

# Pilgrimage to Israel - The Holy Land



## March 10 - 19, 2024

Depart/Return U.S.

You are invited to join Father Dan Bachner as he visits the places where Jesus was born and lived, preached and healed, died and rose. We will celebrate Mass each day at one of the churches that recalls the events of Jesus' life and ministry. We will renew our baptismal vows in the Jordan River, sail on the Sea of Galilee, float in the Dead Sea, carry a cross through the streets of Jerusalem as we follow the Way of the Cross of that first Good Friday, and married couples will renew their marriage vows in Cana. What an experience to walk in the footsteps of Jesus! Along with its pastoral beauty of the ages, silvery-green olive trees still dot the ancient and beautiful landscape. This is an opportunity to renew your mind, spirit and faith. Is Jesus calling you to be part of this trip of a lifetime?



**Fr. Dan Bachner**

Fr. Dan Bachner is a priest of the Joliet Diocese and is presently serving as Pastor of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Naperville. He has also served as Pastor of Resurrection Parish in Wayne and Pastoral Administrator of St. Peter and Paul in Naperville.

Father Dan has led previous pilgrimages to the Holy Land, Lourdes, Fatima, Spain and Italy. He is excited to lead his second Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He has a rich sense of scripture and a deep love for Jesus, Mary and all the Saints of God. He is looking forward to celebrating Mass at all the holy shrines, and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

**Space is limited to one coach –  
reserve early!**

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**\$4999 p.p. double**

*\$900.00 Single Supplement*

### **Tour Includes:**

- **Airfare from Chicago in Economy Class**  
*Premium & Business upon request at additional cost.*  
*Subject to availability ~ Requests must be in by August 1, 2023.*
- **8 Night's Accommodations -1<sup>st</sup> Class Hotels**
- **Breakfast & Dinner Daily**
- **Sightseeing as outlined in itinerary**
- **Baggage handling, taxes and fuel surcharge**
- **Gratuities to guides, driver and hotel staff**
- **Sightseeing in deluxe motor coach with a professional English-speaking tour guide.**
- **Personal Earphone**
- **Boat ride across Sea of Galilee**
- **Complimentary St. Peter's Fish Lunch**
- **Farewell Dinner on last evening in Israel**
- **Pilgrims' Guidebook**
- **Hosted by Fr. Dan Bachner**
- **Escorted by Marge Santo with a minimum of 20 passengers**

## **Day-by-Day Itinerary**

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** - Depart Chicago on our way to Tel Aviv, Israel.

**Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** - Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport where an AMI Travel representative greets us and gives us an introduction about the forthcoming trip - Travel North via the Lower Galilee valleys to our hotel in Nazareth for dinner and overnight stay.

**Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** - Tour the Sea of Galilee. Celebrate Mass on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Explore Capernaum and Simon Peter's house. Ascend the Mount of the Beatitudes - site of the Sermon on the Mount. Visit to Tabgha - the site of the Feeding of the Multitudes and the Church of St. Peter's Primacy. Continue to the newly excavated Magdala. Enjoy a lunch of St. Peter's Fish. We shall end the day sailing across the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth. (Evening Procession)

**Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** - Ascend to the top of Mount Tabor - the site of the Transfiguration - where we celebrate Mass. Continue through the Valley of Armageddon to Mt. Carmel- where the Prophet Elijah confronted the pagan priests (1st Kings 18). Drive to Cana - where we shall renew our marriage vows. Walk through "old town" Nazareth; the synagogue where Jesus stood to proclaim and preach the stirring words of Isaiah (Luke 4:16-27). End the day at the Basilica of the Annunciation - home of the Virgin and one of the largest churches in the Middle East. Dinner and overnight in Galilee.

**Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** - Start the day by celebrating Mass in Nazareth at the magnificent Church of the Annunciation built on top of the Virgin Mary's house. On to Caesarea where Paul was imprisoned and Cornelius baptized, see the Roman Theater, the aqueduct, and the Crusader ruins. Continue via the Coast to the ancient Port City of Jafa to see St. Peter's Church atop the House of Simon the Tanner. Drive via "Road to Emmaus" to ascend to the Holy City Jerusalem for dinner - overnight Jerusalem.

**Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** - Begin our journey in nearby Bethlehem to visit the ancient Church of Nativity where we shall celebrate Mass. Enjoy your shopping in a Bethlehem bazaar and later visit Manger Square and the beautiful Shepherds' Fields. Return to Jerusalem to explore Mt. Zion: David's Tomb, the Room of the Last Supper, and the Dormition Abbey - site of the Assumption of the Virgin. Dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem.

**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** - Early morning Mass inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Walk Inside the Old City of Jerusalem to St Anne the Pool of Bethesda. Walk the Stations of the Cross; visit the various quarters and the underground excavations. See the Temple ruins and the Western Wall amidst the buildings of old Jerusalem. End the day at St Peter in Gallicantu (cock-crowing) built over the palace of the High Priest Caiaphas. Dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem.

