



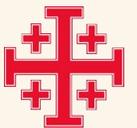
# GO IN PEACE TO THE HOLY LAND

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, WITH THE CHRISTIANS OF HIS HOMELAND

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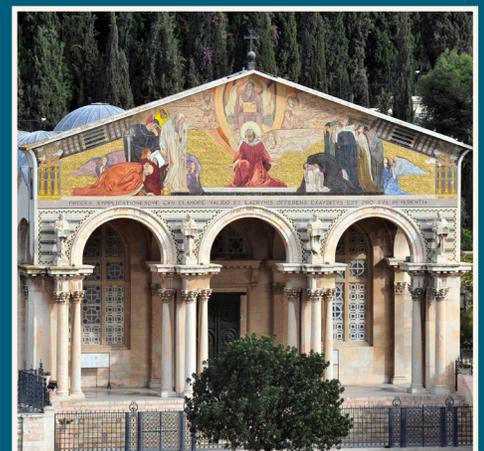
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A Pilgrimage of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem  
Western USA Lieutenancy



**14 Days: December 26, 2026 to January 8, 2027**

*Land Only Program ~ Airfare Not Included*



# AN INVITATION TO JOIN US



*Rev. Felix Just, SJ*

Dear Friends and Pilgrims;

This Christmastime, we invite you to join us on a pilgrimage to the birthplace and the homeland of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

The Holy Land is often called “the Living Bible” or “the Fifth Gospel”, since walking in the land Jesus called home helps us see him with fresh eyes and love him more intimately, to understand his teachings more clearly, and to follow him more whole-heartedly. For many centuries, Christians have visited the Holy Land to see where Jesus was born and lived, and where he taught and healed. For millennia, pilgrims have yearned to encounter the places

of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Imagine yourself as a contemporary pilgrim, walking in the footsteps of Jesus: in Nazareth, his childhood home; in other villages along the Sea of Galilee, where his ministry began; and in Jerusalem, where it came to its culmination. After celebrating Christmas Day at home, what might it be like for you to be in the place of Gabriel’s annunciation, the site of Mary’s visit with Elizabeth, the field of the Bethlehem shepherds, and the most ancient church of continuous worship in the world - the grotto of Jesus’ birth? Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, tells us that a pilgrimage to the Holy Land is not only the “Fifth Gospel”, but also the “Eighth Sacrament, because it allows you to experience an encounter with Jesus, physically, that you can touch...”

For centuries, pilgrims have also come to the Holy Land to honor the places where the first Christian communities developed, and where the descendants of Jesus’ first followers live to this day. These contemporary “living stones” (1 Peter 2:4-5) continue to welcome pilgrims with hospitality, and to bear witness to the Gospel in the challenging circumstances of their lives. In this unsettling time marked by division, pilgrims go to the Holy Land in solidarity with the indigenous Christians there, who speak precious, rare words of unity, forgiveness and peace. We go to give our heartfelt support to the extraordinary work of the Church there, serving *all* God’s beloved people.

What better place than the home of the Prince of Peace to reconnect us with our faith and hope in God’s sustaining love?

We invite you to join us on this 15-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land during the Christmas season of 2026-2027. Together, we’ll not only visit many of the sites that we hear about in the Scriptures, but will have opportunities to read and reflect on the Bible, and to pray, talk, eat, laugh, explore, and learn together. Each day, we will celebrate Mass at a sacred site associated with Jesus’ life.

This brochure gives you the detailed itinerary of our pilgrimage. Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible! We hope you can join us on this profound spiritual journey, exploring the homeland of Jesus, reflecting on the Word of God, being Gospel messengers of peace, and being inspired and renewed.

Shalom – Salaam – Peace to you, and to everyone!



*Ms. Gail Gresser*

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# OUR DAILY ITINERARY

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## **DAY 1, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26: DEPART THE USA UNDER INDEPENDENT AIRLINE ARRANGEMENTS**

Because our pilgrimage is being sold exclusively on a land-only basis, each traveler will book their own airline arrangements. Fr. Felix and Gail will share information about their own booked flights, so travelers who wish to book the same flights can do so.

