**FAMILIARIZATION TRIP FOR PRIEST PILGRIMAGE LEADERS**

JOIN US ON A PILGRIMAGE TO THE

# Holy Land



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*Dear Fathers,*

*With the good news of the vaccine rollout, we can finally think about returning to travel. I am pleased to extend this personal invitation to you and I hope you will considering joining us on this very special familiarization trip designed with your pilgrim travelers in mind.*

*The complimentary land package is an opportunity you won't want to miss. Accommodations in single rooms have been secured for up to 25 participating priests. The cost of airfare is not included. We are offering a group rate from New York, which you may purchase if you wish. If you prefer to handle your own flight arrangements, we'll be happy to help coordinate that you meet up with the group upon arrival in Tel Aviv. The cost of your airfare will be fully refunded to you when you return to the Holy Land with your pilgrimage group in 2022 or 2023.*

*Msgr. Peter Vaccari, Fabricio Lomanto, and myself will be your hosts in the Holy Land. We look forward to being with you!*

*Peter Bahou*
President, Peter's Way Tours

## Daily Itinerary - *Unexpected circumstances may cause changes to the outlined itinerary.*

### Day 1 July 11, Sunday: Depart USA

This evening, depart New York (JFK) or your home gateway for our overnight flight to the Holy Land.
Complimentary meals and beverages will be served in flight. (D)

### Day 2 July 12, Monday: Arrive in Tel Aviv | Bethlehem

This afternoon, arrive at Ben Gurion Tel Aviv Airport. Proceed through Passport Control, claim our luggage, and meet our Peter's Way tour manager upon our exit from Customs. Board our private touring bus and continue to Bethlehem for hotel check-in. Prayers and welcome dinner at the Ambassador City Hotel.
Overnight at the Ambassador City Hotel in Bethlehem. (B,D)

### Day 3 July 13, Tuesday: Shepherds' Field | Bethlehem | Ein Karem | Israel Museum

***Theme: The Nativity & The Visitation***
Breakfast at our hotel. Begin our day with a visit to Shepherds' Field to explore some of the caves typical of the stables at the time of Jesus' birth. **Continue to the Basilica of the Nativity to celebrate Mass.** After Mass, visit the traditional birthplace of Jesus in the Basilica of the Nativity. Free time for lunch.
We'll visit Ein Karem, home of Elizabeth and Zachariah and the birthplace of St. John the Baptist. Visit the Church of the Visitation, one of the most artistic in the Holy Land. Next, we'll visit the Israel Museum. Among many works we will see a to-scale model of Jerusalem in the Second Temple Period, which reconstructs the topography and architectural character of the city as it was in the days of Jesus.
Dinner and overnight at the Ambassador City Hotel in Bethlehem. (B,D)

### Day 4 July 14, Wednesday: Mount of Olives | Mount Zion | Temple Mount | Pools of Bethesda

***Theme: Palm Sunday, The Agony in the Garden, & Early Years in Jerusalem***
Breakfast at our hotel. Drive to the top of the Mount of Olives, where we will visit the Ascension Chapel and Church of the Pater Noster. Then we'll walk the Palm Sunday path down the road that slopes westward from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem and the Garden of Gethsemane. Visit the Church of All Nations to pray at the "Rock of Agony," a section of bedrock identified as the place where Jesus prayed alone in the garden on the night of His arrest. Then we'll continue to the eastern slope of Mount Zion to visit the Church of St. Peter-in-Galicantu, built to commemorate Peter's denial of the Lord. Continue to the Cenacle (Upper Room) and Dormition Abbey. Free time for lunch.
This afternoon we'll explore the Old City of Jerusalem. We'll begin in the area of the Temple Mount and Western Wall. Walk through the narrow alleyways and streets of Jerusalem seeing the Pinnacle of the Temple (Gate of Hulda). We will also walk through the Jewish Quarter (Cardo), and continue to the Pools of Bethesda and the Church of St. Anne. **Celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Anne.**
Dinner and overnight at the Ambassador City Hotel in Bethlehem. (B,D)

