



A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land

Under the Spiritual Direction of Rev. John Kiefer
John XXIII Retreat Center, Hartford City, Indiana
Group Coordinator: Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC

12 Days: November 5 to 16, 2012

\$2499 Special Cash Discount Price / \$2648 Standard Base Price
From Chicago (ORD), including roundtrip motor coach transportation from/to Hartford City
plus \$595 airport taxes & current fuel surcharges and \$135 tips



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AN INVITATION TO JOIN US



Rev. John Kiefer

Dear Pilgrims,

In 2008 and 2010 I had the opportunity to make a Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land. I was so moved by the experience that I am inviting you to make that same pilgrimage. It is not only a Pilgrimage of the lands that Jesus lived and walked, but it is a Pilgrimage of the Heart.

We will walk many of the sacred places where Jesus and his followers journeyed. At the same time we will hear stories from the Palestinian Christians that live there today. They will share their stories of struggle to live in a land of conflict today.

Our Pilgrimage will also give you an opportunity for daily liturgy, reflection, rest, shopping and private time. It was truly a retreat experience for me that transformed my life.

We will return home with a renewed faith and deeper understanding of God's Word. You will never hear or read the Scriptures in the same way again. This is a special pilgrimage not only of holy places but it will take you on a spiritual journey where you discover God's profound love for you as you touch the land where His Son was born and lived. I hope that you can join us.



Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC

In God's Peace,

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Director of John XXIII Retreat Center

OUR DAILY ITINERARY

MON, NOV 5, DAY 1: DEPART USA: We depart for Tel Aviv, Israel with complimentary meals and beverages served aloft. Motor coach transportation for our group will be provided to the airport and is included in the tour cost.

TUE, NOV 6, DAY 2: ARRIVE TEL AVIV / NAZARETH: Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, we are met by our Catholic Travel Center representative and escorted by bus north into the Galilee region to Nazareth. Along the way we stop in Jaffa then follow the coastal road and enjoying the beautiful scenery.

We make our way to Nazareth and settle into our accommodations. Dinner and an orientation follow. Looking forward to the coming days, some might choose to conclude the day gazing into the night sky, pondering how Jesus, too, might have spent many childhood nights counting these same stars. (D)

WED, NOV 7, DAY 3: NAZARETH: VISIT OF THE CITY & SHEFA AMER: We begin the day with Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation, followed by a visit to local sites, including the Church of St. Joseph, the Church of St. Gabriel, and Mary's Well, and the synagogue where Jesus began his ministry. His inaugural address, found in chapter four of Luke's gospel, will focus our journey.

We meet with Palestinian Christian peacemaker Fr. Fouad Dagher at his church and visit the school. Then we will have lunch with Fr. Fouad at Shefa Amer at a local restaurant. We will also request a meeting with Archbishop Elias Chacour at Ibillin. (if available). This evening we have dinner at our accommodations. For those who want, we end our day by praying the rosary together. (B, L, D)

THU, NOV 8, DAY 4: NAZARETH / CANA/ MT. TABOR & SEPPHORIS / TIBERIAS: We begin this day in Cana, where we invite couples to renew their vows. Next, we visit Mt. Tabor where Jesus was transfigured while he was in prayer with Peter, James

and John. Before leaving we will celebrate Mass. In route back to Nazareth, we stop to visit the ruins of Sepphoris, a major town during Jesus' day.

Lunch will be taken at a local restaurant in Nazareth. We visit the excavation of a street of Nazareth from the 1st century under the Sisters' of Nazareth Convent. We visit Mugableh Church and meet with Fr. Alfunso. Then we make our way toward the Sea of Galilee. We will enjoy our evening meal at our accommodations on the Mount of Beatitudes. We will end the day with reflection and prayer. (B, L, D)

FRI, NOV 9, DAY 5: TIBERIAS: MOUNT OF BEATITUDES & THE SEA OF GALILEE: We begin our morning by joining together for a silent walk down the Mount to the shore of the Sea of Galilee. After some reflection and sharing, we board the "Jesus Boat" for a peaceful journey across the Sea of Galilee. We will celebrate Mass at the Church of Peter's Primacy.