## **DAY 2, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27: ARRIVE IN TEL AVIV**

We arrive at Tel Aviv airport under independent airline arrangements and meet our Catholic Travel Centre guide, Maher Nahhas, who will accompany us throughout our pilgrimage. We will arrange one group transfer to the hotel. Passengers arriving at other times are advised to take a taxi to our hotel in Tel Aviv. We gather in a meeting room at the hotel before dinner, for introduction and orientation. (D)

*Note: Those parties wishing to arrive a day earlier in Tel Aviv will need to book their own reservation for this pre-night. If you want to book a pre-night, to avoid having to change your room, please make your reservation in the room category reserved for the group: Hotel: METROPOLITAN. Room Category: Superior room.*

## **DAY 3, MONDAY, DECEMBER 28: TEL AVIV, JAFFA, CAESAREA, MOUNT PRECIPICE, AND NAZARETH**

After breakfast and checkout, we walk through ancient Jaffa (Joppa) where Peter stayed with Simon the Tanner, raised Tabitha from the dead, and received a vision that led him to accept Cornelius' invitation to come to Caesarea (Acts 9–11). We celebrate Mass in St. Peter's Church. We then visit the harbor, Simon the Tanner's house, and enjoy the views of Tel Aviv and the Mediterranean Sea.

Our bus next takes us to Caesarea Maritima, the historic port on the Mediterranean, built by Herod the Great. Caesarea is the site of the baptism of Cornelius, the visits of Peter and Paul, and Paul's two-year imprisonment. We view the remains of the ancient Roman theater, harbor, and aqueduct. Lunch follows at a local restaurant.

As we approach Nazareth, we stop at Mount Precipice, traditionally identified as the place where the people of Nazareth attempted to throw Jesus off the cliff after he preached in their synagogue (Luke 4:28–30).

We then enter Nazareth, the home village of Mary and Joseph, where Jesus lived as a child, learned a trade, and grew to adulthood (Matthew 2:23). Today it is a predominantly Arab Israeli city and has the largest Christian community in all the Holy Land. We check in to the Legacy Hotel, where we enjoy dinner. (B, L, D)

## **DAY 4, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29: NAZARETH: VISIT OF THE SITES AND TABOR**

After breakfast at our hotel, we visit the excavations of a first-century street of Nazareth. We then walk to the Basilica of the Annunciation, traditionally identified as the site of Gabriel's appearance to Mary, where we celebrate Mass. Afterward, we explore the adjacent St. Joseph's Church.

We enjoy a first-century lunch in Nazareth Village, a well-researched and fairly accurate replica of how Nazareth looked during Jesus' lifetime. Later this afternoon, we visit Mount Tabor, the site of Jesus' Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–8).

When we return to Nazareth, we have some free time to explore, spend more time in the Basilica, or perhaps visit Mary's Well. Dinner is at our accommodations. (B, L, D)

## **DAY 5, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30: NAZARETH, SEPPHORIS, CANA, AND TABGHA**

After breakfast and checkout, we celebrate Mass at the Synagogue Church, a crusader-era church built where the synagogue of Jesus' time was thought to be, the site where he proclaimed his mission (Luke 4:16–30).

Departing Nazareth, we visit the ruins of Sepphoris, the capital and most important city of Galilee at the time of Jesus. There we view the remains of the amphitheater, the mosaics, and the Cardo—the ancient Roman road. Joseph and Jesus very likely came here to work; it is within walking distance of Nazareth, so they would have known this city well.

We stop for our (included) lunch at the nearby Sindyanna Fair Trade Visitors' Center, an innovative peace-building cooperative of Jewish and Palestinian women. We travel on to Cana, where Jesus, a guest at a wedding party, performed his first sign at the request of his mother (John 2:1–11). We pray together at the Franciscan chapel, where our married pilgrims may renew their vows.

By evening, we arrive at the Pilgerhaus in Tabgha, our Benedictine Guest House along the Sea of Galilee, where we enjoy dinner. (B, L, D)

## **DAY 6, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31: TABGHA: CAPERNAUM, BOAT RIDE, PETER'S PRIMACY, AND MOUNT OF BEATITUDES**

This morning, we take the short bus ride to Capernaum, Peter's hometown, where Jesus was based and where he began his public ministry (Matthew 4:13). Here we celebrate Mass in a modern church built directly over the archaeological site of (very likely) Peter's home. We then explore the remains of the town, including the nearby synagogue, which was the site of Jesus' teaching and miracles (Luke 4:31–36; Mark 1:21–28).

From Capernaum we embark on a private cruise along the coast of the Sea of Galilee, recalling crucial seaside events in Jesus' Galilean ministry. We disembark at a modern museum run by a kibbutz, where we view a recently discovered first-century Galilean fishing boat. At a nearby restaurant, we enjoy "Peter's Fish" for our (included) lunch.