### Day 5 July 15, Thursday: Mount Tabor | Nazareth | Magdala

***Theme: The Transfiguration & The Annunciation***
Early breakfast at our hotel. Today we'll leave Bethlehem for the Galilee to visit Mount Tabor, which provides an utterly commanding view of the Galilee region. Time for prayer and reflection at the Church of the Transfiguration. Continue to Nazareth, the village in which Jesus grew up and lived most of his life. Visit the Church of the Old Synagogue, which marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, and explore St. Joseph's workshop. **Celebrate Mass in the Basilica of the Annunciation.** After Mass, we will gather at the Grotto of the Annunciation just before noon to pray the Angelus in commemoration of the Angel's Annunciation to Mary and reflect on her response of "Yes" to God. Free time for lunch.
After lunch, continue to Cana to visit the Franciscan Wedding Church, built in the nineteenth century over ruins from Jesus' time. Continue to Mount Arbel, located near the sea's western shore in the vicinity of ancient Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene. Below Mount Arbel lies the Valley of the Doves, a natural access route into the lake area and a route probably used by Jesus as he traveled back and forth to Cana and Nazareth. Our final visit will be Magdala. Explore the excavation discovered by the Legionaries of Christ and learn about one of the most important archeological excavations made in the Holy Land in recent years. Check-in at our hotel in the Galilee.
Dinner and overnight at our hotel in the Galilee. (B,D)

### Day 6 July 16, Friday: Tabgha | Capernaum | Mount of Beatitudes | Jerusalem

***Theme: The Ministry of Christ in Galilee***
Breakfast at our hotel. Begin our day with a visit to Tabgha, the traditional location for the calling of the disciples. Here, Jesus walked along the shore and called out to Simon, Peter, and Andrew, who were casting their nets into the sea. Visit the Church of the Multiplication and see the Byzantine mosaic of the loaves and fishes. Then we'll visit the ancient city of Capernaum, where Jesus began His public ministry. Jesus worked many of His miracles in Capernaum. Most Scripture scholars recognize the home of Peter's mother-in-law in the remains of a church near the shore dedicated to his honor. We will ascend the Mount of Beatitudes, overlooking the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus offered His "Sermon on the Mount." The quiet gardens and scenic view provide a perfect location to pause and spend time in prayer. Free time for lunch.
We'll take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, which will be among our favorite memories from the pilgrimage. The Gospels come to life as we imagine when Jesus walked on the water (John 6:19-21), calmed a storm (Matt. 8:23-26), and showed the disciples miraculous catches of fish (Luke 5:1-8; John 21:1-6). Continue to the Church of the Primacy of St. Peter on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Here, after His resurrection, Jesus met with His disciples and told Peter to "Feed my lambs; feed my sheep." **Celebrate Mass at the outdoor altar of the Primacy or at Magdala Center (Chapel of Duc In Altum)**. After Mass continue to Jerusalem for hotel check-in.
Dinner and overnight at the Ambassador Hotel in Jerusalem. (B,D)

### Day 7 July 17, Saturday: Masada | Dead Sea | Jericho

***Theme: The Wilderness***
Breakfast at our hotel. **Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.** Then we'll journey to the Judean Wilderness and take a cable car ride to the ruins of Herod's palace fortress atop Masada. Visit the ruins of the fortifications, reservoirs for water, Herodian palaces, synagogue, Roman temples, and baths. We'll pass Qumran, where the hidden library of the Essenes, the Dead Sea Scrolls, were found in 1947. Free time for lunch.
Visit the Dead Sea and enjoy a panoramic view of Ein Gedi, where David hid from Saul's wrath and the locale of the Song of Songs. Continue to the Jordan River to visit the traditional site of the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist (Matthew: 3:13-17). It is also considered to be the place where the Israelites crossed the Jordan River and Elijah the Prophet ascended to heaven. **We will have the opportunity to renew our baptismal promises at the Jordan River.** Continue to Jericho, home of Joshua, Elijah's spring, Jesus' miracles, and the Mount of Temptation. Near the center of the city, a centuries-old sycamore tree recalls the incident in which the tax collector Zacchaeus, too short to see over the crowd, climbed a sycamore's branches in order to see Jesus. On our way back to Jerusalem we will stop at Bethany, where Martha, Mary, and Lazarus welcomed Jesus in their home. Visit the traditional tomb of Lazarus.
**After dinner, return to the Mount of Olives for a Holy Hour in Gethsemane.**
Dinner and overnight at the Ambassador Hotel in Jerusalem. (B,D)