Lunch today will be at a Kibbutz. After lunch we make our way around the shore to Capernaum where Jesus spent 2 ½ years of his life. Before ending the day we visit Tabgha and the shore of the Sea. Dinner is served at our accommodations. After dinner there will be an orientation to our coming days in Jerusalem and reflection on our day. (B, L, D)

SAT, NOV 10, DAY 6: TIBERIAS / JORDAN RIVER: BAPTISMAL VOWS RENEWAL / JERUSALEM: We make our way to the Jordan River. Wading into the waters, we renew our baptismal vows. The Holy Spirit upon us, we travel south through the wilderness to the Mount of Temptation. We fast in spirit only, though, for lunch is waiting for us at Al-Rawdah Restaurant in Jericho. After lunch we meet with members from the Palestinian Authority. After a visit to the local pottery shop we head into the Wilderness where we will celebrate Mass.

We continue our journey up to Jerusalem where we make our home inside the walls of the Old City. We will meet with a local Christian Palestinian family to hear of life for them as Christians living in the Holy Land. Dinner will be served at our accommodations. (B, L, D)

SUN, NOV 11, DAY 7: JERUSALEM: MASS WITH THE COMMUNITY OF TAYBEH & EMMAUS: Breakfast is at our accommodations. We join the community of Taybeh for Mass and lunch. Taybeh has an overall population of around 1300 inhabitants, all Christian, with Latin, Orthodox and Greek Catholic rites. We then continue to Emmaus for a visit of the town. Before dinner at our accommodations we meet with the representative of The Interreligious Coordinating Council. (B, L, D)

MON, NOV 12, DAY 8: JERUSALEM: BETHLEHEM EXCURSION & WAILING WALL: We begin the day shopping at a local Palestinian shop in Bethlehem. After Mass at Shepherd's Field we stop for a prayerful visit at the Church of the Nativity. We take lunch at Bethlehem University where we will interact with Palestinian students and professors. We hear their stories of pain and their dreams of hope. We visit the Wailing Wall then return to our accommodations for dinner. Before dinner we meet with representatives from the Jerusalem office of Catholic Relief Services which will include a Muslim and Christian staff member. We share our evening meal together. (B, L, D)

TUE, NOV 13, DAY 9: JERUSALEM: LATIN PATRIARCHATE, MT. OF OLIVES, GETHSEMANE AND THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: This morning, after breakfast, we meet with Bishop Shomali. Next, we visit the Mt. of Olives where we take in the panoramic views of Jerusalem. We visit Bethpage, the traditional starting point of the Palm Sunday procession and follow the path that Jesus took that day. At Dominus Flavit, we remember where Jesus wept over Jerusalem.

Before leaving here we celebrate Mass as we pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Before lunch we visit the school at the East Jerusalem YMCA to see their school program for 3-5 year old Jewish and Palestinian children. We visit the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. Next is an orientation at the Holy Sepulchre. Dinner is served at our accommodations. (B, L, D)

WED, NOV 14, DAY 10: JERUSALEM: VIA DOLOROSA, HOLY SEPULCHRE, CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, CHURCH OF ST. PETER IN GALLICANCTU, THE UPPER ROOM & CENACLE: We begin this morning early with the Way of the Cross ending with our visit to Calvary and the tomb. We celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. We return to our accommodations for breakfast. After breakfast, we continue with a visit of the Old City, including the Temple Mount, St. Anne's Church and the Pool of Bethesda. We will have lunch at Pasha's, a local Palestinian restaurant.

We will have an afternoon of reflection at the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Christ; we reflect upon our own faithfulness and pray for grace to fulfill the new commitments we have made to Christ during this pilgrimage. We visit as well the Upper Room and the Cenacle where we recall the Pentecost. The balance of our day is at leisure, and dinner is served at our accommodations. (B, L, D)

THU, NOV 15, DAY 11: JERUSALEM: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES & ST. ANNE'S CHURCH / TRANSFER TO HOTEL: Today, we will be hosted by the staff of Catholic Relief Services of Jerusalem and visit the projects in the West Bank. We immerse ourselves in the realities of their life and witness their efforts for peace, justice and development. We will then enjoy lunch in their company. We celebrate our closing Mass at St. Anne's Church. We will end the day with reflection and

prayer. Our evening meal will be at the Ambassador Hotel. We overnight at a hotel near the Tel Aviv Airport. (B, L, D)

FRI, NOV 16, DAY 12: RETURN USA: We depart Israel for our return to the United States. Motor coach transportation for our group will be provided back from the airport and included in the tour cost. (B)

Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary, either due to changes in airline schedules or for other reasons. All Masses are subject to local church schedules and substitution with alternate Mass sites if churches mentioned are not available.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To make your reservation, simply complete the enclosed registration form and submit along with \$400 payment (mailed to the address shown on the bottom of the registration form). You will receive General Information (including How to Obtain a Passport), an invoice, and further information from Catholic Travel Centre via mail, usually within two weeks of our receipt of your deposit. *Please submit your registration form early, as all space is available on a first come basis only.* Registrations are processed in the order they are received by Catholic Travel Centre.