After lunch, we visit the Mount of the Beatitudes, the site of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. We return to Tabgha and visit the Church of the Loaves and the Fishes, commemorating Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 (Matthew 14:15–21). Our final stop of the day is the nearby Church of Peter's Primacy, on the Sea of Galilee, the place traditionally associated with Jesus' post-resurrection appearance to Peter and the disciples: "Peter, do you love me? Then feed my sheep" (John 21). After some free time for reflection and exploration, we return to Pilgerhaus for dinner and welcome in the New Year. (B, L, D)

## **DAY 7, FRIDAY, JANUARY 1: TABGHA, MAGDALA, JERICHO, AND BETHLEHEM**

After breakfast and checkout, we visit Magdala, the home village of Mary Magdalene. We take in the extraordinary excavation of the ancient synagogue of her time, a place Jesus surely knew. We walk the short road to the Duc in Altum Center, a moving chapel honoring the women of scripture. There, we celebrate the Mass of New Year's Day.

We depart from Galilee and begin our journey toward Jerusalem. We drive through the Jordan River Valley, pass through Jericho, and continue to Bethlehem, stopping for lunch along the way. We have dinner at our Bethlehem hotel. (B, L, D)

## **DAY 8, SATURDAY, JANUARY 2: BETHLEHEM: NATIVITY & BEIT SAHOUR**

After breakfast we spend the morning in Bethlehem, home of the largest Christian community in Palestine. We walk through Manger Square, decorated for Christmas, and enter the Church of

the Nativity, one of the world's oldest continuously-operating Christian churches, first constructed by St. Helena in the 300's. The church stands over the grotto early Christians identified as the site of Jesus' birth. After Mass here, we visit nearby Holy Family Hospital serving pregnant women, new mothers, and newborns. We visit "The Creche," an adjoining shelter for displaced infants and toddlers, served by the Daughters of Charity and supported by the Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

After lunch at Casa Nova Franciscan House, we visit the Shepherd's Fields and caves in Beit Sahour. We visit the nearby Holy Land Handicraft Cooperative Society for some shopping, to support local Christian Artisans. We return to our Bethlehem hotel for dinner and the evening. (B, L, D)

## **DAY 9, SUNDAY, JANUARY 3: BETHLEHEM, BEIT JALA, EIN KAREM, AND JERUSALEM**

After breakfast and checkout, we travel the short distance to Beit Jala to celebrate Mass for the Second Sunday of Christmas (in Arabic) with the Palestinian parishioners of the Church of the Annunciation. We then walk across the street to take a tour of the seminary of the Latin Patriarchate (Roman Catholic Diocese) of Jerusalem, supported by the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, followed by lunch with the seminarians.

We depart for Jerusalem, stopping at the Israel Museum, where we see a detailed model of Jerusalem in the 1st Century, and the exhibit of the Dead Sea Scrolls. We continue on to Ein Karem, the hill country village of Elizabeth and Zechariah, parents of John the Baptist, and the site of the Visitation of the unexpectedly pregnant cousins (Luke 1:39–56). We visit the Church of John the Baptist and then walk the steps up the hill to the Basilica of the Visitation. We continue on to the Old City of Jerusalem, where we walk through the Jaffa Gate to the Christian Quarter and check in at the Gloria Hotel. After dinner at our hotel, we have the option of taking an evening walk around the Old City. (B, L, D)

## **DAY 10, MONDAY, JANUARY 4: JERUSALEM: BETHANY, JORDAN RIVER, JERICHO, QUMRAN, AND THE DEAD SEA**

We begin today with Mass including the Anointing of the Sick in nearby Bethany (Al-Eizariya), the hometown of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus—sibling friends of Jesus, whom he often visited—and the site of Lazarus' tomb. We then travel down along the "Good Samaritan Road" to the Jordan River

Valley. We stop at the Jordan River, in the area most likely to have been the site of John the Baptist's ministry, where we have the opportunity to renew our baptismal promises.

We then go to Jericho, which Jesus visited with his disciples and where he gave sight to blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46–52). After our (included) lunch, we view the remains of the ancient walls of one of the oldest cities in the world (Joshua), and a sycamore tree of the type that Zacchaeus climbed when he wanted to see Jesus (Luke 19:1–10). We also stop at a viewpoint of the Mount of the Temptation.

