



# The Holy Land and Rome

Group Organizer: Father Andrew Wellmann

## Tour Includes

### Departure Date

April 13, 2020

### Overnights

Rome 3 • Jerusalem 4

### Accommodations

Accommodations in centrally-located three-star or four-star hotels. Rooming on a double basis.

### Transportation

Round-trip transportation on scheduled airline.

### Meals

All breakfasts. All dinners.

### Tour Director

Services of a specially-trained **passports** Tour Director throughout.

### Travel Protection

**passports** provides and pays for a Post-Departure Travel Protection Plan that provides coverage for Trip Interruption, Trip Delay, Baggage Loss or Delay, Medical Expense and Evacuation and more.

## Investment

**\$4084**  
**\$332 / month**

Program Cost \$4259  
-\$175 Early Enrollment Discount  
Total \$4084

*Monthly payments are based on the E-Z Pay payment schedule and include the \$95 deposit. Early Enrollment Discount expires May 15, 2019. Final payment is due 12/25/2019 or, with E-Z Pay, 3/14/2020. Tour cost is based on a group size of 20 participants. Departure from Cleveland, OH.*

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- 2 Enter Tour ID  
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# The Holy Land and Rome

Departs: April 13, 2020



## Days 1-2: Arrival Rome

Arrival transfer

## Day 3: Rome

Visit to the Vatican Museums: Local guide, Headset receiver for the Vatican sites, Visit to the Sistine Chapel, Visit to St. Peter's Basilica, 24-hour public transportation pass in Rome

## Day 4: Rome

Visits to the Colosseum and the Roman Forum: 24-hour public transportation pass in Rome, Local guide, Headset receiver

Excursion to the Via Appia Catacombs: Catacombs of San Sebastiano or Catacombs of San Callisto, Chapel of Domine, Quo Vadis?

## Day 5: Rome - Jerusalem

Departure transfer, Flight to Tel Aviv

## Day 6: Jerusalem

Walk on Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane

Walk from St. Stephen's Gate and along the Via Dolorosa

Christian quarter walking tour: Local Guide, Visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Visit to the King David Street Souk

Jewish quarter walking tour: Western Wall, Wilson's Arch, Robinson's Arch, Southern Steps, Davidson Center at the Jerusalem Archaeological Park

## Day 7: Jerusalem

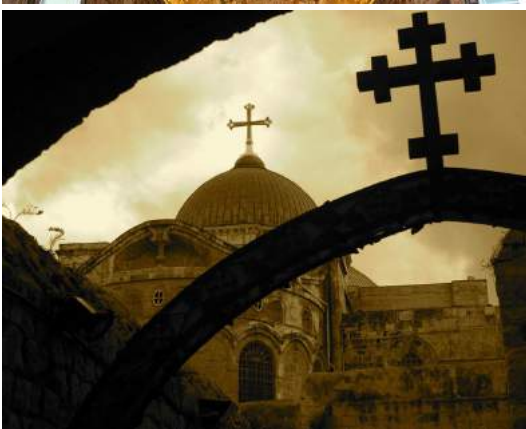
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## Day 8: Jerusalem

Excursion to Ein Karem: Church of St. John the Baptist, Church of the Visitation, Mary's Spring

## Day 9: Departure

Departure transfer



# Detailed Itinerary

## Days 1-2: Arrival

### Arrival Rome

Rome is your destination; a wide-bodied jet is your vehicle. Swoop down over the Alps and touch down on the wide concrete runway at Fiumicino Airport. You've arrived in Italy!

Proceed to your centrally-located hotel, settle in and get ready to explore your surroundings.

## Day 3: Vatican Museums

### Visit to the Vatican Museums

Discover outstanding masterpieces collected for the Vatican Museums since the early 1500s. You will see exceptional statues from antiquity, such as *Laocoön and His Sons* and the *Apollo Belvedere*, and stunning Renaissance paintings, notably in the Raphael Rooms with *The School of Athens* fresco.

A half-day local guide, well-educated and specially-trained on the history and culture of Vatican City, will accompany your group.

#### *Visit to the Sistine Chapel*

Marvel at Michelangelo's *Last Judgment* and brightly-colored ceiling frescoes in the *Cappella Sistina*.

#### *Visit to St. Peter's Basilica*

Enter the sanctuary recognized as the world's largest church. The *Basilica di San Pietro* also houses priceless works of art, in particular Michelangelo's *Pietà* and Bernini's *Dove of the Holy Spirit*.

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## Monday 4/13 - Tuesday 4/14

### Arrival Rome

Arrival transfer

Meals included: Dinner

Overnight: Rome

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## Wednesday 4/15

### Rome

Visit to the Vatican Museums: Local guide, Headset receiver for the Vatican sites, Visit to the Sistine Chapel, Visit to St. Peter's Basilica, 24-hour public transportation pass in Rome

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Overnight: Rome



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## Thursday 4/16

### Rome

Visits to the Colosseum and the Roman Forum: 24-hour public transportation pass in Rome, Local guide, Headset receiver

Excursion to the Via Appia Catacombs: Catacombs of San Sebastiano or Catacombs of San Callisto, Chapel of Domine, Quo Vadis?

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner  
Overnight: Rome

## Day 4: Colosseum and Roman Forum, Excursion to the Via Appia Catacombs

### Visits to the Colosseum and the Roman Forum

Walk through the best known monuments of Ancient Rome, the *Colosseo* and the *Foro Romano*. Once the heart of a vast empire, the Forum was filled with extravagant buildings and crowded with people from all over the known world.