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

Price includes airfare based on non-refundable, economy class group fares on regularly scheduled IATA carrier from **Chicago (ORD)**, motor coach transportation from/to Hartford, accommodations in Religious Housing or best available (all with private facilities), sightseeing, and meals per itinerary (B, L, D) and is based on a minimum of 30 fully paying passengers in the group. Airport taxes & security fees, current fuel surcharges, tips, and optional travel protection plan will be added separately on your invoice. No visa required for USA citizens—only a valid passport. Please see 'Registration Form' and 'Terms & Conditions' for more details.

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Optional Passenger Travel Protection Program (PTPP) is available. Your invoice will show the Program fee. You may choose to accept or decline coverage. Coverage begins only upon receipt of your Program fee. See 'PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM' under 'Terms & Conditions' on reverse side for full details.

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment is due **90 days prior to departure**. This payment should be sent directly to Catholic Travel Centre. Instructions will appear on your invoice.

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TOUR NUMBER: 12-042-1105

Terms and Conditions

Making any payments (cash, credit card or otherwise) towards any tour constitutes your unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions stated in this tour brochure. Catholic Travel Centre shall be referred to as CTC within this document.

DOCUMENTS: US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies. Passports must be valid for six months beyond the tour's return date.

TRAVEL WARNING: Please be advised that there is a Travel Warning issued by the Department of State for travel to Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. This warning may still be in effect on the day of your travel and cancellation for this reason will not constitute grounds for refund of the cancellation fees listed below.

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSITS: A deposit of \$400 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form. Registrations cannot be taken by telephone. Registrations are processed in the order received by CTC. Balance of payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Late payment is subject to \$50 late fee. Late registrations (fewer than 90 days) must be accompanied by full payment by cashiers check only (including the optional passenger travel protection program payment, if applicable), plus a \$50 late fee and are subject to availability. CTC reserves the right to cancel reservations that are not paid in full 75 days prior to departure and to charge cancellation fees/penalties indicated below. A \$25 fee will be charged on all checks returned by our bank.

CHANGES IN INVOICING: Please note that after initial invoicing, any requests for change in form of payment (cash discount vs. standard base) or in package (air inclusive vs. "land only") are subject to a \$50 per person per change processing fee.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS: All cancellations must be received by CTC in writing via certified mail or facsimile. CTC will process your refund, minus a cancellation fee according to the following schedule:

- 1) \$150 if cancelled at least 150 days prior to the tour's departure date;
- 2) \$300 if cancelled 149 to 90 days prior to the tour's departure date;
- 3) \$400 plus any non-refundable amounts paid to and/or penalties assessed by airlines, hotels, or other suppliers of travel services (up to the total cost of the tour) if cancelled 89 to 8 days prior to the tour's departure date;
- 4) No refunds for cancellations received within 7 days of departure date.

The above cancellation fees and/or penalties will also apply if you register for an optional extension or airline routing, and you decide to cancel or change any of these. CTC strongly recommends the Passenger Travel Protection Program (see "PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM" below.)

TOUR OPERATION & CANCELLATION: While no changes are anticipated, CTC expressly reserves the right to cancel all or any part of the tour or to make any changes to the itinerary, for any reason or whenever it deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour participants. In the event of any alteration to the itinerary, every effort will be made to substitute the altered activity with a comparable replacement. If a tour is cancelled in its entirety, full refunds shall be issued within two weeks of such cancellation. This will constitute, in full, CTC's obligation to you and CTC bears no further responsibility beyond the full refund. CTC shall not be held liable and hereby expressly disclaims liability for any loss, expense, damage or inconvenience caused as a result of any tour cancellation or changes made to the itinerary. Furthermore, CTC is not responsible for any additional costs or fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements not made through CTC.

