.

Holders of passports other than U.S., British or Irish should contact Lightline Pilgrimages for advice on whether or not a Visa is required. Other nationals should ensure they comply with formalities.

For information concerning possible dangers at an international destination, contact the government office in your country that is responsible for issuing travel advisories. In the U.S., contact the Travel Advisory Section of the U.S. State Department, 1-888-407-4747, <http://www.travel.state.gov/>. U.S. citizens may register for the U.S. government's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, a free service, at <https://step.state.gov/step/>.

While we may provide information or advice on matters such as visas, vaccinations, climate, clothing, baggage, and special equipment in good faith as a courtesy to you, we are not responsible for any errors or omissions as to the information provided.

## **TRAVEL INSURANCE/PROTECTION**

The tour price does not include travel insurance. All Participants are required to have medical insurance to cover any medical problems that might arise abroad, including serious illness and repatriation costs in the event of death. We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance, covering trip interruption and cancellation, baggage and other expenses which might arise as a result of loss, damage, injury, delay or inconvenience occurring to you.

## **PRE-DEPARTURE DOCUMENTATION**

It is important that you carefully read all trip-related documents that you receive from us as soon as you receive them. It is your responsibility to contact us if any information is incorrect. We cannot accept any liability if you do not notify us of any inaccuracies within seven (7) days of receipt. All Participants must sign this agreement and our release and waiver of liability and assumption of risk and indemnity agreement in order to participate in our trips. Both parents and/or the legal guardian must sign for minor Participants under 18 years of age. If you fail to submit these and other necessary documentation prior to departure, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you and impose the cancellation fees described in this agreement.

## **TOUR DEPARTURE DATE**

It is your responsibility to be ready to embark on the tour as specified in the itinerary. We are not responsible for any losses due to cancelled or missed flights, changed flight itineraries, late arrivals, or early departures.

## **COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL LAWS AND TOUR ETIQUETTE**

You must strictly comply with all local laws, respect local customs and culture, accurately assess your abilities, respect other trip members' privacy, and follow the suggestions and advice of any assigned guide. The decision of the local guide or local supplier is final on all matters that may threaten the safety or interfere with the well-being of others. During the tour, Lightline Pilgrimages or the local guide/supplier has the right in its sole discretion to remove anyone who it determines to detract from others' enjoyment of the tour.

## **LIMITATION OF REMEDIES**

To the maximum extent permitted under applicable law, Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC shall not be liable for any special, consequential, indirect, incidental or other damages arising out of or in any way connected to this agreement, including lost profits, whether such damages arise in contract, negligence, tort, under statute, in equity, at law, or otherwise, even if Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC has been advised of the possibility of such damages. You expressly waive any right you may have to recover such damages. Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC's maximum liability in the event of default will be limited to the amount paid to Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC for its services.

## **SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this agreement shall be unenforceable or invalid under any applicable law, such unenforceability or invalidity shall not render the agreement unenforceable or invalid as a whole. Such unenforceable provision will be replaced with one that is valid and enforceable and which achieves, to the extent possible, the original objectives and intent of the original provisions.



**SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC and the Participant and their respective heirs, legal and personal representatives, successors and assigns.

**UPDATING OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Lightline Pilgrimages reserves the right to update and/or alter these terms and conditions at any time. It is your responsibility to be familiar with these terms and conditions. The latest terms and conditions can be found on the Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC website <http://www.lightlinena.com/>.

**APPLICABLE LAW, CHOICE OF FORUM AND SEVERABILITY**

This agreement will be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Illinois, USA. Jurisdiction over any dispute arising out of, in connection with, or relating to this agreement and/or the transactions and relationships among the parties contemplated by this agreement shall be filed exclusively in state, local or federal courts in Chicago, Illinois. You agree to personal jurisdiction in the specified forum.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

If any portion of this agreement is determined by a court to be null and void, the remaining portions of this agreement shall nevertheless remain valid and binding upon the parties. You also agree that this agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted under applicable law. You agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**MERGER**

This agreement is the final, complete and exclusive statement of the parties' agreement on the matters contained in this agreement. It supersedes all previous negotiations and agreements.

I have read this entire agreement, and I am signing it freely. I understand that this is a legally binding contract. No other representations concerning the legal effect of this document have been made to me. My signature applies to all pages of this agreement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_