Your combination ticket to the Colosseum and Roman Forum also allows entrance to the Palatine Hill archaeological site and its museum: should time permits, you may want to make your way up the hill to visit the oldest and most prestigious residential area of Ancient Rome.

A local guide, specially-trained on the history and culture of Rome and its surroundings, will accompany your group.

*Headset receiver*

### Excursion to the Via Appia Catacombs

Set out on an excursion to the *Via Appia*, the "Queen of Roads," which was built in 312 BC. Along this road are famous catacombs where early Christians buried their brethren. These underground cemeteries tunnel for miles through the soft tufa rock, sometimes on several levels.

#### *Catacombs of San Sebastiano or Catacombs of San Callisto*

You will visit either the Catacombs of San Sebastiano or the Catacombs of San Callisto.

It is said that at the dawn of Christianity, during the height of the persecution of Christians by the Romans, the remains of St. Peter and St. Paul were transferred to the Catacombs of San Sebastiano. A stone believed to bear a footprint of Christ is also held there. The Catacombs of San Callisto served as the official burial grounds for the first bishops of Rome. Its Crypt of the Popes houses the graves of early pontiffs.

#### *Chapel of Domine, Quo Vadis?*

Stop at the plain-looking chapel which marks the extraordinary spot where Peter, fleeing Rome for fear of martyrdom, is said to have met Christ and asked: *Domine, Quo Vadis?* - "Lord, where are You going?" To which Christ answered: "To Rome, to be crucified again."

## Day 5: Flight to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem

### Travel to Jerusalem via Flight to Tel Aviv

Today's flight takes you to Israel. Land at Ben-Gurion Airport, near Tel Aviv.

#### *Travel to Jerusalem*

Travel to the Holy City of Jerusalem, which recently celebrated 3,000 years of history since its establishment by King David as the capital of his kingdom.

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## Friday 4/17

### Rome - Jerusalem

Departure transfer, Flight to Tel Aviv

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner  
Overnight: Jerusalem

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## Saturday 4/18

### Jerusalem

Walk on Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane

Walk from St. Stephen's Gate and along the Via Dolorosa

Christian quarter walking tour: Local Guide, Visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Visit to the King David Street Souk

Jewish quarter walking tour: Western Wall, Wilson's Arch, Robinson's Arch, Southern Steps, Davidson Center at the Jerusalem Archaeological Park

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner  
Overnight: Jerusalem

## Day 6: Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, Christian Quarter, Jewish Quarter Walking Tour

### Walk on Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane

Head up to Mount of Olives, from which there's a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem, basking in the sunlight.

As you descend along Palm Sunday Road, you will visit the Sanctuary of Dominus Flevit, built on the spot where Jesus wept over the foreseen destruction of Jerusalem in 70 CE.

The Hosanna Road also takes you through the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus spent a night in prayer after Judas' betrayal.

### Walk from St. Stephen's Gate and along the Via Dolorosa

Enter the Old City through the arch, also known as the Lion's Gate, which marks the beginning of the *Via Dolorosa*.

On a walk along the Way of Sorrow, you will see notably the Church of St. Anne (a Crusaders' sanctuary from the 1130s); the Pool of Bethesda (where Jesus healed an invalid); the Antonia Fortress built by King Herod; the Ecce Homo Arch ("Behold the Man," per Herod's words); and the Lithostrotos (pavement) where Jesus was mistreated by Roman soldiers.

### Christian quarter walking tour

Set out on a stroll through the Old Jerusalem district known as the Christian Quarter.

#### *Visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre*

Visit Jerusalem's most sacred Christian sanctuary, which stands on the hill believed to be Golgotha, or Calvary, site of the Crucifixion. Within the church, a chapel known as the Edicule was built over the tomb traditionally regarded as the Tomb of Jesus, site of the Resurrection.

#### *Visit to the King David Street Souk*

A well-known market (souk) lines King David Street, where souvenir seekers can find something to please every taste.

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**Sunday 4/19**

### **Jerusalem**

Excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea:  
Masada cable car up the hill and walk down  
on the Roman Ramp, Masada Excavations,  
Sightseeing stop at the Dead Sea, Dead Sea  
Float!

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner  
Overnight: Jerusalem

### **Jewish quarter walking tour**

Set out on a walking tour through the Jewish Quarter.

#### *Western Wall*

Approach the *Kotel*, the holiest Jewish site, which was once called the Wailing Wall. As a retaining wall, it was connected to the Second Temple destroyed in 70 CE and it stands close to the location of its most sacred inner sanctuary, the Holy of Holies.

#### *Wilson's Arch*

Have a look at the Wilson's Arch, in the northeast corner of the Western Wall.

#### *Robinson's Arch*

See the Robinson's Arch, which protrudes from the southern end of the Western Wall.

#### *Southern Steps*

Walk on the Southern Steps (also called the Teaching Steps). With its thirty steps (alternatingly wide and narrow so that the ascent would be slow and respectful), this flight of stairs once led to the Temple.

#### *Davidson Center at the Jerusalem Archaeological Park*

Visit the Davidson Center, a splendid museum within the Jerusalem Archaeological Park, which was once called the Western and Southern Wall Excavations. The strikingly modern structure of wood, steel and glass that blends with the remains of the Umayyad Palace upon which it is situated. Inside, visitors travel through time and get introduced to the different layers that illustrate the history of Jerusalem since its foundation. A highlight of the visit is the Virtual Reconstruction Model of the Herodian Temple Mount.