### Day 8 July 18, Sunday: Via Crucis | Emmaus

***Theme: The Crucifixion & The Resurrection***
Early morning, **celebrate Mass at the Empty Tomb of Christ** *(to be confirmed)*. Return to our hotel for breakfast. After breakfast, return to the Old City and enter through St. Stephen's Gate. Continue to the convent of the Sisters of Zion. See the Lithostrotos and Chapel of the Flagellation. We will pray the Stations of the Cross as we begin the Via Crucis. See the Ecce Homo Arch as we carry a large wood cross along the Via Dolorosa, ending in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. Free time for lunch.
This afternoon, we will drive to one of the traditional Emmaus sites (Abu Ghosh). Visit the Crusader church, one of the finest restored examples of Crusader architecture. We will have time for prayer and reflection as we recall the story in Luke's Gospel where Jesus appeared to His disciples on the road after the Resurrection.
**Return to Jerusalem for our group farewell dinner at the Ambassador Hotel.** Following dinner, we will have an opportunity to freshen-up before our evening transfer to Tel Aviv Airport for our red-eye return flight to the USA.
Overnight on the non-stop flight to the USA. (B,D)

### Day 9 July 19, Monday: Arrive in the USA

Early morning, arrive in New York's JFK International Airport, overflowing with life-changing memories from our pilgrimage.

### Complimentary Land Package Inclusions

- Accommodations in single rooms with private facilities in superior class hotels throughout the tour.
- Deluxe motor-coach transportation throughout the entire tour.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Full-time tour manager, guide, and spiritual commentary throughout the program.
- Entrance fees to all sights as noted in the itinerary.
- Whisper headsets for personal use throughout the tour.
- Porterage of one piece of luggage, per person, at hotels.
- Coordination of all liturgies as noted in the itinerary.
- Travel documents, travel wallet, luggage tags, name badge, and travel bag.

*Please refer to Terms & Conditions for items or additional costs not included in the package price.*

# Enrollment Form • Holy Land Familiarization Tour for Priests • July 11–19, 2021 • Tour Code: 9814

Please print your name **exactly as it appears on your passport.** Title ❑Rev. ❑Msgr. ❑Brother ❑Other_____

First_____ Middle_____ Last _____

Address _____City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile/Cell _____Email_____

Country of Citizenship *(if other than USA)* _____ Date of Birth _____ M / F

Parish Name _____ # of Potential Pilgrims for Parish Pilgrimage_____

Destinations I have traveled to on pilgrimage: _____

**The Special Complimentary Land Package is based on single occupancy.**

OPTIONAL ADD-ON COSTS

**Airline transportation is not included.* Please check your preference below.** (Airfare is fully refundable when you return to the Holy Land with your pilgrimage group.)

❑ I would like to purchase group airfare on Delta from New York (JFK) . You may bill me for **$1,200.00.** *(Airfare includes one free checked bag.)*

❑ I will purchase airline transportation on my own. I understand I am responsible for the cost of airport transfers in Israel if my flights do not coordinate with the group.

***Please contact our office before you purchase independent airline transportation. DO NOT purchase airline tickets until the group has been cleared to travel.***

OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE *(Please select one. See Terms & Conditions for Peter's Way Tours' cancellation policy and travel insurance details.)*

Please be advised: Insurance must be purchased at the time of enrollment. All insurance payments are non-refundable.

**Please select one:**

❑ **Enclosed is my completed enrollment form. I am declining optional travel insurance.**

❑ **Enclosed is my completed enrollment form plus $125.00*** for Peter's Way Tours' optional travel protection policy.

**Rates are based on total tour costs and you may be charged a higher premium.*

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION *(Please select one.)* ❑ **VISA** ❑ **MasterCard** ❑ **American Express** ❑ **Discover**

By completing this section, you authorize Peter's Way Tours to charge add-on costs (i.e., group airfare, insurance premium, etc).