We travel south to the ruins of the ancient Essene Monastery at Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. After exploring the museum and ruins of the Monastery, we relax in the late afternoon at the Dead Sea, with an optional saltwater swim at the very lowest point on earth (bring a swimsuit and flip flops). We then return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner. (B, L, D)

#### **DAY 11, TUESDAY, JANUARY 5: JERUSALEM: WESTERN WALL OLD CITY**

We take a morning walk through the Jewish Quarter of the Old City and pray at the sacred Western Wall of the Second Temple, all that remains of the center of Judaism in the time of Jesus. We visit the Temple Mount (the Noble Sanctuary) and pause outside the Dome of the Rock (conditions permitting). From there, we walk to the Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed a paralytic (John 5). At the Shrine of the Ecce Homo Arch, site of the scourging of Jesus (Matthew 27:26–31), we celebrate Mass and have lunch at the Ecce Homo Convent. Subject to confirmation, we meet with a representative of the Latin Patriarchate, and eligible Knights and Dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem will receive their Pilgrim Shells. Dinner is served at our hotel. (B, L, D)

#### **DAY 12, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6: JERUSALEM: MOUNT OF OLIVES, GETHSEMANE, AND MOUNT ZION (Epiphany)**

After breakfast, a short bus ride takes us to the Mount of Olives, where we visit the Chapel of the Ascension. We then walk down the "Palm Sunday Road," stopping to celebrate Mass at a small church called *Dominus Flevit* ("The Lord wept"), commemorating Jesus' tears over Jerusalem prior to his death (Luke 19:41). We then continue walking down the Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Church of All Nations.

After lunch we drive to Mount Zion to visit the Church of the Dormition of Our Lady and the Upper Room—the traditional site of the Last Supper, the appearances of the risen Jesus, and Pentecost (Acts 2). We make our way to the remains of the Palace of Caiaphas, where Jesus was interrogated by the High Priest (Matt 26:57) and imprisoned before his execution. It is known today as the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu ("crowing rooster"), because its courtyard was the site of Peter's denial of Jesus. Later this afternoon, subject to confirmation, we take part in a Solemn Entry into the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre – the site of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. Here, we visit the empty tomb. (B, L, D)

#### **DAY 13, THURSDAY, JANUARY 7: JERUSALEM: VIA DOLOROSA AND THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE**

We begin our morning with a very early walk of the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross (Luke 23:26–32), leading to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where we celebrate a Mass of the Resurrection, and take a tour of this Mother Church of Christians. We then enjoy free time in the afternoon to explore more of Jerusalem. Lunch is on our own. We meet in the early evening for our Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### **DAY 14, FRIDAY, JANUARY 8: JERUSALEM AND TEL AVIV AIRPORT**

This morning, those catching flights will transfer to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport. Those who are extending their stay or departing at other times are responsible for arranging their own transportation to the Tel Aviv airport. (B)

**Note:** *Although no changes are anticipated, there might be occasions when certain adjustments to this itinerary become necessary, based on local conditions.*

# Pricing & Registration Information: Tour Number 26-037-1226

**HOW TO REGISTER:** Registrations are processed in the order received and many groups fill up quickly, so please register soon. Deadline for initial registration is **June 1, 2026**. To attempt to register after this date, inquire first to learn if any space is still available. Online registration is not available at this time.

To make your reservation, complete the Registration Form included in this PDF document and submit your \$1,000 per person deposit, mailed to the address shown on the bottom of the Registration Form. CTC will send your invoice via postal mail within two weeks of our receipt of your deposit. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure, by **August 28, 2026**.

## PAYMENT

- 1) Discount Price (payment by check or money order)
- 2) Standard Price (payment by credit or debit card).

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. A very limited number of single rooms may be available at the supplement shown below.

**DISCOUNT PRICE** (payable by check or money order)

**Land Only Package:** \$3,999 plus tips of \$225 for total tour cost of \$4,224

**STANDARD PRICE** (payable by credit or debit card)

**Land Only Package:** \$4,238 plus tips of \$225 for total tour cost of: \$4,463

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT:** \$1,295

**YOUR PRICE INCLUDES:** Superior tourist class and religious housing or best available accommodations (all with private facilities); sightseeing; and meals per itinerary (B, L, D); and is based on a minimum of 30 fully paying passengers per motor coach. Please see the Registration Form and Terms & Conditions for more details.

**GRATUITIES:** Tips are included for your tour manager, motor coach driver, restaurants and hotel porters.

**VOUCHER:** If you were registered to travel to the Holy Land in 2024 and received your \$500 travel voucher, please enclose the voucher when mailing your completed registration form and initial deposit. Your voucher amount will appear on your invoice as a credit toward your final balance due; voucher cannot be applied toward your initial registration deposit.

## ISRAELI ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION PROGRAM:

The Israel Population and Immigration Authority (PIBA) has launched an electronic travel authorization program (ETA). The new system, known as ETA-IL, requires each traveler from visa-exempt countries (such as the United States) to submit a travel authorization form online prior to travel. ETA-IL is mandatory for all travelers and costs 25 NIS per visitor (less than \$10 at current rates of exchange). Travelers are recommended to submit their ETA at least 72 hours before their trip to Israel begins. The validity period for the ETA-IL will be two years or until passport expiration, whichever is shorter. ETA-IL authorization permits multiple entries for stays of up to 90 days per visit.