CANCELLATION BEYOND CTC'S CONTROL: CTC expressly disclaims any responsibility for any losses or expenses incurred due to cancellation or alteration of the tour resulting from, but not limited to: cancellations due to travel advisories or warnings issued by the State Department or any other relevant authority, acts of war, war, terrorism, acts of God, natural disasters or any other circumstance beyond CTC's control. In such case, CTC will assist you in requesting refunds for all services prepaid but not rendered, less a non-refundable \$200 per person administrative fee. CTC shall not be held responsible for any non-recoverable amounts disbursed to carriers or other service providers on your behalf.

PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM: Passenger Travel Protection Program is offered by CTC and is strongly recommended. A Travel Protection Plan brochure consisting of a full description of coverage provided and exclusions will be mailed with your invoice. The plan fee is based on the cash discount price and taxes (as well as single room supplement and airline add-ons, if applicable) and will appear as an optional item on your invoice. Travel Protection Plan cannot be purchased after you have made your final payment for the tour. All Travel Protection Plan fees are non-refundable.

HEALTH: Most foreign countries do not conform to the U.S.A. Disabilities Act standard. CTC cannot provide individual assistance to tour members for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches or other transportation vehicles. Participants who need such assistance must be accompanied by a qualified companion at all times and at their own expense. Furthermore, while CTC cannot accept responsibility for providing access to all facilities included in a tour, CTC will make every effort to assist in providing mobility aides to the extent feasible and with applicable costs borne by the participant. CTC assumes no responsibility for the participant's inability to fully participate in the tour, nor can CTC provide any refund for non-participation in any part of the tour.

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surcharges (if any) that occur after the date of printing of the brochure are the responsibility of the passenger.

DEVIATIONS: Deviations from the group flight itinerary are not possible. If you wish to make your own airline arrangements and purchase the "land only" version of the tour package, please contact your group coordinator for the "land only" pricing.

AIRLINE SEATING, FREQUENT FLYER & MEAL REQUESTS: Seating is on a group basis only. CTC cannot accommodate any individual requests. CTC advises that you contact the airline for frequent flyer miles and special meal requests two weeks prior to departure.

BAGGAGE: Baggage is at risk at all times. We strongly suggest that you bring only one piece of checked luggage and one carry-on. Portage is included at hotels only for one piece of luggage; the passenger is responsible at all times for carrying carry-on luggage. No portage at airports.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS: Based on double/twin accommodations with private bathroom facilities (limited number of single rooms available). No reduction for triple rooms. Triple room consists of twin/double room plus a rollaway bed, and confirmation is based on availability. If no roommate is available for you or your roommate cancels prior to departure, a single supplement surcharge will apply. Meals are menu of the day as shown in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner).

SIGHTSEEING: By private motor coach with English-speaking guide/escort. Entrance fees included per final itinerary.

PRICES: Pricing is based on exchange rates, fares applicable at the time of quotation and on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure, and is therefore subject to change.

NOT INCLUDED: Passports and visas, meals not mentioned, beverages with meals, extras beyond standard menu, excess baggage, telephone calls, fuel surcharges, laundry or any other items not explicitly stated as included.

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Enclosed please find my \$400 per person deposit for the above referenced trip. By submitting this payment, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the "Terms and Conditions" in the accompanying brochure. I agree to submit full payment 90 days prior to departure.

Please print in **BLOCK LETTERS** your complete Last Name, First Name and Middle Name as they appear on your PASSPORT.

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- I wish to room with _____ (enter name) _____ (relation if any)
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Cash Discount Price (applies for payment by personal check, cashier's check or cash)

- I wish to pay the cash discount price using my personal or cashiers' check as my form of payment: **\$2499 from Chicago (ORD)** plus airport taxes, security fees & current fuel surcharges of \$595, tips of \$135 and optional Travel Protection Plan fee of \$219. Please return this form with \$400 deposit payable to Catholic Travel Centre.

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Credit Card Payment Authorization (must be credit card of a traveling passenger)

I authorize Catholic Travel Centre to charge the standard base price amount, plus other fees outlined above to my credit card listed below (\$400 will be charged now; balance of payment will be charged to your card per the invoice due date.)

Credit Card Type: VISA MASTERCARD
Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____
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