**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** - Morning Mass at the Cenacle followed by our journey to the lowest point on Earth; the Dead Sea area. Renew baptismal vows at the Jordan River. Continue to Masada, the site of the Jewish zealots' last stand against the Romans. See the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, and enjoy a floating experience in the Dead Sea. Visit Jericho to view Zacheus's Tree, Elisha's spring next to the Mount of Temptation. Dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem. (Evening Western Wall Tunnels)

**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**. Morning Mass in the Garden of Gethsemane. Continue to Mt of Olives: Chapel of Ascension and Palm Sunday Road. Afternoon visit to the birthplace of St John the Baptist and view the site of the Visitation. Farewell dinner on our last night in the Holy Land.

**Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** - Morning transfer to the Airport for our fight back home. Same day arrival to Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

~Itinerary subject to change~

## **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**DEPOSIT:** \$800.00 per person (check only), insurance premium, if chosen (non-refundable) along with completed Reservation Form and copy of passport valid for six months from return date. Reservations will not be confirmed until a copy of your passport is received.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Due November 10, 2023

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE & MAIL TO:** Viking Travel Service, 700 E. Ogden Avenue, Suite 106, Westmont, IL 60559.

**FORM OF PAYMENT:** For insurance and final payment, checks or credit card. Note: Credit cards will be assessed a 3% processing fee.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Cancellation/travel insurance, airline baggage fees, expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport fees, and entrance fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, beverages not included in meals, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned.

**DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:** Valid Passport – must be valid for 6 months from return date. Names on reservations must match passports. Copy of passport required. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - MUST contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Premium and Business Class air is available but limited. Requests must be in by August 1st, 2023. Seat requests cannot be guaranteed however every effort will be made to accommodate seat requests. Subject to baggage rules and restrictions. Note: Rate & taxes subject to change until trip is paid in full and air is ticketed.

**DOMESTIC AIRFARE:** For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, we strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

**TOUR MINIMUM:** Minimum 20 passengers for tour to operate.

**CANCELLATION/TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend travel insurance. The optional travel insurance coverage covers trip cancellation for covered medical reason, interruption, accident, baggage and medical and covered unforeseen circumstances. As with all insurance policies, cost is non-refundable and subject to change at any time. Travel insurance will protect you from the penalties listed below. Insurance is based on a minimum of 10 passengers.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** If you must cancel, the following per person penalties apply. Without exception, all cancellations must be in writing (letter, fax or email) to Viking Travel Service and are effective the date of receipt. Any unused portions of the package are non-refundable. No shows or no written notice will result in 100% penalty.

**Date of Deposit to: November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, \$800pp + insurance premium is non-refundable.**  
**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to date of departure: 100% of total charges.**

### **Travel Guard Deluxe Group Plan Insurance Coverage**

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Maximum Benefits</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Maximum Benefits</u>
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost	Medical Expenses	\$20,000
Trip Interruption	125% Trip Cost	Emergency Medical Transportation	\$50,000
Travel Delay	\$500 (Maximum of \$150 per day)	Baggage Delay	\$500
Missed Connection	\$500	Baggage & Personal Effects Loss	\$1,000

#### **Group Insurance Coverage Amount/Per Person**

\$4999 Double Occupancy Rate: \$360 pp

\$5899 Single Occupancy Rate: \$425 pp



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**RESERVATION FORM**

Please indicate: \_\_\_\_\_ \$4999.00 pp., Double Occupancy \_\_\_\_\_ \$360.00 Insurance per person, Double  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$5899.00 Single Occupancy \_\_\_\_\_ \$425.00 Insurance, Single Occupancy

**IMPORTANT: Please use legal names as it appears on your passport. Also send in a copy of your passport with your reservation form and deposit.**

**Passenger 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title First Middle Last

Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Can we text you? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Method of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dietary or physical restrictions we should be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be celebrating a special occasion? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Occasion/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (not traveling with you): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Roommate name if not traveling with spouse:** \_\_\_\_\_ (fill out separate form)

**Passenger 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title First Middle Last

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Can we text you? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Method of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dietary or physical restrictions we should be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be celebrating a special occasion? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Occasion/Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposit:** Enclosed is \$800.00 per person deposit for \_\_\_\_\_ Person(s) Plus Insurance. **Deposit amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance:** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I have included my insurance Insurance amount for name 1. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance amount for name 2. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I decline the offered insurance

***Opt out of special group insurance.***

By opting out, client is aware that they will not be protected against the cancellation charges, nor will they have any insurance protection while traveling.

**Total amount enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card Payments:** \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Master Card \_\_\_\_\_ American Express NOTE: Credit cards will be assessed a 3% fee.

Name of card holder: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Viking Travel Service Terms and Conditions

**Reservation is not confirmed until this form is signed and received by Viking Travel Service.**

**Participation agreement:** The purchase/payment of any travel services offered constitutes a contractual arrangement between the Traveler ("you") and Viking Travel Service and its suppliers. As the lead traveler, you accept, and confirm you have authority and consent to accept, all Terms & Conditions for yourself and all members of your traveling party.

**Deposit:** The required deposit is due at time of booking along with signed Reservation Form and Terms and Conditions Form.