**HEALTH DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:** Please refer to the Terms and Conditions of this brochure for guidance on documentation requirements.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Once CTC processes your initial registration deposit, you will receive an email with information on suggested travel insurance providers. CTC strongly suggests the purchase of travel insurance to help protect your investment in the trip and to help provide medical coverage outside the United States. We also strongly suggest you purchase the broadest coverage available with the least amount of exclusions. Because some travel insurance plans contain time-sensitive benefits for pre-existing conditions, cancel for any reason or for other coverages, we encourage you to do your research and consider purchasing optional travel insurance soon after making your initial tour registration deposit with CTC.

**WALKING:** Please note, this journey involves considerable walking on cobblestone streets and uneven pavement and requires being on your feet more than usual. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this pilgrimage to its fullest.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Any payments made by a Traveler or on behalf of the Traveler ("Traveler", "you") to Catholic Travel Centre (CTC) toward any CTC tour shall constitute acceptance of all Terms & Conditions provided herein.

**PAYMENT TERMS:** All payments shall be made on the dates indicated in the payment schedule, noted in the Registration Information section. Late payments are subject to a non-refundable \$150 fee, and may result in cancellation. A Traveler registering within 120 days prior to departure must provide full payment by cashier check, plus a non-refundable late registration \$150 fee. CTC reserves the right to cancel registrations not paid in full 105 days prior to tour departure and to charge fees per the Cancellation Policy. A non-refundable \$75 fee is charged on all returned payments. Travelers agree not to dispute any credit card charges associated with this trip before contacting CTC first to resolve their concerns. CTC retains the right to dispute any chargeback that is improper and recover any costs, including attorney's fees related to improper chargebacks. Additionally, in the event of an improper chargeback, CTC retains the right to cancel any travel reservation related to that improper chargeback NOTE: Credit card charges will not show as "travel expense" on your credit card statement, but will appear as "specialty services", "shopping" or another designation.

**CHANGES IN FORM OF PAYMENT:** To change from Cash Discount to Standard pricing, the difference between prices plus an additional \$75 fee applies. After a Traveler's credit card has been charged for any portion of the tour, s/he is ineligible for the Cash Discount Price.

**PARTIAL PACKAGES NOT AVAILABLE:** Tour Packages are offered as described in this brochure, at the stated price. Partial package purchase is not available.

**INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION POLICY:** CTC's cancellation policy is in effect upon first payment toward any CTC tour. A Traveler's cancellation must be provided in writing either by email, fax, or registered mail to CTC. The cancellation by the Traveler is effective on the date of the cancellation email, fax, or date of postmark. The Traveler forfeits the following fees to CTC based on the date of cancellation notice: anytime up to 150 days prior to departure, \$500 fee; 149 to 120 days prior to departure, \$1,000 fee; 119 to 90 days prior to departure \$1,000 fee plus 25% of Land Cost; 89 to 60 days prior to departure, \$1,000 fee plus 50% of Land Cost; 59 days or fewer, all payments by Traveler made to CTC are forfeited, and there are no refunds. In event of individual cancellation, no name changes or substitutions are permitted.

**No shows:** Land only passengers who do not show for first hotel night will be considered as tour cancellations: their hotel reservations will automatically be cancelled and cannot be reinstated.

**PRICES:** If the group does not reach the size advertised, the price or programming will be adjusted accordingly. Pricing is based on exchange rates and fares applicable at the time of quotation and is subject to change. Fuel surcharges are subject to increase up to 30 days prior to departure.

**PASSPORT:** A valid passport is required of all U.S. citizen passengers. Travelers of other nationalities should inquire with the appropriate embassies, and such Travelers are responsible for securing their own visas if required in addition to their valid passport. Travelers' passports must be valid for six (6) months following the return date of the trip. CTC expressly denies any responsibility for any losses incurred due to insufficient validity of a Traveler's passport.

**HEALTH & MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** The Traveler is responsible for identifying and securing any health/medical related documentation required by the airlines and/or countries visited on the itinerary, and CTC bears no responsibility for the passenger not providing the required documentation. If a country requires proof of COVID vaccination and/or a negative COVID test, it is the responsibility of the passenger to secure such documentation within the required timeframe as a condition for joining this tour.

