



# Cuaresma en Tierra Santa Pilgrimage

March 10 – 20, 2023 – 11 Days

\$4,999 from Austin (Land Only \$3,412)

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**Friday, March 10 - Day 1 - DEPART** – Today we depart Austin to connect with our overnight flight to Tel Aviv. We enjoy in-flight movies and dinner and breakfast aloft.

**Saturday, March 11 - Day 2 - TEL AVIV** - We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport Tel Aviv and transfer to our hotel near Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight.

**Sunday, March 12 - Day 3 - TIBERIAS** - We depart our hotel for Caesarea along the Mediterranean and visit the Roman and Crusader remains. We continue to Mt. Carmel, where we visit the site of Elijah's confrontation with the priests of Baal. We continue to Nazareth and walk through the local bazaars. Following personal prayer time, we celebrate Mass at the Church of the Annunciation, where the Word became Flesh! Before checking in to our hotel on the shores of the Galilee for dinner and overnight, we go to the village of Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle, where our married couples renew their wedding vows.

**Monday, March 13 - Day 4 - TIBERIAS** - This morning we enjoy a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to the seaside village of Kibbutz Ginosar to view the historic archaeological discovery of "The Jesus Boat." On to Capernaum, where we see the remains of the village synagogue and the new church built atop St. Peter's house. We go to the Mount of Beatitudes, where we have time for personal meditation in the beautiful gardens. We visit Tabgha and the Franciscan Church of St. Peter's Primacy, where Jesus made His appearance after the resurrection. We celebrate Mass at the Benedictine Basilica of the Loaves and Fishes. This afternoon we drive to Mt. Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration, where we have a time of personal prayer, then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Tuesday, March 14 - Day 5 - JERUSALEM** - This morning we visit the Jordan, where we renew our Baptismal promises. On route to Judea, we stop at the newly excavated Roman ruins at Beth Shean, then along the Jordan Valley visiting Jericho and view the Mount of Temptation. We travel to Bethany and visit Lazarus' tomb and the Church of Martha and Mary where we celebrate Mass. Finally, we make our thrilling entry into Jerusalem before arriving at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Wednesday, March 15 - Day 6 - JERUSALEM** - This morning we visit the place of the Ascension and pass by the Church of the Pater Noster. We view the beautiful City of Jerusalem from the Mt. of Olives. We walk down the hill to Dominus Flevit Chapel, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem and on to the Garden of Gethsemane, where we have time for personal prayer and celebrate Mass at the Church of All Nations. Following lunch, we continue to the New City passing by the Knesset and Hebrew University. We return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Thursday, March 16 - Day 7 - ABU GOSH/ BETHLEHEM** – This morning, we drive to nearby Abu Gosh where we visit the newly opened Saxum Visitor Center where we can learn a great deal about the history of Jerusalem and using interactive technology, we can better understand what we have and will see during our pilgrimage. This afternoon, following lunch on our own, we drive to Bethlehem, The House of Bread, to visit the Church of the Nativity that commemorates the birth of Christ. We visit the Manger, Crusader's Cloister, and the Grotto of St.

Jerome. We continue to Shepherd's Field where we celebrate the Christmas Mass. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Friday, March 17 - Day 8 - JERUSALEM** - This morning, we drive along the Kidron Valley stopping at St. Peter in Gallicantu (The Cock Crows), where Jesus was held in the house of the High Priest Caiaphas. We celebrate Mass here. We continue to Mt. Zion to visit the tomb of King David, the Church of Dormition and pray in the Upper Room. We enter the Old City through the Zion Gate making our way to the Western (Wailing) Wall. We also see the Cardo and the remains of Hezekiah's wall. We return to the Judean wilderness first visiting the excavations at Qumran, the home of the Essenes connected with John the Baptist and the Dead Sea Scrolls. Weather permitting; we enjoy an opportunity to swim in the salty, yet clear waters of the Dead Sea, the lowest place. (Swim lockers not included.) On our return to Jerusalem, we pass by the traditional site of the Inn of the Good Samaritan. We return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Saturday, March 18 - Day 9 - JERUSALEM** – This morning, we enter the Old City through Lion's Gate, where we prayerfully walk the Stations of The Cross along the Via Dolorosa concluding at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and if possible, celebrate Mass. Afterwards, we visit Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos, Arch of Ecce Homo, and the Convent of the Sisters of Zion. We conclude at the Church of St. Ann (Mary's mother) and the Pool of Bethesda. Following lunch on our own, we are free this afternoon for shopping and personal adventure. Afterwards we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Sunday, March 19 - St. Joseph - Day 10 - JERUSALEM** – This morning we celebrate Mass and then drive to the Israel Museum where a Model of Jerusalem as it was in the time of Jesus ministry is found and where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. Our last visit here is to Yad Vashem – The Holocaust Memorial. Following lunch on our own, we continue to Ein Karem, where John the Baptist was born, and Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth to utter the words of the Magnificat. Overnight at our hotel.

