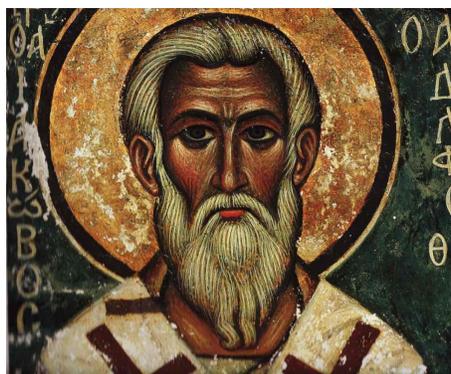




Orthodox Pilgrimage

Holy Land

3rd - 13th April 2016



Led by Bishop John of Charioupolis

***Archdiocese of Russian Orthodox Churches in Western Europe
Exarchate of the Ecumenical Patriarchate***

PROGRAMME

Saturday 2nd April: Pilgrims meet at Charles de Gaulle airport at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday 3rd April PARIS - JERUSALEM

Direct flight Paris - Tel Aviv departing 1:45 a.m. arriving Tel Aviv at 7:15

Meet our local representative at the airport.

Coach transfer to Jerusalem (approx. 1 hour)

Arrival at Jerusalem before midday, check-in at hotel in centre of the Old Town near the Jaffa Gate.

First visit (on foot) to the Church of the Resurrection and the Christian quarter.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Monday 4th April JERUSALEM

(Day without coach)

Possible Liturgy at the Church of Sts Constantine and Helen.

Visit the Church of the Resurrection (Anastasis), Golgotha, the place of the Resurrection of the Lord and the place where St Helen discovered the true cross.

Discover the surroundings of the Church, passing through the souks and the Russian, Coptic and Ethiopian monasteries on the roof of the Anastasis.

Meeting with His Beatitude Theophilos III, Patriarch of Jerusalem and All Palestine.

Visit of the Patriarchate.

In the afternoon continue visiting the Old Town: the Syrian quarter and the Church of St Mark, the Armenian quarter and Mount Sion, the Abby of the Dormition, the location of the Last Supper and the Jewish quarter.

Free time at the end of the day.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Tuesday 5th April JERUSALEM

(Day without coach)

Liturgy at the tomb of the Mother of God in Gethsemane.

After breakfast, visit the Church of St Anne, the pool of Bethesda.

Visit the Wailing Wall and the esplanade of the mosques (if accessible).

Return to the Anastasis, visiting different sites of the "Via Dolorosa" en route.

The Church of St Alexander Nevsky, the Russian mission.

Discover several monasteries in the Old Town (St John the Baptist, Our Lady of Saidnaya, St Euthymius...).

Free time at the end of the day.

Possibility of Vespers at the Anastasis.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Wednesday 6th April JERUSALEM, MOUNT OF OLIVES, GETHSEMANE, AIN KAREM

After breakfast, discover Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives.

Visit the site of the Ascension of Our Lord, the Monastery of the Ascension, the Pater Noster Church and the Russian monastery of Eleona.

Descend from the Mount of Olives, visit the Russian Monastery of St Mary Magdalen in Gethsemane, visit the Tomb of the Mother of God and the Monastery of St Stephen at the place of his stoning.

At the beginning of the afternoon depart for Ein Karem (30 minutes): visit the village of St John the Baptist, visit the monasteries dedicated to the Visitation and the Birth of St John the Baptist, the Monastery Katamon dedicated to the Holy Meeting and St Symeon the God-Receiver. Tomb of St Symeon.

Visit the Monastery of the Holy Cross at Jerusalem.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Thursday 7th April **NAZARETH**

Early morning departure for Nazareth (with luggage).
Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God in the Cathedral in Nazareth, presided over by His Beatitude the Patriarch Theophilos III and the bishops present.
Reach our hotel on the heights of Nazareth with a great view over the town.
Visit Nazareth: the Orthodox cathedral of the Annunciation, the Basilica and the ancient Synagogue.
Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

Friday 8th April **NAZARETH, LAKE OF TIBERIAS, CANA, THABOR**

After breakfast leave for Mount Thabor, place of the Transfiguration of our Lord.
Lake of Tiberias: Capernaum: the synagogue, the house of the apostle Peter, the Monastery of the Twelve Apostles, time to read the Gospel by the lake.
Tabgha: the miracle of the loaves and fishes.
Magdala: the village of St Mary Magdalene, the Russian monastery.
Tiberias: visit the monastery of the Twelve Apostles.
On the return journey to Nazareth, visit Cana: visit the Church of the Christ's first miracle.
Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

Saturday 9th April **SAMARIA - NABLUS - BETHANY - BETHLEHEM**

After breakfast we will cross Samaria for Nablus (if the check-point is open).
Visit the monastery of St Photini and Jacob's Well (location of the meeting of Our Lord with the Samaritan woman).
Veneration of the relics of the Neo-Martyr St Philoumenos (died 1979, canonised 2009).
Continue on to Bethany: the tomb of St Lazarus and the monastery of the Sts Martha and Mary.
En route to Bethlehem, stop at the Monastery of the Prophet Elias.
Arrive at our hotel in Bethlehem, a few minutes' walk from the Basilica of the Nativity in the centre of town.
Dinner (early and light) and overnight in Bethlehem.
During the night - Liturgy at the Anastasis in Jerusalem.