Name on card: _____ Card Number: _____Exp. Date: _____ Sec Code: _____

Billing Address _____City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Participant Name(s): _____ , _____ , _____

*If the amount to be charged applies to more than one participant, please specify additional names.*

**I have read and accept all Terms & Conditions as outlined below on this brochure.**

**Signature**_____ **Date** _____

*Please scan or email your completed form to* ***peter@petersway.com*** *OR fax to* ***516-605-1555***

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

**PAYMENT:** Deposits and insurance payments will be accepted in the form of check, money order, or debit/credit card. If the bank has returned a personal check, a $25.00 processing fee will apply and subsequent payments must be made in the form of money order, certified bank check, or debit/credit card.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** All participants must have a valid passport. U.S. Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months after you return from the Holy Land. Special entry requirements for non-U.S. citizens may apply. Please consult the appropriate Consulate for current requirements. It is solely the passenger's responsibility to ensure that all documents needed are completed and current. Peter's Way Tours will not be held responsible for lack of current and valid entry documents, including passports.

**LAND ONLY PACKAGE:** This special complimentary Land Only familiarization tour offering is for qualifying priest pilgrimage leaders. Participation requires that you purchase your own airline transportation, which is fully refundable when your group travels to the Holy Land in 2022 or 2023. All participants are required to submit their flight schedules prior to departure. For assistance with airline transportation, please contact our office. DO NOT purchase airline tickets until the group has been cleared to travel. Peter's Way Tours shall not be held responsible for independently purchased non-refundable flights.

**TRANSFERS:** One coordinated round-trip airport transfer will be arranged for arrival and departure in Tel Aviv. If your flight schedule does not coordinate well with the designated transfer times, you are responsible for the cost of independent transfers to meet up with the group.

**MEALS:** Breakfast and dinner daily, including a farewell dinner. Lunches are not included.

**GRATUITIES & SERVICE CHARGES:** Gratuities are not included in your tour package. For good work, we recommend $10 per person per day for your tour manager and $5 per person per day for your bus driver. All service charges and local taxes as imposed by hotels are included in your complimentary land package. Although service charges at the hotels are included, it is customary to leave $1 per person for your waiter following dinner at the hotel and $1 per person per day for housekeeping.

**TRAVELER HEALTH ADVISORY:** Passengers must ensure that they are medically and physically fit for travel and that such traveling will not endanger themselves or others. Most pilgrimages entail a lot of walking, stairs, hills, cobblestone roads and uneven pavement. Motor coaches are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. It is each passenger's responsibility to be aware of his or her own limitations. Peter's Way Tours must be advised if a person has a disability requiring assistance. Any passenger who requires special assistance must be accompanied by a travel companion who will provide proper help. Peter's Way Tours will make reasonable attempts to accommodate disabled passengers with special needs, but shall not be held responsible if we are unable to do so. Moreover, Peter's Way Tours is not responsible for the denial of services by any carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers.

**PHOTO RELEASE:** I grant Peter's Way Tours permission to use photographs, video, and electronic media publicly to promote this tour and future tours of its kind. I understand that the images and/or video may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and featured on social media platforms. I do this with full knowledge and consent and waive all claims for compensation for use, or for damages.

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**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** It is strongly recommended that all participants purchase insurance when they travel since the tour operator is not responsible for non-refundable payments, damaged luggage, or trip interruption. Peter's Way Tours offers an optional Passenger Travel Protection Plan. The insurance premium is based on total package price, including taxes, fuel surcharges, single supplements, deviation fees, late charges, etc. If the insurance premium is included with your deposit, the passenger will be covered for pre-existing conditions. The insurance plan can be purchased at any time thereafter, excluding coverage for pre-existing conditions, until final payment has been made. Plan payments will not be accepted after final payment has been made. All plan payments are non-refundable. If you choose to extend your stay or embark on a pre-tour program, travel insurance can be purchased for an additional $4.00 per day. Additional coverage needs to be requested. The insurance plan will not automatically be extended. The insurance plan will only cover pre-paid arrangements made through Peter's Way Tours. Passengers who book their own airfare (Land Only passengers or those booking independent connecting flights) are advised to purchase travel insurance covering their flights directly from the airline or from another travel insurance supplier. The Passenger Travel Protection Plan includes coverage for the following: trip cancellation/ interruption/delay, accident/sickness medical expense, emergency medical evacuation/ repatriation, lost baggage/personal effects, accidental death & dismemberment, and 24-hour Emergency Travel Assistance Services. Benefits and services are provided by Travel Insured International. Upon claim approval, reimbursement is up to 100% of the non-refundable payments for your trip. Be sure to review the copy of the policy that you receive upon enrollment. If you need further information, please call Travel Insured International at 1-844-754-0045 and ask for Customer Service. This travel insurance is underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ under policy number T-2508.




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