

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

JANUARY 15 TO 23, 2023

WITH THE SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OF **FATHER XAVIER DE PINTO** PASTOR OF PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH
CELEBRATING HIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION



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

ITINERARY

DAY 1 JANUARY 15 FLIGHT TORONTO-TEL AVIV

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

Meals on board

DAY 2 JANUARY 16 TEL AVIV-NAZARETH

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

Dinner

DAY 3 JANUARY 17 WEDDING IN CANA-TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4 JANUARY 18 THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

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

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5 JANUARY 19 JORDAN RIVER-JESUS' TEMPTATION-JERUSALEM

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

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6 JANUARY 20 CAIAPHAS HOUSE-DORMITION OF MARY-PASSION OF CHRIST

Start the morning at the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu and recall Peter's denial of Christ (Matthew 26:69-75). Next we visit Dormition Abbey, where Mary "fell into eternal sleep", and the Upper Room, where Jesus shared the last meal with his Apostles the night before he died (Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-26, Luke 22:7-39 and John 13:1-17:26). See the outdoor model of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus. We enter the Old City and visit the Church of St. Ann, traditional birthplace of the Virgin Mary. See the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus performed the miracle of healing (John 5:2-9). We prayerfully follow the last footsteps of Jesus as we walk the Way of the Cross, something unforgettable in our pilgrimage, ending at the site of the Crucifixion of Christ (Calvary), and the site of the Sepulcher.

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7 JANUARY 21 BETHLEHEM AND THE SHEPHERDS FIELDS

This morning we celebrate the Birth of our Lord in Bethlehem. At the Church of the Nativity, see the Manger and the Grotto of St. Jerome, and at the Shepherd's field we remember the humble shepherds listening to the angels that sang: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" (Luke 2:14). Back in Jerusalem there will be some free time to browse around the Old City colourful Market.

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8 JANUARY 22 GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE-MAGNIFICAT-DEAD SEA

Our last day in the Holy Land. We visit the Western Wall and pray at the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:36), next at the Church of the Visitation, where the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth and proclaimed the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). We spend the afternoon in the Judean wilderness to relax and float in the salt water of the Dead Sea. This is going to be fun!

Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9 JANUARY 23 FLIGHT TEL AVIV-TORONTO

Today we fly home. We celebrate Jesus' resurrection, *He is not here, He has Risen* (Matthew 28:6), and feel deeply moved for the spiritual experience that we have just lived, knowing that we have walked in the footsteps of Jesus, the Virgin Mary and the Apostles bringing new meaning to our Scripture reading and celebration of Mass. We will cherish the memories that will last a lifetime. We land at Toronto International Airport. **END OF OUR PILGRIMAGE.**

Breakfast, Meals on board

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$ 3,540 CAD

It includes \$753.51 CAD for Fuel Surcharge & Airport Taxes and they are subject to change without notice until time of ticketing. Supplement for single room \$ 700
See next page for complete list of inclusions

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THE TOUR INCLUDES

- ✓ Round trip Economy airfare from Toronto
- ✓ 7 nights accommodation at Tourist Class hotels in double occupancy
- ✓ Breakfast and Dinner daily
- ✓ Private coach transportation throughout
- ✓ Entrance fees, tours and visit to holy sites as per the itinerary with English speaking guide
- ✓ Daily Mass and/or Spiritual activities
- ✓ Hotel taxes and service charges
- ✓ Fuel surcharge & Airport taxes (at time of printing \$753.51 CAD, subject to change at any time without notice until time of ticketing)
- ✓ Gratuities to hotel and restaurant staff

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- ✓ Meals and drinks not mentioned above
- ✓ Passports: Canadian citizens require a valid passport for more than 6 months after the return date
- ✓ Gratuities to guides and drivers and other local staff: **\$100.00 USD** per participant collected in cash ahead for your convenience
- ✓ Costs of personal nature, optional excursions, excess baggage charges
- ✓ Insurance for medical, Cancellation and Interruption, baggage (strongly recommended)

BOOKING:

A deposit of **\$400.00 CAD per person is required at time of booking**. If you opt to purchase Non-Medical or All-Inclusive insurance, it **must be purchased at time of payment**. Bookings after October 3, 2022 are subject to availability and full payment is due at time of booking.

PLEASE NOTE ALL PAYMENTS ARE 100% NON- REFUNDABLE.

CANCELLATIONS AND CHANGES:

If you must cancel, Gateways International must be informed in writing immediately. All payments are 100% Non-Refundable. A \$75.00 CAD fee will be applied for any changes you wish to make before October 3, 2022. Changes after October 3, 2022 will be treated as cancellations.

PHYSICAL HEALTH

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

OPTIONAL TRAVEL HEALTH & CANCELLATION INSURANCE

CAD \$Premium per person	All-Inclusive	Non-Medical	Staying in a single room add
up to 59 years	228.00	204.00	32.00
60-64 years	265.00	228.00	38.00
65-69 years	329.00	250.00	43.00
70-74 years	427.00	289.00	49.00
75-79 years	648.00	424.00	76.00
80-84 years	820.00	536.00	92.00

- ✓ **All-Inclusive Worldwide Plan** provides coverage for *cancellation and interruption* up to sum insured, trip delay, \$ 10 million emergency medical, baggage & personal effects, baggage delay, personal money loss, passport loss, airlift accident and travel accident.
On February 28, 2022, the Canadian Government has lifted the global 'non-essential' travel advisory, and Emergency Medical coverage for COVID-19 will be available only for fully vaccinated individuals or those not medically eligible.
See the [Policy Brochure](#) for the full description and eligibility.
 - ✓ **Non-Medical Plan** provides coverage for *cancellation and interruption* up to sum insured, trip delay, baggage & personal effects, baggage delay, personal money loss, passport loss, airlift accident and travel accident. There is no coverage for Emergency Medical.
 - ✓ For people living outside the province of Ontario, insurance will be processed by Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada.
 - ✓ Premium per person is subject to change without prior notice
- Travel insurance is designed to cover losses arising from sudden and unforeseeable circumstances. Please contact us to get a copy of the policy. It is important that you read and understand the policy before you purchase as the coverage is subject to certain limitations, conditions or exclusions.
- All participants must hold Trip Cancellation/Interruption + Emergency Medical Insurance to travel with us. Proof of coverage if purchased elsewhere must be provided at time of booking.**
- COVID-19 is known event and is excluded from cancellation coverage. However, if you contract COVID-19 prior to departure, you **may** be eligible to claim subject to your specific circumstances.
- All participants must comply with the travel regulations and guidelines of Public Health and the Ministry of Health of each country we visit. Proof of vaccination and further testing may be required at time of travelling.**
- Please contact us if you live outside the Province of Ontario and for other types of coverage.**

★★★ Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Xavier De Pinto, January 15-23, 2023 ★★★

Deposit Registration Form

Name (as per passport): First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address: _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ e-mail: _____

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

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

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

I have a Roommate I need a Roommate (subject to availability) I would like a Single room and pay **\$ 700 CAD** Supplement

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

I authorize Gateways International to charge the deposit of **\$ 400 CAD now** and/or balance of **\$ 3,140 CAD by October 3, 2022** (plus or minus changes in Airport taxes and single supplement if applicable) on my credit card listed below

Credit Card Type: VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____ AMERICAN EXPRESS _____

Card Number _____ CVV _____ Exp. Date _____

Name as it appears on credit card _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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

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

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

Signature of participant: _____ Date: _____

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