## **Day 7: Excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea**

### **Excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea**

Travel to the Judean desert's natural fortress of Masada, which has been described as a site of majestic beauty and as one of the greatest symbols of the ancient kingdom of Israel.

#### *Masada cable car up the hill and walk down on the Roman Ramp*

Ride up to the Herodian fortress built on top of an isolated rocky promontory. There, in 74 CE, 960 Jewish rebels withstood three months of siege by 15,000 Roman soldiers, and in the end chose death over surrender.

Your walk back down the hill will take you along the path known as the Roman Ramp.

#### *Masada Excavations*

See the excavated ruins of palaces and baths, of an ancient synagogue and of a chapel built by Byzantine monks.

#### *Sightseeing stop at the Dead Sea*

Continue to the lowest place on earth.

#### *Dead Sea Float!*

Wade in *Yam Hamelach* (the Sea of Salt), where water evaporates faster than it can be replenished by the River Jordan. It's salty, so you'll float easily! And you may reap health benefits as both water and mud are hailed for their healing properties. This sea isn't really dead: despite the elevated salt level, minute forms of life are sustained by freshwater springs on the seafloor.

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## Monday 4/20

### Jerusalem

Excursion to Ein Karem: Church of St. John the Baptist, Church of the Visitation, Mary's Spring

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Overnight: Jerusalem

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## Tuesday 4/21

### Departure

Departure transfer

Meals included: Breakfast

## Day 8: Excursion to Ein Karem

### Excursion to Ein Karem

Travel to the village of Ein Karem, located in the hills west of Jerusalem.

#### *Church of St. John the Baptist*

The Church of St. John the Baptist, which you will visit, houses remains of a mosaic floor and a cave where, according to Christian tradition, John the Baptist was born.

#### *Church of the Visitation*

Visit the Church of the Visitation, built over the house of St. John's parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, where Mary came for a visit and where she proclaimed her faith through the *Magnificat*.

#### *Mary's Spring*

You will see the ancient spring where Mary and Elizabeth met.

## Day 9: Departure

### Depart Jerusalem via Tel Aviv

Most good things must come to an end. In a few days you have traversed thousands of years, seen the holiest of sites in the land that fostered the world's three monotheistic faiths, and walked alongside members of diverse groups who all belong to the People of the Book. You'll arrive home later today, eager to share your discoveries with family and friends.





# Cost Breakdown

<b>Itinerary</b>	The Holy Land and Rome
<b>Departing</b>	April 13, 2020
<b>Departure City</b>	Cleveland, OH
<b>Rooming</b>	Doubles
<b>Program Cost</b>	\$4,259
	-\$175 Early Enrollment Discount for enrollments before 5/15/2019
<b>Total Cost</b>	\$4,084
<b>Monthly Payment</b>	\$332 with E-Z Pay after \$95 deposit
	*Total Cost includes discounts which expire as listed. Program Cost is valid for those who enroll and pay in full before December 25, 2019. Alternate convenience monthly payment of \$399 for enrollments before April 15, 2019 after \$495 deposit.
<b>Available Add-ons not included in price</b>	Single rooms: \$65 per person per night

# Choose your payment plan:

## E-Z Pay Billing Plan

OR

## Convenience Billing Plan

- **\$95 deposit**
- **30-day final payment deadline**
- **automatic withdrawals**
- **lower monthly payments**

- **\$495 deposit**
- **110-day final payment deadline**
- **pay when you choose, as long as you pay in full by the final payment deadline**

### Online Application

Log on to **passports.com/enroll**.

Enter your Tour ID, provided by your group organizer.

Complete the application, and choose E-Z Pay as your payment option. Follow the online instructions.

Then, sit back and relax! The rest of your payments will be automatically withdrawn from your checking account on a monthly basis.

### Online Application

Enter your Tour ID at **passports.com/enroll**, and complete the application. Select pay by credit card as your payment option.

Credit card payments may only be made with online applications, and a \$25 service fee will apply. Note: subsequent payments cannot be made by credit card.

### Paper Application

Complete and sign the enrollment application on the facing page. Mail the application and a check for your initial deposit to the **passports** headquarters:

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Auburn, MA 01501

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**passports.com/enroll**

# Post-departure Travel Protection Plan

The travel protection plan, provided and paid for by **passports**, offers valuable coverage to all eligible travelers. Travel with less stress knowing this complimentary Post-Departure travel protection plan is in place! For more information, see below.

POST-DEPARTURE PLAN BENEFITS	COVERAGE PER PERSON (up to limits below)	
TRIP INTERRUPTION	\$1,000	In the event the trip is cut short for a covered reason, this benefit covers the additional airfare costs to return home.
OCCUPANCY UPGRADE	\$1,000	Reimbursement for the additional cost incurred as the result of a change in the per person occupancy rate if your traveling companion's trip is canceled or interrupted for a covered reason and you do not cancel or interrupt Your Trip.
MISSED CONNECTION	\$1,000	If you miss a departure due to a cancellation or delay, this benefit provides coverage for unused, pre-paid expense resulting from the missed connection. Coverage is provided for additional transportation expenses, reasonable accommodations, meal expense and non-refundable trip payments for unused portions of your trip.
TRIP DELAY	\$1,000	Assists with additional travel expenses incurred during a 5+ hour delay of common carrier for a covered reasons**. This includes hotel, meals and local transportation.
ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT	\$25,000	Pays a percentage of the maximum benefit amount if a loss occurred as a result of an accidental injury or death during a trip.
EMERGENCY ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS MEDICAL EXPENSE	\$50,000	Provides coverage for covered emergency medical expenses** such as an accidental injury or illness that strikes while on your trip.
EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND REPATRIATION OF REMAINS	\$250,000	Offers protection in the event that emergency medical care is needed and an emergency evacuation to a better level of care – or home – is required. Also covers the costs associated with returning remains home in the event of a tragedy.
POLITICAL OR SECURITY EVACUATION	\$50,000	Covers all reasonable evacuation expenses to transport you to the nearest safe haven.
BAGGAGE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS	\$1,500	Reimbursement for permanently lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed baggage or personal effects, including passports and visas.
BAGGAGE DELAY	\$250	Covers expenses not otherwise covered by a common carrier, hotel or travel supplier for personal effects if checked baggage is delayed or misdirected.

