



# Holy Land Pilgrimage

## 8-Day Catholic Holy Land Pilgrimage 2025

*Celebrate Mass Daily when a Priest Travels*





# ITINERARY



## Educational Theme

Jesus: His Life, His Times,  
His Land, His Hebrew Faith

Two Units of CEU Credits Available



### Day 1 & 2 - USA to the Holy Land

Your spiritual pilgrimage begins as you depart the USA on an overnight flight. You will be welcomed to the Holy Land by our airport representative and transferred to your Bethlehem hotel. Enjoy dinner before retiring for the night.

### Day 3 - Jericho & Bethlehem

Journey to Jericho (considered the oldest city in the world) to visit the ruins of the ancient city conquered by Joshua (Josh. 6:1). From Jericho, in the distance, you can see the traditional site of the **Temptation of Jesus** (Matt. 4:1). Visit **Qasr el Yahud** and recall the baptism of Christ. In **Bethlehem**, visit the cave revered as Jesus' birthplace, which now resides in the world's oldest functioning church (Matt. 1:18-25). Celebrate **Mass** in **St. Catherine's Church** and gaze out over **Shepherds' Field**, where the angels first proclaimed the Good News.

### Day 4 - Ein Karem, Cana, Emmaus & Nazareth

Travel to Ein Karem, the village where John the Baptist was born and the Virgin Mary visited Elizabeth prior to our Lord's birth (Luke 1:26-40). See the **Church of St. John**, the birthplace of John the Baptist, and celebrate **Mass** at the **Church of the Visitation**. In **Emmaus**, you'll see the traditional site where Jesus appeared to two disciples after His resurrection. Visit the **Franciscan Wedding Church** at **Cana**, the site of Jesus' first miracle as He changed water into wine (John 2). Visit **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home (Matt. 2:23).

### Day 5 - The Galilee

Enjoy beautiful **Capernaum**, the center of Jesus' ministry, and visit the synagogue located on the site where Jesus taught (Matt. 4:13, 23). Sail across the **Sea of Galilee** reflecting on the Gospel stories of Jesus calming the storm. On the **Mount of Beatitudes** (Matt. 5-7), listen to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, and celebrate **Mass** at the **Church of the Beatitudes**. At **Tabgha**, the traditional location of the feeding of the 5,000, visit the **Church of the Loaves and Fish** (Luke 9:10-17). Take a moment to reflect and pray in the **Chapel of the Primacy**, where Peter professed his devotion to the risen Christ (John 21). Continue to Jerusalem for your overnight stay.

### Day 6 - Jerusalem

Be inspired by the breathtaking beauty of **Jerusalem** (the Golden City) as you stand on the **Mount of Olives**, the place from which Jesus ascended into heaven forty days after His resurrection (Acts 1:9-12). Visit the **Church of Pater Noster** before walking the **Palm Sunday road** (time permitting) with a brief stop at the tear-dropped shaped **Dominus Flevit Church**, built on the traditional site where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Then, celebrate





Mass in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed before His crucifixion (Matt. 26:36-44). On Mount Zion, see the House of the High Priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was imprisoned the night of His arrest (Matt. 26:57-65). Nearby is the Upper Room, revered as the location of the Last Supper (Mark 14:12-26). Conclude your day by visiting the Church of the Dormition of Mary.

### Day 7 - Jerusalem and the Old City

Visit the Southern Wall Excavations of the Temple, including the Teaching Steps and the Western Wall. Take a leisurely stroll down the Cardo, the main street of the Old City, where modern shops stand among ancient ones. View the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus performed the Sabbath miracle of healing (John 5:1-31), and sing a hymn in the Church of St. Anne, renowned for its beautiful acoustics. At Herod's Antonia Fortress, see where Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate (Luke 23:1-11). Walk the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, and celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

### Day 8 - Return to the USA

*Some departures may begin in Bethlehem or Jerusalem*



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## You are Invited to a Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

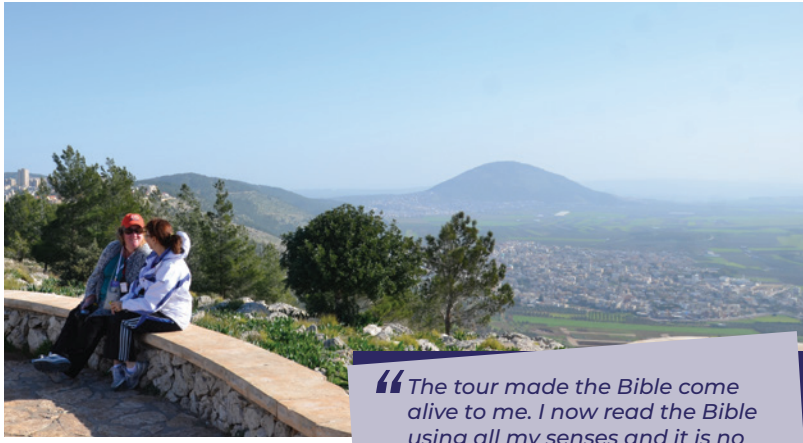


Imagine hearing the Gospels proclaimed, celebrating Mass, and receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in the very places where Jesus was born, was baptized, and lived. When you travel on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with EO Catholic Tours, you'll visit the sacred sites where Jesus ministered, taught, healed, suffered, died, and rose again from the dead.