**Final payment:** Reservations are subject to cancellation and late fee if final payment is not received by the due date. Rebooking's are subject to availability and new pricing. Subject to currency fluctuations until paid in full.

**Payments:** All credit card charges are subject to 3% non-refundable fee.

**Required Documentation:** All bookings are subject to the proper documentation required for travel. I.e.: driver's license, valid passport, visa, tourist card. It is the responsibility of the traveler to provide such documentation for booking and for travel. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from return date. All travelers must provide emergency contact details prior to travel.

**Airline Reservations:** Viking Travel Service is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. Routings are not guaranteed and are subject to change at any time. Seat assignments and upgrades may or may not be available and subject to additional fees. All airline terms and conditions, including baggage, departure taxes and fees and increases beyond our control are applicable. Frequent flyer miles may or may not be earned. Clients must retain boarding passes for any disputes.

**Change/Deviations:** In addition to any airline or tour/cruise-imposed change fees, an administrative fee of \$50 per person will be charged. Deviations are subject to availability. May not be applicable on group bookings. **Note:** Prices quoted during an inquiry cannot be guaranteed.

**Insurance Protection:** Optional insurance protection will be offered. Insurance is non-refundable and rates and features, are subject to change at any time.

**Cancellation Policy:** All cancellations must be received in writing and subject to penalties outlined.

**Documents:** Printed documents are subject to a \$35 shipping cost.

**Notice:** While every effort will be made to adhere to the specifics shown in this or any other publication, certain circumstances may necessitate alterations, therefore; all fares, taxes, fuel surcharges, schedules, hours of arrival and departure and all other information contained herein are subject to change. During local or national holidays or special events, peak seasons, on Sundays, and during religious occasions, certain facilities such as museums, churches, restaurants, sightseeing tours, hotels, and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered whenever possible. Viking Travel cannot be held responsible for any closures, necessary itinerary changes, or curtails for any reason. Accommodations outside the United States of America may not accommodate wheelchairs or be wheelchair accessible. The Americans with Disabilities Act is not applicable outside the United States of America. Room and bed preferences are not guaranteed. Check-in times vary worldwide/and cannot be guaranteed. Air-conditioning in hotels is not guaranteed and dependent upon local and national laws and regulations. Though hotels may have air-conditioning as a listed amenity, the usage of air-conditioning is often not available at night or in the off-seasons (October–May). Other restrictions may apply. Any unused portions of the package are non-refundable. **Force Majeure-** Viking Travel Service assumes no liability for any loss, damage, or entry of any nature in whole or in part resulting from an Act of God or any other force majeure condition, including, without limitation: fire, volcanic eruption, environmental pollution or contamination, inclement weather, earthquake, low or high water levels, flood, water or power shortages or failures, tropical storms or hurricanes, riots or civil commissions or disturbances, and any other acts of a similar nature, sabotage, arrests, strikes or labor disruptions, bankruptcy, restraint of rulers or peoples, expropriations, acts of terrorism, war, insurrection, pandemic, quarantine restrictions, government health advisories, or warnings or alerts of any kind of nature, government seizures, refusal or cancellation or suspension or delay of any government authority or any license, permit or authorization, damages to its facilities or the travel supplier and its facilities, or any other unforeseen circumstances or any other factors unforeseen by Viking Travel Service that impacts negatively on, or hamper, its ability to fulfill any of its contractual conditions. In the event that any of these conditions apply, Viking Travel Service shall be excused, discharged, and released from performance to the extent such performance is so limited or prevented, without liability of any kind. 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Viking Travel Service is not liable for any personal effects, same being the sole responsibility of the owner at all times. Payment constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Viking Travel Service or the organizer, accept no responsibility for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, bankruptcy, weather or any other cause beyond their personal control. No carrier shall be responsible for any act, omission or events during the time passengers are not on board its own conveyance. The right is reserved to cancel or change itineraries or substitute services without notice and to decline to accept or retain any passenger at any time. In view of statutory or contractual limitations that may apply to personal injury or property damage losses the purchase of accident, medical and baggage insurance is strongly recommended. It is understood that I have requested Viking Travel Service to arrange bookings on my behalf. As the worldwide COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic remains ongoing at this time, I acknowledge that for this reason, and other reasons not reasonably foreseeable at this time, these travel plans may be interrupted or cancelled by the supplier that is providing them, a government entity or other third party over which Agency has no control. I further acknowledge that the supplier's own cancellation, rebooking and refund policies, subject to any applicable law that is now or may later be in effect, will govern my rights and remedies, including my right to receive a refund, in such an event. Moreover, I understand that should I elect to purchase travel insurance, the terms of the policy will dictate whether, and to what extent, coverage for any financial loss may exist under the circumstances. By signing below, I hereby agree to hold Agency harmless and release it from any and all liability for any damages, including but not limited to monetary losses, I may incur as a result of such interruption or cancellation of these travel plans.

Tour/Cruise: \_\_\_\_\_ Travel Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) have read, understand and do accept all the terms and conditions of this tour.