This is a plan summary, to obtain the full travel insurance plan details: please call 1-844-812-2599 or visit online at: <https://passports.archinsurancesolutions.com/description-of-coverage>

# Optional pre-departure Deluxe Travel Protection Plan

The Deluxe Travel Protection Plan works in conjunction with the Post-Departure plan provided and paid for by **passports**. The travel protection plan, provided by Arch Insurance, offers valuable coverage to the travelers of **passports** at a competitive price.

## BENEFITS

## MAXIMUM LIMIT

### TRIP CANCELLATION

UP TO TRIP  
COST

Protects the prepaid, non-refundable costs of covered airline tickets in the event the trip is canceled for a covered reason.

### CANCELLATION FOR ANY REASON

75% OF  
NON-REFUND-  
ABLE TRIP COST,  
UP TO \$10,000

Reimbursement for 75% the unused non-refundable pre-paid payments or deposits for your travel arrangements when you cancel your trip for any reason not otherwise covered by this policy.

Coverage is only available if you purchased this plan within 21 days of your initial deposit, you insured 100% of your travel arrangements that are subject to cancellation penalties or restrictions, and you cancelled your trip 48 hours or more before your departure date.

### TRIP INTERRUPTION

150% OF THE  
TRIP COST

In the event the trip is cut short for a covered reason, this benefit covers the additional airfare costs to return home.

### TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

Global travel assistance, medical emergency, and concierge services are available 24/7/365.

Medical Assistance Services include:

- Medical Monitoring • Medical, Dental, Ophthalmic, and Pharmacy Referrals • Deposits, Advances and Guarantees • Dispatch of Medicine, Eye Glasses, Dental Prosthetics • Emergency Medical Transportation (Evacuation/Repatriation) • Medically Supervised Repatriation • Repatriation of Remains

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## NEED TO FILE A CLAIM?

Visit

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to download a claim form  
and contact the Arch Insurance Solutions  
claims department.

## TRIP COST

## PLAN COST PER PERSON (0-30 Days)

\$0 - \$2,500	\$110
\$2,501 - \$6,000	\$255
\$6,001 - \$8,000	\$353
\$8,001 - \$10,000	\$441

For trips 31-120 days in length, add \$2 per day.

\* This is a general overview of the policy. To obtain the full travel insurance plan details: please call 1-844-812-2599 or visit online at <https://passports.archinsurancesolutions.com/description-of-coverage>. There are additional definitions, exclusions and limitations that apply to all coverages and services. This document does not serve as a contract of any kind. Plan benefits, limits and provisions may vary by state jurisdiction. This brochure provides a broad overview of your policy provisions and does not revise or amend the policy. Insurance coverages are underwritten by Arch Insurance Company, NAIC #11150, under policy series LTP 2013 and endorsements thereto. Policies are administered by Arch Insurance Solutions, 1-877-722-1959, CA License #018111, TX License #1787195. Your policy is the contract that specifically and fully describes your coverage. Certain restrictions and exclusions apply and coverages may vary in certain states. Please refer to your policy for detailed terms and conditions. Consumer disclosures can be found at: <https://passports.archinsurancesolutions.com/disclosures>



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For online enrollment go to [passports.com/enroll](https://passports.com/enroll)

## PERSONAL DATA

All information must match your passport (check your passport!) — fees will apply for name changes. Do not use nicknames. Please print clearly. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after you return from your trip.

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
*Do not abbreviate city.*

PRIMARY TELEPHONE ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPANT EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ SEX ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

ADULT TRAVELERS PLEASE SELECT ROOMING PREFERENCE:

☐ I will purchase double room accommodations. ROOMMATE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Bill me for single room accommodations.

CITIZEN OF (COUNTRY) \_\_\_\_\_

PASSPORT # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF ISSUE \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY OF ISSUE \_\_\_\_\_

*If you do not have your passport, please leave this section blank and provide us with the information when you receive your passport. Travelers are solely responsible for obtaining all proper travel documents, visas and passports. See Release & Agreement, paragraph #18.*

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
*If 21 or older, please indicate next of kin.*

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and telephone of person not traveling with you.*

## TOUR GROUP DATA

GROUP LEADER \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTURE CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
*Leave departure city blank if traveler is purchasing land-only package.*

Special terms apply for the following options:

☐ Check here if your U.S. departure city is different from that of the group.

☐ Check here for land arrangements only (you will arrange your own air transportation).

☐ Check here if you will travel on different dates from the group. Please complete the **Special Travel Arrangements Form** online at [passports.com/docs](https://passports.com/docs). Contact **passports** for assistance.

## FINANCIAL DATA

A \$495 Deposit must accompany this form.

### TRAVEL PROTECTION

☐ I/we accept the Deluxe Travel Protection Plan for \$\_\_\_\_.