The Traveler agrees not to hold CTC, our suppliers, or the group leaders responsible should they contract any illness during or after their travel. It is highly recommended Travelers be medically healthy and physically capable of significant walking. CTC tours involve international travel to foreign countries that have different standards of accessibility than U.S. law. Transportation services, which are provided by third parties, as well as visited sites and accommodations, which are not owned, leased, or controlled by CTC, may not be compliant with accessibility standards required by U.S. law. CTC cannot guarantee wheelchair, motorized scooter, or walker accessibility during a trip and does not provide individual assistance to Travelers. If a Traveler requires special individual assistance, the Traveler, not CTC, is responsible for bringing and paying for a capable companion willing to assist

the Traveler. CTC assumes no responsibility for Travelers' inability to fully participate in the tour, nor does CTC provide any refund for non-participation in any part of the tour.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** CTC strongly suggests the purchase of Travel Insurance to help protect Travelers' investment in the trip and to help provide medical coverage outside the United States. We also strongly suggest you purchase the broadest coverage available with the least amount of exclusions. Travel Insurance is encouraged because CTC strictly adheres to our Cancellation Policy. Because some travel insurance plans contain time-sensitive benefits for pre-existing conditions, cancel for any reason or for other coverages, we encourage you to do your research and consider purchasing optional travel insurance soon after making your initial tour registration deposit with CTC. CTC is not qualified to answer technical questions about the benefits, exclusions, and conditions of travel insurance plans. CTC cannot evaluate the adequacy of the prospective insured's existing insurance coverage. If you have any questions about your travel protection, call your insurer or insurance agent or broker. Declining to purchase an adequate travel protection plan could result in the loss of your travel cost and/or require more money to correct the situation. You also acknowledge that without this coverage, there may be no way to recoup any losses, costs, or expenses incurred. If you choose to travel without adequate coverage, CTC will not be liable for any of your losses howsoever arising, for which trip protection plan coverage would otherwise have been available.

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**ITINERARY:** The itinerary presented in this brochure represents what CTC is planning for this trip; however, the itinerary is subject to final confirmations and changes in local schedules. While no changes are anticipated, CTC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to change the itinerary, as it deems necessary or advisable. CTC is not responsible for costs or fees related to arrangements not made through CTC.

**FINAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** Travelers receive travel documents approximately two weeks prior to departure. Bulk items such as luggage and names tags will be shipped by CTC to group leaders for distribution.

**ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS:** Accommodations are based on double/twin rooms with private bathroom facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available and are subject to a single room supplement fee. If no roommate is available for you, or your roommate cancels prior to departure, a single room supplement surcharge applies. Triple rooms are not always available and are discouraged because of cramped quarters; no price reduction for triple rooms. Included meals are as shown in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner). Meals are either menu of the day or buffet. For menu of the day, the only deviations from the group menu which CTC can request (and which still cannot be guaranteed) are: Vegan, Gluten Free, Dairy Free, and Vegetarian; CTC is unable to accommodate any other special meal requests. For buffet meals, it remains the responsibility of the traveler to select food items which satisfy their dietary needs.

**LAND ONLY PASSENGERS:** Travelers arranging their own airline ticket must meet the group at the first hotel of the itinerary and are responsible for their own airport transfers.

**BAGGAGE & PORTERAGE:** Baggage is at Traveler's risk. Porterage for one piece of luggage is included at hotels.

**NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:** Passports, visas, meals and beverages not mentioned, extras beyond standard menu, baggage fees, telephone calls, laundry, medical tests, and other items not explicitly stated as included.

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**PARTICIPATION:** CTC reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any Traveler on any of its tours if, in its sole discretion, it deems accepting or retaining any such Traveler as being detrimental to the tour. No refunds shall be made for any unused portion of the tour in this instance, and any expenses related to early return home are the sole responsibility of the traveler. Traveler agrees to and shall indemnify and hold harmless CTC, and each of our officers, directors, employees and agents (collectively "CTC"), from any expenses, losses, liabilities, damages, judgments, settlements, and costs (collectively, "damages") involved with or incurred by CTC (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and the advancement of same) with respect to any claims, law suits, arbitrations, or other causes of action, which result, directly or indirectly, from: (i) traveler's breach or violation, or threatened breach or violation, of this Agreement and (ii) Any damage caused by traveler while participating in the trip.