For 50 years, we have helped priests, deacons and their parishioners, family and friends to affordably experience the Holy Land. Our 10-day pilgrimages include first-class hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, deluxe motorcoaches, professional guides, all entry fees and most gratuities. And, when a priest travels with your group, you'll celebrate Mass in Bethlehem, on the Mount of Beatitudes, in Jerusalem's Garden of Gethsemane, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and in the small village where Mary visited Elizabeth and John the Baptist was born.

We invite priests and deacons to expand their discipleship ministry by hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Individuals are welcome to join any of our clergy hosted groups on a 10-day Catholic pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Check the out the dates on the back of this brochure or our webpage. Contact our guest advocates to see if there is a group planning to travel on your preferred date. Call 800-247-0017, ext. 590 to find out more about an EO Catholic Pilgrimage.





*“The tour made the Bible come alive to me. I now read the Bible using all my senses and it is no longer in black and white.”*  
- Christy H.



**PROGRAM CONDITIONS**

**INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

- Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing
- Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & dinner daily • Hotel gratuities
- Program fees • Administrative Fee • One-year membership to Museum of the Bible • Fuel surcharges \$600
- Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

- Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure
- Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees
- Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents
- Visa for non-US citizens • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$698 during the basic tour.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Payment	Amount	Payment Due Dates & Notes
Initial Deposit	\$300	Due upon registration.
Second Deposit	\$1,500	115 days prior to departure.
Full Deposit	\$1,800	Payment received between 115-76 days prior to departure must pay the full deposit amount and may be subject to late registration fees.
Full Payment		75 days prior to departure. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection Amount		The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 115 days prior to departure to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

**REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED less than 115 days prior to departure:**

We welcome registrations after 115 days prior to departure. Registrations received between 114-90 days prior will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 89-75 days prior will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 74-60 days prior will incur a \$400 per person fee. Registrations received 59 days prior to departure or later will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

**CANCELLATION FEES:**

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. In addition, cancellation fees for Nile Cruise are: 59-31 days = 25% of extension cost; 30-0 days = 100%. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

**STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

**EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements.** Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. EOT reserves the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by EOT, and EOT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of EOT, EOT will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

**FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:**

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of EOT, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please see [ecatholic.com/fit-to-travel-statement](http://ecatholic.com/fit-to-travel-statement) or contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

**PASSPORT INFORMATION:**

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 115 days prior to your trip. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger.

**PRICE INCREASES:**

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

**AIRLINE ROUTES AND TICKETS:**

In order to keep prices low, EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact guest services for further details.

**FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:**

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines.

**ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:**

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit [ecatholic.com/travel-info/airline-fees](http://ecatholic.com/travel-info/airline-fees).

**ON OWN DEVIATIONS:**

On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

**ITINERARY CHANGES:**

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While EOT will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

**VALIDITY DATE:**

This brochure is valid until **04/19/24**. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at [www.ec.travel](http://www.ec.travel). Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

**RELEASE INFORMATION:**

Payment of deposit indicates permission for EOT or its agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which EOT or its agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies EOT in writing prior to departure.

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Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000	\$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	\$299	\$4501 to \$5000	\$499	\$6501 to \$7000	\$699
\$1001 to \$1500	\$149	\$3001 to \$3500	\$349	\$5001 to \$5500	\$549	\$7001 to \$8000	\$799
\$1501 to \$2000	\$199	\$3501 to \$4000	\$399	\$5501 to \$6000	\$599	\$8001 to \$9000	\$899
\$2001 to \$2500	\$249	\$4001 to \$4500	\$449	\$6001 to \$6500	\$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	\$999

**Schedule of Coverages**

Schedule of Coverages	Maximum Benefit
Part A - Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost
Part B - Trip Interruption	Trip Cost
Missed Connection	\$500
Trip Delay (Up to 10 days & up to \$150 Per Day)	\$1,500
Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation	\$50,000
Accident and Sickness Medical Expense	\$25,000
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation	\$50,000
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Baggage and Personal Effects	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	\$200

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