☐ I/we decline the Deluxe Travel Protection Plan.

Make checks payable to:

**passports Student Depository Account**

See 2018-2019 Terms & Conditions for credit card payment details and other payment guidelines.

Total enclosed:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Do not send cash.*

## MEDICAL / HEALTH DATA

Please send a confidential letter to **passports** concerning any medical condition(s) which could affect your travel.

## SIGNATURES

### PLEASE SIGN HERE

I (we), the undersigned, have read and fully understand the **passports 2018-2019 Terms & Conditions** and **passports 2018-2019 Release & Agreement** including the sections concerning itinerary changes, payment terms, code of conduct and cancellations/refunds, and I (we) agree to accept these conditions.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
IF APPLICANT IS UNDER 21

*Complete and sign form; give it to your group leader with your deposit (may also be paid online).*



I am an applicant for a tour with Passports, Inc., d/b/a Passports, and acknowledge and agree to the following conditions binding upon myself, and upon my parents or guardians if I am a minor, and upon Passports, Inc. ("Passports").

1. Responsibility. Passports is responsible only for the acts or omissions of its employees. Each tour begins with the takeoff of the first flight and ends upon completion of the return flight (with the exception of land-only arrangements, which start at the first hotel and end with completion of services at the last hotel).

2. Passports cannot be responsible for events beyond its control, including, without limitation, acts of God, war, strikes or government restrictions, or for any other circumstances of *force majeure*; nor, in the absence of its own negligence, for personal injury, accidents, illness, death, property damage or loss, delay or inconvenience caused by persons not controlled by Passports, including, without limitation, airlines, bus companies, railways, hotels, restaurants, taxis, group leaders, or any other agency, company or individual.

3. Passports is not responsible for loss of a government-issued passport, travel documents or tickets, loss or damage to luggage or any other personal belongings, or for consequential damages in any event.

4. Passports reserves the right to cancel any participant at any time for reasons which appear to be valid in its sole judgment. Passports shall have the right, without refund, to send home (on notice to parent or guardian for minors) at his/her own expense, and without escort, any student or adult who does not adhere to Passports' Code of Conduct, or who infringes upon others' enjoyment of the tour. I agree to release Passports, its agents and employees, my local school and school district, and the group leader from all claims arising out of such events, acts, or omissions.

5. I understand that if I am expelled from school, or if I am under other disciplinary measures instituted by my teacher, school or other authorities, or if I fail to meet the requirements for this tour as set forth by my teacher, school, school administrators or others, I could be declared ineligible to participate in the tour. My application may be cancelled, and I will be subject to the cancellation/refund policy published in the Terms & Conditions. I agree to comply with all instructions of my group leader.

6. Passports is not responsible for me when I am absent from Passports scheduled activities. I understand I will be required to pay for any damage or injury, whether accidental or willful, caused by me while on a Passports tour. If by my acts or omissions I cause or threaten to cause damage of any kind whatsoever to third parties, I accept full responsibility. Further, in the event of such damage or loss, I agree to indemnify and hold Passports harmless from any and all actions taken by third parties for said damages and loss.

7. If I become ill, injured or incapacitated during my tour, Passports will do whatever it deems necessary to preserve my health and safety including, without limitation, obtaining medical treatment for me at my expense, and/or transporting me at my own or my parents' expense back to my home for medical reasons. I agree to pay or reimburse any extra expenses incurred on my behalf by my group leader, or other group members, for medical or other reasons.

8. Any photographs or video taken of me while participating in a Passports tour and/or any of my comments or statements may be freely used in Passports' published materials, without compensation and without liability.

9. If I wish to withdraw from a Passports tour, I must do so individually in writing. Any refund to which I may be entitled is given by the "2018-2019 Terms & Conditions" appearing in the Passports catalog, and elsewhere. No exceptions to the Terms & Conditions will be made.

10. Passports reserves the right to discontinue a tour due to low enrollment or other reasons, and/or make certain changes in departure dates, cities, the order of an itinerary, activities, hotels, group leader assignments, airlines, determination of flight routings, services, fees or other itinerary modifications as may be required, in its sole discretion. Such changes are not grounds for withdrawal with a full refund, or for refunds after the tour. If tour features are unavailable for any reason, substitutions will be made whenever possible.

11. Published catalog itineraries are based on a minimum combined number of participants enrolled. Customized itineraries are based on specific enrollment numbers as determined by the group leader and/or Passports. If any tour cannot operate due to low enrollment, Passports may offer the group leader a choice of the following alternatives: 1) An alternate, comparable tour as determined by Passports (utilizing public rail, bus, subway transportation, etc., when use of a private motorcoach is not justified). Participants are responsible for all costs associated with the program change; 2) Operating the original tour, provided all group members pay a "Small Group Supplement" which shall apply to all group members; 3) Deferring travel to a later date, with no provision either for interim refunds, or penalties; 4) Cancellation with special refund (withdrawal must be made in writing to Passports within seven (7) days of tour change notification. A refund of all payments minus the Travel Protection Plan cost (if any) and a \$225 administrative processing fee per traveler, will be paid to the individual traveler.) I understand that these changes are not grounds for cancellation without penalty, or for refunds after the tour. I understand that my group leader is authorized to choose alternatives on behalf of the entire group.

12. Passports reserves the right to change departure dates within the same weekend (or the nearest weekend for winter and spring departures); and within 10 days for summer departures. If such a change results in a tuition change, all group members must pay the Program Tuition fee for the new date. Custom tour members agree in advance to travel on an alternate tour chosen by their group organizer, or to pay a higher price bracket as previously agreed upon by the group organizer, if there is insufficient enrollment. I understand that these changes are not grounds for cancellation without penalty, or for refunds after the tour.