**UNUSED SERVICES:** There is no right to a refund for any unused services.

**LIABILITY DISCLAIMER:** CTC hereby expressly disclaims any and all liability for any personal injury, property damage, loss of baggage, accident, delay or irregularity, any claim for special or consequential damages, or any other loss that may be occasioned by the acts and/or omissions, whether negligent, wrongful, or intentional of any air carrier, hotel/motel, or other lodging operator, railroad operator, bus operator, public transportation, sea carrier, local sightseeing company, tour operator, tour leader, or spiritual director, any employees thereof, or for any other entity or individual not under the direct supervision and control of CTC when engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or otherwise in connection therewith. CTC further disclaims any liability for any damages, losses, or expenses incurred, or inconvenience caused, due to delay or changes in schedules, defaults, over-booking of hotels or airlines, sickness, weather, strikes, quarantines, acts of terrorism, construction, war, pandemic, force majeure, or other such events that are beyond CTC's control. CTC likewise disclaims any liability for statements, actions, or inactions of any intermediary agents, such as group administrators, spiritual directors, tour leaders, travel agents, or any other intermediary involved with the selling, promotion, or operation of CTC's tours. Furthermore, to the fullest extent permitted by law, CTC disclaims any liability for any damages or injuries, or other losses whatsoever, sustained or incurred as a result of the negligence of CTC. Group administrators, spiritual leaders, and tour leaders likewise expressly disclaim any liability for the acts and/or omissions of any of the above entities and/or individuals not directly under their supervision or control. Please be advised that the liability of carriers as well as providers of hotel and lodging accommodations is limited by law, and Travelers may thus wish to consider purchasing a Travel Protection plan and/or additional insurance to protect themselves against any losses or injuries suffered as a result of their acts and/or omissions. In no event shall CTC's liability exceed the amounts paid by the Traveler for participation in the tour, and subject to the provisions and cancellation fees as set forth in this brochure. In the event the tour leader and/or spiritual director named in a brochure or itinerary does not travel with the group and a substitute is not named therein, CTC reserves the right to make substitutions of its choosing for such person(s). CTC is not responsible for any misquotes contained in this brochure or other accompanying documentations, and the contents therein may be changed at any time without notice and at CTC's sole discretion.

**GROUP COORDINATOR/SPIRITUAL LEADER:** The group coordinator and/or spiritual leader is not an employee, agent, or contractor of CTC. Statements made by group coordinator and/or spiritual leader are not binding on CTC, and we will not be liable for their actions, words or promises.

**CANCELLATION BY GROUP COORDINATOR/SPIRITUAL LEADER:** As CTC does not plan trips for individuals, a cancellation by the Group Coordinator and/or Spiritual Leader effectively cancels the trip for all individuals booked on that trip. The cancellation by the Group Coordinator and/or Spiritual Leader is effective on the date of the cancellation email, fax, or date of postmark. CTC will not be liable for any losses or expenses incurred due to the cancellation or alteration of the tour by your group coordinator and/or spiritual leader and you shall forfeit your \$500 per person non-refundable operational fee in the event of any such cancellation.

**CANCELLATION BY THE SUPPLIER:** CTC will inform you as soon as reasonably possible if a supplier needs to cancel. CTC will also liaise between you and the supplier in relation to any alternative arrangements offered by the supplier, but CTC will have no further liability to you.

**CANCELLATION BY CTC:** CTC reserves the right to cancel any tour if the minimum number of travelers is not met. In such event, CTC shall refund all amounts paid by Traveler.

**CANCELLATION BEYOND CTC'S CONTROL:** CTC disclaims any responsibility for any losses or expenses incurred due to cancellation or alteration of the tour resulting from, but not limited to: travel advisories or warnings issued by the State Department or any other relevant authority, acts of war, terrorism, acts of God, natural disasters, pandemic, or any other circumstance beyond CTC's control. In such case, CTC will assist Travelers in requesting refunds for all land services not received by the Traveler, less a non-refundable operational fee of \$500 per person, that covers all trip planning and refund processing. CTC shall not be responsible for any non-recoverable amounts disbursed to service providers on a Traveler's behalf. Suppliers may choose to provide a travel voucher or credit in lieu of refund. CTC is not responsible for a supplier's failure to pay a refund or for supplier bankruptcy or insolvency.

**POLICY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION:** CTC does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, or status as a Vietnam or other veteran in the provision of its tour and pilgrimage services.

**CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY REGISTERED SELLER:** Catholic Travel Centre is a registered Seller of Travel in the State of California: CST#: 2018667-40. "Registration as a Seller of Travel does not constitute approval by the State of California." Section 17550.24(f). CTC subscribes to the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund. Non-residents of California are not eligible to make claims to this fund. A claim must be submitted to the TCRF within 12 months after the scheduled completion date of travel. For more information, visit [www.tcrfinfo.org](http://www.tcrfinfo.org). In accordance with California law, CTC has a trust account to protect Traveler's purchase money.

