

Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Travel Dates: February 17, 2022 – February 27, 2022

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

How much is the deposit at the time of registration?

A \$500.00 deposit is required per person to secure your space on the pilgrimage.

When is the final balance due?

On or before November 30, 2021

Do I need a Passport/Visa?

Yes, a valid passport with at least 6 months remaining upon entry to Israel is mandatory (i.e. expiration date of August 17, 2022 or later). A Visa is not required for United States citizens.

**Please double check your passport expiration date.*

What if my passport has expired or I need to apply for one?

Please visit www.travel.state.gov.com and click on passports. Please note current routine service can take up to 18 weeks and expedited service can take up to 12 weeks.

During online registration if you do not have a passport, please indicate in the field “applied.”

Do I need to be vaccinated to enter Israel?

Yes, in order to enter Israel a COVID19 vaccine is mandatory. Israel recognizes all American vaccines, Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson and Johnson. A vaccine card must be presented at Ben Guiron airport upon arrival.

Should I purchase travel insurance?

Yes, travel insurance is required and must include coronavirus medical. Please check with your insurance agent for the best policy.

Some recommended insurance companies in the past have included HTH Worldwide, Trawick International, Tin Leg Insurance, Seven Corners Insurance. Its best to purchase your travel insurance within 15 days of making your deposit in order to add coverage to the same plan if necessary.

I plan to purchase the Land Only package and arrange my own flights, where do I meet the group?

If you are planning to arrange your own flights to Israel, please ensure your flight arrives ahead of the group flight. After you gather your luggage, please proceed to the lobby area where the guide and bus driver will meet us.

I'm traveling by myself and need a roommate. How will I be paired up?

Individuals who need a roommate will be paired up at the pilgrims meeting set for Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 3pm in Conference Room AB. We have found once people have an opportunity to meet in person the pairing of roommates comes together more easily.

Do you offer business class seats?

There is a limited number of business class seats and will be on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Patricia Garcia at patricia@stmonica.net.

Questions regarding seat selection, upgrades and Frequent Flyer Bookings?

We are unable to accommodate deviations from the group flight itinerary, specific seat assignments, seat upgrades and bookings using "frequent flyer" program points are not possible within the terms of our group airline contract. If these items are important to you, please select the "Land Only" package.

**St. Monica will do our best to work with Turkish in fulfilling seat requests but cannot guarantee it.*

What is Turkish Airlines Baggage Allowance?

Economy class = 1 checked bag (44lbs.), 1 cabin bag (17lbs) and one personal item.

Business class = 2 checked bags (44lbs. each), 2 cabin bags (17lbs. each) and one personal item.

Can I earn United Mileage on Turkish Airlines?

Yes, please provide your United Mileage Plus number or any of the 26 airline partners (including Turkish Airlines Miles&Smiles program) participating in the Star Alliance network at the time of online registration or soon thereafter by emailing Patricia Garcia at patricia@stmonica.net. For a complete list of participating airlines visit the Star Alliance network at www.staralliance.com.

Is there a lot of walking?

The pilgrimage involves a good amount of walking on cobblestone streets and uneven pavement, including archeological sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this pilgrimage to its fullest.

What can I expect from the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land?

A time to refresh our souls in walking in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

I've registered, received my confirmation and paid my deposit. What's next?

A pilgrims informational meeting is set for Sunday, January 9, 2021 at 3pm in Conference Room AB. You will meet team members and Msgr. Torgerson will provide an overview of the itinerary and explain more about each site and what you can expect along the journey. After the meeting, all are invited to attend the 5:30pm Mass where pilgrims will receive a commissioning/blessing.