13. Passports and the airlines reserve the right to substitute airlines, to make changes in equipment, the itinerary, departure and arrival dates, times or cities, or to alter the itinerary, and I agree to accept any such changes. No refunds will be made under these circumstances, and Passports will attempt to provide comparable services or accommodations. Single plane service, specific airlines and/or schedules are not guaranteed. Airlines liability for loss or damage to baggage is limited. Due to airline, train and coach restrictions, luggage is limited to one suitcase, and one small carry-on bag per person. Airlines accept no liability for fragile or perishable articles. Higher limits of liability may be obtained from the airlines by paying the charge contained in the carriers' tariffs, or optional baggage protection insurance can be purchased. Passports is not responsible for airline-imposed checked baggage fees. I understand that the airlines liability for death/injury is limited by their tariffs and/or the Warsaw Convention.

14. Holidays, special sporting, religious, political or other conditions beyond Passports' control may produce the unavailability of centrally-located hotel accommodations or scheduled services. In such cases, Passports reserves the right to provide alternate accommodations and/or services, or to charge a supplement. Specific hotel properties or locations may be requested but are not guaranteed.

15. The published itineraries are sample descriptions only. Actual program itineraries may vary in certain respects. Flight information, hotel assignments and day-by-day itineraries will be available approximately 30 days prior to departure.

16. If my tour is being sponsored by my school, school board, school district, individual school administrator, or local municipality, I will be notified of this fact in writing. Otherwise, I understand that my tour is not officially sponsored, contracted, paid for, or regulated by any of these groups or individuals, even though my school may, as a convenience, allow the use of school premises for planning the tour. I hereby and expressly waive all claims against any such groups or individuals which might arise out of the tour, or relate to it in any manner, including changes in school/school board administrative policies concerning "school" travel trips.

17. I understand that Passports and my group leader reserve the right to select a qualified replacement for my group leader if he or she is unwilling or unable to accompany the group, for any reason. Such changes do not constitute grounds for cancellation without penalty. The standard refund policy applies.

18. I am responsible for obtaining and carrying a current passport with an expiration date not less than six months after my return date, and any necessary visas for the countries I am to visit. My inability to obtain such documents shall not constitute grounds for cancellation without penalty. The standard refund policy applies. Passports will not be held responsible if I am unable to obtain the necessary travel documents for participation in the program. I understand that I must allow Passports a minimum of 30 days notice for any documents from the company that may be required to obtain a visa.

19. Participants are subject in all other respects to the "2018-2019 Terms & Conditions" which appear in the Enrollment Guide, and elsewhere. In signing this Release & Agreement, I acknowledge and agree to these Terms & Conditions, and understand that they may supersede those in previous Passports publications in certain respects. All program applications are subject to acceptance by Passports headquarters in Auburn, Massachusetts.

20. I understand that this Agreement is expressly between me and Passports, and that it cannot be modified by a third party, including my group organizer, school, or school board. I understand that Passports is not responsible for third party errors, and that Passports strictly adheres to published policies, including those published in the Terms & Conditions. No exceptions will be made to this Agreement or to the Terms & Conditions. Any modification or extension of this Agreement by Passports must be made in writing by an officer of Passports.

21. In the event any part of this contract is found to be legally void or unenforceable, then such part will be stricken but the rest of this document will be given full force and effect.

22. Arbitration: I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Worcester, Massachusetts, according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Massachusetts law.

By submitting a signed application and deposit, the applicant agrees to the following terms and conditions.

## "How do I sign up?"

**Reservations, Deposits and Payments:** To reserve a space on a tour, ask your group organizer for your group's Tour ID. Sign on to [passports.com/enroll](http://passports.com/enroll) and enter your Tour ID. After filling out the application form, you will be asked whether you would like to include the Deluxe Travel Protection Plan in your overall tour cost.

There are three deposit/payment options:

**E-Z Pay Automatic Payment Plan:** Pay \$95\* deposit with the E-Z Pay payment plan (automatic withdrawals from your checking account). Note: a \$10 fee will be charged for any E-Z payment that is returned by your bank for any reason.

**Enroll by Credit Card:** Pay \$495\* by credit card (credit cards may be used with online enrollment only). A \$25 service fee applies. Please note subsequent payments cannot be made by credit card.

**Traditional Enrollment:** Pay \$495\* by check via postal mail. Make check payable to **passports Student Depository Account**. Be sure to include your signed, paper application. Note: a \$10 fee will be charged for any check returned by your bank for any reason.

\*If interested in purchasing the Deluxe Travel Protection plan, include the additional amount with your deposit.

Please do not send cash at any time. Allow 7 business days for processing of your application.

**Late enrollment:** Travelers enrolling within 100 days of departure must apply with full payment, including the \$75 Late Enrollment Fee. Additional airfare supplements may apply to late applicants. Late applicants may be placed on a waitlist pending space availability, and, if not accepted onto the tour, will receive a full, 100% refund.