**FLORIDA SELLER OF TRAVEL:** Fla. Seller of Travel Ref. No. ST43075.

**JURISDICTION/VENUE/CLASS ACTION WAIVER/LIMITATION OF DAMAGES/NOTICE OF CLAIM:** These Terms and Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California without regard to conflict of law principles. Any dispute arising from the contract shall be litigated in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Los Angeles. You agree you will only bring claims against CTC in your individual capacity and not as a plaintiff or class member in any purported class action or representative proceeding. CTC shall not in any case be liable for other than compensatory damages, and your payment of a deposit on a trip means you agree to these conditions of sale and expressly waive any right to punitive damages. You understand and agree no claims will be considered and you will not bring suit against CTC unless you have first provided a typewritten notice of claim to CTC within 30 days after the trip or cancellation of the trip.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS CHANGES:** Changes in any of the Terms & Conditions can be made only in writing signed by an officer of CTC.

**FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY:** Upon cancellation of the transportation or travel services, where the passenger is not at fault and has not canceled in violation of any terms and conditions previously clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger, all sums paid to CTC for services not provided will be promptly paid to the passenger, unless the passenger advises the CTC in writing, after cancellation. This provision does not apply where CTC has remitted the payment to another registered wholesale seller of travel or a carrier, without obtaining a refund, and where the wholesaler or provider defaults in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service. In this situation, CTC must provide the passenger with a written statement accompanied by bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a wholesale seller of travel, proof of current registration of that wholesaler.



# GO IN PEACE TO THE HOLY LAND

Dates: December 26, 2026 to January 8, 2027 • Tour #: 26-037-1226 • Group Name: JUST GRESSER

**\*\*If any section below is left blank, your registration form will not be processed and you will not be confirmed on this pilgrimage\*\***

## 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please print in **BLOCK LETTERS** your complete Last Name, First Name and Middle Name **as they appear on your PASSPORT:**

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

How would you like your first name to appear on your nametag?

Email *(Forms submitted without email address cannot be processed)*

Date of Birth

Gender

Street Address

Apt

City

State

Zip

Mobile Tel

Home Tel

## 2. PASSPORT INFORMATION

Will you hold a U.S. Passport at the time of travel? (Yes / No)

If "no," what nationality?

**You must select one of the two choices below:**

- I have enclosed a copy of the photo page of my passport showing my name, passport number and expiration date.
- I understand I must submit a copy of the photo page of my passport 90 days or more prior to departure.

*Note: Catholic Travel Centre is not liable for passports expiring within 180 days of the return date of the pilgrimage.*

## 3. ROOMING INFORMATION

**You must select one of the three choices below:**

- I wish to room with: (enter name)

- Please try to find a roommate for me. I understand if you cannot find a roommate for me, I will be obliged to pay the single room supplement.
- I wish a single room at a supplement of \$1,295. A limited number of single rooms are available at this price.

## 4. PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registration deposit: \$1,000 by June 1, 2026

Final payment: by August 28, 2026

**You must select one of the two choices below:**

**DISCOUNT PRICE (payment by check or money order only)**

\$1,000 deposit & balance paid check or money order. Make check payable to Catholic Travel Centre.

- LAND ONLY PACKAGE:** \$3,999 plus tips of \$225 for total tour cost of **\$4,224**

**STANDARD PRICE (payment by credit or debit card only)**

\$1,000 deposit and payment by credit or debit card. Please fill in your credit card information below.

- LAND ONLY PACKAGE:** \$4,238 plus tips of \$225 for total tour cost of **\$4,463**

### **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION**

I authorize Catholic Travel Centre to charge the Standard Price amount to my credit or debit card (\$1,000 will be charged now; balance of payment will be charged to my card per the invoice due date).

**I agree to the terms and conditions and cancellation terms attached here.**

VISA

MASTERCARD

Card Number

Exp. Date

Name as it appears on credit card

Signature

Date

Office Use Only:

**Please complete one registration form per person (couples, submit two separate forms).**

**If any section above is left blank, your registration form will not be processed and you will not be confirmed on this pilgrimage.**

Enclosed please find my \$1,000 per person deposit for the above referenced trip. By submitting this payment, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the "Terms and Conditions" in the accompanying brochure, including information related to pricing and cancellations.

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

**Please make checks payable to Catholic Travel Centre and mail it along with this form to:**

**Catholic Travel Centre, 4444 West Riverside Drive, Suite 301, Burbank, CA 91505**

*Further information and invoice will be sent within two weeks of receipt of your registration and deposit.*