**Monday, March 20 - Day 11 - USA** – Early this morning, we head to Ben Gurion Airport to board our flight home arriving later today with unforgettable memories to cherish always. Knowing we have walked in the footsteps of Jesus and the early Christians bring new meaning to our Scripture reading and celebration of Mass.

"Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us! Go to [www.Unitours.com/questions](http://www.Unitours.com/questions)."



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Please reserve \_\_\_ seats on this Cuaresma en Tierra Santa Pilgrimage – March 10-20, 2023

Enclosed please find deposit of \$500 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until September 20, 2023, or later.)

Name(s) as appears on passport

My Roommate:

Address:

City, State & Zip

Telephone:

Email address:

Name(s) to use on nametags

\_\_\_ Please assign a roommate (if available)

\_\_\_ I prefer a single room – 1,267 supplement and limited in number.

\_\_\_ I/we wish to purchase optional travel insurance starting at \$237 now in order to cover preexisting conditions. (See “Travel Insurance” on pilgrimage terms for price and details.)

\_\_\_ I/we prefer a land only trip at \$3,412. (Note, transfers to/from airport not included)

Charge my deposit to \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_ Amex \_\_\_ Discover

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**I understand that certain charges such as air taxes, fuel surcharges and rates of exchange can affect the final cost and I agree to pay such costs should adjustments be necessary. I have read and understand the Deposit and Cancellation Fees.**

Signature

**TOTAL TOUR PRICE:** The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect July 20, 2022. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 30 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

**PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:** A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas but may require COVID vaccination for the country or countries being visited. Passport MUST be valid until September 20, 2023, or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** International flight reservations are being held on Lufthansa and United Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued, carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-TRANSFERABLE AND NON-REFUNDABLE. Any requests to change a ticket once issued will incur a reissue fee of \$200 plus any fare differential will apply. Cancellation of air seat within 90 days of departure will incur a \$200 penalty.

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

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$1,267 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

**MEALS:** Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, portage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$194 plus current fuel surcharges of \$598 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$98 ARE NOT INCLUDED. One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

**DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS:** A deposit of \$500 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than December 9, 2022. Final payments received by Unitours after this date must include a \$25 late payment fee.

(This does not apply for new reservations made within 45 days of departure.) Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include full payment. Amex, Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted with signed reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final payment due date including insurance. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days prior to departure - - \$400 administration fee (charged to deposit) plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 31 days prior to departure - - \$400 administration fee plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. No refund for cancellations received within 30 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc.

**Total cost & tips MUST be paid to Unitours by December 9, 2022 | Costó total y propinas DEBEN ser pagados a Unitours a más tardar el 9 de diciembre, 2022.**

**BANK FEE:** A fee of \$50 will be charged for any check that is returned to us for insufficient or unavailable funds.

**DEVIATIONS:** A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Optional Travel Insurance is strongly recommended for your trip. See [www.Unitours.com/TravelInsurance](http://www.Unitours.com/TravelInsurance) for full details including optional Cancel for any reason coverage. (NOT AVAILABLE FOR NEW YORK RESIDENTS.) Cost of travel insurance for this trip starts at 237. To cover preexisting conditions, insurance must be purchased with your reservation. (See reservation form). If paying by check, add insurance cost to your deposit. Insurance can also be purchased at the time of your final payment.

**LAND ARRANGEMENTS:** The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen emergencies.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Unitours, Inc., the organizer, and their representatives act only as agents for the tour members in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, sightseeing, restaurants or any other services in connection with the itinerary. They will exercise reasonable care in making such arrangements, however, they do not assume any liability whatsoever, for any injury, damage, loss, accident or delay to person or property because of any acts of war or terrorism, any act of default of any hotel, carrier, restaurant, company or person rendering any of the services included in the tours. The tickets, coupons, tariffs, rules or contracts currently in use by any carrier, hotel, restaurant or other contractor rendering services shall constitute the sole contract between such contractor and the tour member.

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