## "I'd like to make convenient monthly payments, and not worry about late fees."

**"Convenience Billing" and "E-Z Pay" Payment Programs:** Upon acceptance, travelers will be enrolled in **passports'** traditional "Convenience Billing" program, and will be billed monthly sums which calculate their trips being paid in full by the 110-days-before-departure Final Payment Deadline. Payment of monthly "Convenience" payments is optional, but travelers must pay in full 110 days prior to departure. Travelers may instead opt for the E-Z Pay automatic withdrawal payment plan, which will extend their final payment deadline to 30 days prior to departure. E-Z Pay monthly payments are withdrawn from the traveler's bank account, on a date specified by the user. E-Z Pay users who "opt-in" at initial enrollment pay a trip deposit of \$95 – not the usual \$495. Existing travelers can "opt-in" to the E-Z Pay program up until 150 days prior to departure. E-Z Pay users can opt out of the program in writing, at any time, for any reason. If a traveler chooses to opt out of the E-Z Pay program at any time, the final payment deadline reverts to 110 days prior to departure.

## "When must I be paid in full?"

Payment in full must be postmarked 110 days prior to departure. E-Z- Pay users must be paid in full 30 days prior to departure. Participants are solely responsible for qualifying for deadlines, and will not necessarily receive an invoice prior to their individual deadline dates. For non-E-Z- Pay participants, if full payment is not received 95 days before departure, the traveler will be cancelled from the tour with resulting cancellation penalties. (See right.) Also, see reinstatement policy.

## "How do I know my money's safe?"

**passports Student Depository Account:** Client payments will be escrowed in the **passports** Student Depository Account. The account is maintained at the Cornerstone Bank, and bears the bank I.D. #1023906233. Withdrawals from this account prior to the return of the tour will be limited to direct costs on behalf of the traveling group, such as airfares and land deposits, client refunds,

service fees, and administrative expenses; provided, however, that the total of such administrative expenses attributable to any one client or client group shall not exceed (a) aggregate client revenue(s) minus sums required to operate the tour(s), or (b) the total of cancellation penalties which would be withheld by **passports** in the event of Elective Cancellation/Withdrawal of the client or client group, *whichever is less*.

**passports'** CST# is 2067919-40.

## "I don't want to, but I'm cancelling!"

**Elective Cancellation/Withdrawal:** Individuals may withdraw from the tour at any time, but must do so in writing. Telephone cancellations will not be accepted. Notification by postal mail, fax and/or email is acceptable, and must bear a clear date of submission or a postal service postmark. The main group leader may cancel any participant's position on the tour, in writing, for any reason.

**Refunds:** Refunds are based on the date of withdrawal, as determined by the date of the withdrawal letter as described above. Persons cancelling will receive a refund less the cancellation fees listed below, and the non-refundable items described in the section below. Allow a minimum of 30 days for processing. No exceptions will be made.

**Refund policy: Withdrawal...**

160 days or more before departure: refund less \$620

130-159 days before departure: refund less \$820

110-129 days before departure: refund less \$1,070

80-109 days before departure: refund less \$1,320

30-79 days before departure: refund less \$1,570

29 days or less before departure: no refund

In addition, airline tickets and penalties, insurance fees, special arrangement fees, and optional excursions are non-refundable. Substantial payments and deposits are made on travelers' behalf to airlines, hotels, bus companies and overseas suppliers well in advance of departure, and are mostly non-refundable. Therefore, full refunds are not available from **passports**.

**Deluxe Travel Protection Plan:** Receive reimbursement up to 100% (Trip Cancellation) or 150% (Trip Interruption) of your Insured Trip Cost if you need to cancel or interrupt due to a covered reason. This plan also provides Cancel for Any Reason coverage, up to 75% reimbursement of your Insured Trip Cost.

**Reinstatement:** Cancelled participants may reinstate, if space is available, by sending the full payment due plus a \$225 Reinstatement Fee. Additional airfare supplements may apply. Reinstatements are not accepted within 60 days of departure.

## "I can't go, but he (she) can!"

**Substitutions:** Persons wishing to withdraw may substitute another person at least 110 days before departure. Notification of cancellation with substitution must be made in writing to **passports**. The withdrawn participant will receive a refund of all sums paid, less the Deluxe Travel Protection Plan cost (if any), a \$225 service fee, and any airline penalties. Substitutes are not eligible for any price guarantees given to the canceller, and are therefore subject to prices in effect at the time of substitution. If **passports** cannot accept a substitute, for any reason, the original participant must abide by the standard refund policy.

## "I think I'll stay on after the group comes back..."

**Delayed Return Flights and Travel Extensions:** If an individual desires to travel on different dates from those of the main group, a \$425 change fee will apply. If additional costs are required, **passports** will contact the traveler with details. Such changes may only be made 110 days or more before departure.

Individuals departing from alternate U.S. cities cannot be guaranteed specific flights, airlines, air routings or connections with the main group. Participants who depart from an alternate departure city will be required to pay the program tuition from that departure city and to provide their own airport transfers. Participants who wish to fly with the main group must arrange their own transportation to and from the main group's airport. Requests for alternate U.S.

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departure cities will not be accepted less than 110 days before departure.

“Land Only” participants who wish to purchase their own airline tickets must contact **passports**. Internal flights while overseas, if included in itinerary, will be provided.

Participants switching from the group flight routing to their own transportation or vice-versa must submit a request in writing, and cannot be honored if received within 110 days of departure. Additional airfare costs may apply, and the individual traveler is responsible for payment of additional airfare costs.

## “I’d like to know about rooming fees.”

Program Tuition prices listed in the catalog are based on triple student rates, with roommates assigned at the discretion of **passports**. Group organizers, adults or students may be subject to obligatory double or single rooms. **passports** will provide one obligatory double room, per gender, per motorcoach, for participants under 24 who must be roomed in double accommodations due to odd rooming configurations. Adults 24 years of age or older will be billed for obligatory room accommodations.