Sunday 10th April **BETHLEHEM - DESERT OF JUDEA**

Rest, breakfast followed by free time.
Departure around midday for the Judean desert close to Bethlehem, visit the Monasteries of St Savvas the Sanctified and St Theodosius the Cenobiarch.
Visit the Shepherds' Field (Beit Sahur).
Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

Monday 11th April **BETHLEHEM - HEBRON**

Liturgy in the Grotto of the Nativity.
After breakfast, leave Bethlehem for Hebron (1 hour's journey if the check-point is open). In Hebron visit the tomb of the Patriarchs (if accessible), where according to tradition Sarah and Abraham, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah are buried.
Afterwards visit the Russian monastery of the Holy Trinity (location of the oak of Mamre [Al Battouta] where Abraham planted his tent and conversed with three angels, prefiguring the Trinity).
Possibility of Vespers in the Monastery.
Visit the Monastery of St George at Al Khader on the way back to Bethlehem.
Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

Tuesday 12th April *BETHLEHEM - JERICHO - JORDAN - THE DEAD SEA*

After breakfast, depart for Jericho.

Visit the monastery of St George of Hodzeva, the monastery on the Mount of Temptation (ascent by cablecar from Jericho).

In Jericho visit the church commemorating the meeting of Christ and Zacharias in the Monastery of the Prophet Elisha.

Then depart for the River Jordan, the place of Christ's baptism.

Near the Jordan, visit the monastery of St Gerasimus, where the meeting of St Mary of Egypt and St Zosima is commemorated, also the flight into Egypt.

On the return journey, stop by the Dead Sea (possibility of bathing).

Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

Wednesday 13th April *BETHLEHEM - AIRPORT - PARIS*

After breakfast transfer from the hotel in Bethlehem to the airport.

Return flight Tel Aviv-Paris direct.

Departure: 9:00 from Tel Aviv and arrival in Paris, Roissy at 12:55.

N.B. The programme may be modified before departure or after arrival because of technical problems or unexpected local events. A more up-to-date version will be sent to you before departure.

Conditions

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Price: € 1455

Single room supplement : € 350

- Based upon a dollar - euro exchange rate of 1 \$ = €0,95 and a minimum number of 35 paying guests.
- This sum could be revised 35 days prior to departure depending on the actual number of participants, increase of airport taxes, developments in the price of kerosene and fluctuation in currency conversion.
- The dollar rate accounts for 55-60 % of the cost.
- The price is based on airport taxes as of 30/11/2015.

The price includes

- direct return flight Paris - Tel Aviv
- airport and security taxes
- fuel surcharge €87
- reception services at Tel Aviv Airport
- travel in air-conditioned tourist coach during the trip (except 2 days in Jerusalem)
- 10 breakfasts and 10 dinners
- 4 nights in double rooms (3 star accomodation) in Jerusalem
- 2 nights in double rooms (3 star accomodation) in Nazareth
- 4 nights in double rooms (3 star accomodation) in Bethlehem
- entrance fees to all sights mentioned in the programme
- organisation of the pilgrimage and local guide services based on an agreement with the Israel Ministry of Tourism (Father Yannick)

The price does not include

- travel to and from Charles de Gaulle Airport Paris
- compulsory tips (€15,- p.P. for the whole trip)
- drinks and personal purchases
- lunch (one can easily find places where a quick lunch can be had for €5 or 6)
- entrance fee to the Baths at the Dead Sea (€10,-)
- donations for monasteries, churches etc.
- luggage insurance and travel cancellation insurance (please make your own arrangements with an insurance company of your choice)
- single room supplement of €350

Conditions of cancellation

In case of your cancelling the pilgrimage the following cost will be charged to you:

- up to 90 days prior to departure €100,-
- 89 to 60 days prior to departure 20 % of the total price
- 59 to 30 days prior to departure 30 % of the total price
- 29 to 15 days prior to departure 60 % of the total price
- *less than 14 days prior to departure 100 % of the total price.*

These cancellation fees do not apply if you find a person to take your place. In which case only the fee for changing the name on the flight ticket will be charged, around €60,- .

Every cancellation must be addressed to us in writing and sent by registered mail or e-mail.

Formalities

For French nationals a passport is required, valid for 6 months after the end of the pilgrimage.

No visa is required for French nationals and citizens of the EU or Switzerland provided they stay in Israel less than 3 months.

We will inform you if these regulations change. Other nationals please inquire with your nearest Israeli consulate about immigration rules and regulations.

To process your reservation we need your official name as given in your passport.

- *We do not accept responsibility for any unforeseen events like delays of flights, strikes, changes in flight times and the financial consequences you might occur like extra cost for taxis, hotels, meals, communication etc.*

Payments

***at the time of booking €400,
the remaining balance must be paid no later than 28th February.***

Booking form

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms)

Christian Name

Surname (as it appears on the passport)

Date and Place of birth

Address

Home tel :

Mobile number :

E-mail :

State of health and possible problems

Passport number :

Date and place of issue

Nationality

Parish

Accommodation

Single room (if available)

Double room to share with

Cost of pilgrimage

Per person

€1455.-

Individual room supplement (€350)

Total

€

Deposit paid at time of booking

€ 400

Balance to pay

€

Payment method

by cheque made payable to : Pèlerinage orthodoxe

credit/debit card (please check availability)

bank transfer (please request details)

by Paypal

Please return this booking form with your payment to :

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