Adults who request single accommodations are required to pay for that service, and will be billed accordingly. Individuals will be notified by **passports** and are obliged to pay the cost of any rooming fees as shown below. Final rooming configurations are determined approximately 60 days prior to departure. “Home-town” groups will room together whenever possible, but should be prepared to share rooms with members of other “home-town” groups if necessary. Rooming configurations may vary from hotel to hotel.

**Double rooms:** Adults 24 years of age or older who are not leading a group are subject to a mandatory \$40 per-person per-night charge, for European tours, in addition to the basic published tour cost. For non-European tours, contact **passports** for double room fees. This additional mandatory charge guarantees double room accommodations at hotels. Travelers sharing a double room with the group organizer must pay their portion of the double room supplement. The double room guarantee is not refundable in the unlikely event that all group members receive complimentary double room accommodations by default during the tour.

**Shipboard double room accommodations** are available at \$40 per person, per night (inside cabin) for European cruises (for outside cabin double room fees, contact **passports**). Shipboard double room fees for non-European cruises are available upon request, subject to availability.

**Single rooms:** Single room accommodations at hotels, if available, are at a charge of \$85 per night. For non-European tours, contact **passports**.

## “Let’s have the fine print: what’s included?”

**Program Tuition Includes:** Round-trip air transportation on major scheduled airlines. (The airlines involved are not responsible for any acts, omissions or events while you are on board the aircraft.) Triple rooms in Three Star or Four Star hotels. Private baths guaranteed. Ground transportation by private motorcoach, second-class rail service, steamship or ferry. (Air-conditioned hotels and motorcoach provided where available.) Continental breakfasts and dinners daily except as noted in itinerary. (Dinners not included on “Destination”, “Twin Cities” and “Triple Cities” programs.) Lunches included only where noted specifically in itinerary. Sightseeing as indicated in itineraries, subject to restrictions beyond **passports**’ control such as seasonality, closing times, holidays, special events, strikes, traffic conditions or inclement weather. Services of a specially-trained **passports** Tour Director/representative unless otherwise noted. Port taxes, all tips and gratuities except those for Tour Director, local guides in certain locations, non-European coach drivers and cruise personnel (see below). **passports** provides and pays for a post-departure travel protection plan which provides coverage for trip interruption, emergency medical expenses, baggage loss or delay, trip delay and more. See page 10 for details.

## “What’s not included?”

**Program Tuition Does Not Include:** U.S. passport fees, visa fees, border fees, foreign airport arrival/departure taxes (foreign arrival/departure taxes will be pre-billed to clients whenever possible, as a convenience), late payment fees, portage, tips for the Tour Director, local guides in certain locations and

cruise personnel, baggage fees, overnight lodging and transportation and other expenses related to airline rescheduling or delays or redefinition of travel seasons, personal expenses, gifts, laundry, valet service and unscheduled activities.

Entrance fees, beverages, lunches, optional excursions or field trips, guided shore excursions on cruises, transportation to/from dinners, theater performances and tours are included only when specified in the itinerary.

Deluxe trip cancellation insurance is optional.

## “What else do I need to know?”

**passports** programs are designed with teenage students in mind. Most tours involve a lot of walking. Porterage is not included. Traveling with **passports** is not recommended for individuals who have difficulty walking, climbing stairs, carrying baggage, or otherwise requiring special assistance. Special meals and special medical supervision cannot be provided. **passports** programs are educational in nature. Groups consisting mainly of adults may wish to consider paying a supplement to guarantee a modified, “all-adult” program.

The traveler’s name must match his/her passport for correct issuance of airline tickets. If a name must be changed or corrected after the published final payment deadline for the tour, an airline-imposed name change fee may apply along with a \$225 service fee.

For additional information, please see the Release & Agreement. Your Agreement and the above Terms cannot be modified except in writing by an officer of **passports**. No verbal modification shall have any validity.



## High-Quality Educational Travel for Over 50 Years!

**passports** was founded by Dr. Gil Markle in 1992. Dr. Markle is regarded as one of the pioneers of U.S. student travel for his creation of ALSG (American Leadership Study Groups) in 1965. His passion for education through travel touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of American youth.

**passports** continues to be family-owned and operated by a team of outstanding travel professionals. **passports** cares about every traveler and prides itself on its dedication to detail and promise of customer satisfaction.



## Standard **passports** Tours Include

- Full-time, specially-trained tour director
- Three- or four-star hotels in the city center, right near the sights you came to see
- Authentic, three-course meals in a variety of local restaurants
- Preferential flight routings, getting you to your destination sooner, with fewer connections
- Post-departure travel protection plan provided and paid for by **passports**
- The experience of a lifetime!

## Peace of Mind

**passports** has demonstrated over the years that the safety and security of our travelers is our number one priority.

While emergencies overseas are rare, **passports** communicates swiftly and clearly with parents and school administrators if travel issues arise.

Parents also have access to the **passports** 24-hour on-call response team at our toll free number, 1-800-332-7277.

For more information, including an outline of our overseas action plan partnered with iJET, visit [passports.com/safety-and-security](https://passports.com/safety-and-security)





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## How to Enroll

On board? Then it's time to enroll!

Signing up for your tour is easy.  
Just follow these steps:

- 1 Go to [passports.com/enroll](https://passports.com/enroll).
- 2 Enter your Tour ID provided by your group organizer (see cover).
- 3 Complete the application, and choose your payment method.

OR

Complete the paper application and mail it in to our office!

[passports.com/how-to-enroll](https://passports.com/how-to-enroll)

