

# Holy Land Pilgrimage

***November 04 - 14, 2024***

***From Washington, DC (IAD)***

***Package Price: \$4190***



**Fr. Rody Mejia**

## Package Price Includes:

- Round trip bus transportation Church/Airport/Church
- Round trip airline ticket
- Double occupancy accommodations  
In Luxury hotels each night
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Nine days sightseeing in modern, air-conditioned private bus
- English speaking Christian tour guide
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# Holy Land Pilgrimage Itinerary Highlights November 04 - 14, 2024

## Day One:

### Departure

Depart for your overnight flights to the Holy Land. Meals will be served on board.

## Day Two:

### Arrival

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv. Meet an Assist by your Guide, then transfer to your hotel in Tiberius, approximately two and a half hours drive. En route a possible visit to Caesarea Maritima, a harbor city that was built by Herod the Great. Dinner and overnight in Tiberius

## Day Three:

### Nazareth/Cana of Galilee/ Mount Tabor

Begin the day with a visit to Nazareth, the town where Jesus grew up. Visit the Basilica of Annunciation (Mass), marking the annunciation by the Angel Gabriel of the birth of Jesus. See Mary's well and the grotto, believed to have been the home of the Virgin Mary; the centuries-old Church of St. Gabriel. Continue to Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed His first miracle of turning water into wine during a wedding feast. See the Wedding Church. End the day going to Mt. Tabor and visit the beautiful two-level Basilica of the Transfiguration, marking the Transfiguration of Jesus before Peter and James and talking with Moses and Elias. Enjoy the breathtaking view of the valley below. Dinner and overnight in the hotel in Tiberias. † [Mass at Annunciation Church](#)

## Day Four:

### Golan Heights/Sea of Galilee

After breakfast we drive to Golan Height to visit Caesarea Philippi which became an important Christian pilgrimage destination as the place where Jesus asked the disciples "Who do people say I am?". Drive back to Tiberius to Follow the footsteps of Jesus' ministry in the villages around the Sea of Galilee, begin with a visit to Capernaum, often called the hometown of Christ. Capernaum is where Jesus healed a centurion's servant, Peter's mother-in-law, and many others who were brought to Him. See the church marking St. Peter's house. Continue to Tabgha and visit the church of Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish, commemorating Jesus' miracle of feeding 5,000 men. See the Church of St. Peter's Primacy (Mass), where Jesus appeared to the disciples after the resurrection. The next stop is Mt. of Beatitudes, the hill where He preached the Sermon on the Mount to the multitudes that stood below. The journey continues as you are welcome to take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and remember the events which took place in the area. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight. † [Mass at Capernaum](#)

## Day Five:

### Haifa/ Mount Carmel/ Jaffa/Bethlehem

Drive to Mt. Carmel, visit Carmelites' monastery Stella Maris Church (Mass). It was Mt. Carmel that Prophet Elijah chose for gathering all the people with the prophets of Baal to prove who the True God is. Proceed to the Hanging Gardens of Haifa, also known as the Terraces of Baha'i Faith. These garden terraces form the Shrine of the Baal on Mount Carmel. Described as the Eighth Wonder of the World, they are one of the most visited tourist attractions in the country. Drive to Caesarea Maritima, a city and harbor built by Herod the Great about XXV-XIII BC. Today, its ruins lie on the Mediterranean coast of Israel about halfway between the cities of Tel Aviv and Haifa. It is here that Apostle Peter baptized Cornelius the Centurion and following it established there a church. Continue to Joppa (Jaffa), an ancient port city, which is believed to be one of the oldest in the world. The Bible says that St. Peters' resurrection of the window Tabitha takes place in Joppa. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem. † [Mass at Stella Marris](#)

## Day Six:

### Shepherd's field/ Bethlehem

After breakfast, we stop in Beth Sahour to visit the Shepherds' Fields, identified with shepherds who saw the star of Nativity. Continue to Bethlehem visit the Nativity Church, Chapel of the Innocents, Church of St. Katherine, and the Manger Square. See the Milk Grotto, where, according to tradition, the Holy Family took refuge during the Slaughter of the innocents before their flight into Egypt. Tradition has it that while Mary was nursing Jesus there, a drop of her divine milk fell to the ground, turning it white. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem. † [Mass at Bethlehem Basilica](#)

## Day Seven:

### Bethany/ Dead Sea/ Qumran/ Jericho

After Breakfast, we make a stop at Bethany to visit the house of Mary, Martha and Lazarus and the Tomb of Lazarus, proceed to visit Jericho which has been the cradle of civilization as far back as 7,000 to 10,000 B.C. It was the first city taken by the oldest cities in the world. It was the first city taken by the tribes of Israel after they crossed the river Jordan. In Jericho, Christ cured a blind man It was here that the chief tax collector Zacchaeus, who was short of stature, climbed a sycamore tree so that he could see Jesus, View Mount of Temptation situated in the northwest of Jericho over-looking the world's most ancient city. After Lunch in Jericho, we drive to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Visit the remains of the Community Center of the Essences and the Caves of the Scrolls. From there we drive to a private beach on the Dead Sea for a dip in the salt and mineral laden. Finally, you can renew our baptismal vows, the traditional baptismal site on the river Jordan. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem. † [Mass at Bethany Church](#)

## Day Eight:

### Mount of Olives/ Mount Zion

Begin your visit with one of the most magnificent views in the world: ancient Jerusalem as seen from the top of the Mt. of Olives. Visit the Pater Noster Church, where the Prayer "Our Father" is inscribed in dozens of languages, Church of Ascension, marking the place where Jesus ascended to Heaven. Then down the Mt. of Olives in the footsteps of Jesus take the Palm Sunday Walk. Stop at Dominus Flevit ('the Lord Wept'). From there we drive to Mt. Zion to visit the church of St. Peter's in Gallicantu the church of the Dormition, King David's Tomb, and Room of the Last Supper. Drive back to hotel for dinner. After Dinner we will have a special Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Basilica of the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, for prayer and contemplation see the Rock where Jesus prayed for God's will to be done. overnight in Jerusalem. † [Mass at Dominus Flevit](#)

## Day Nine:

### Old City of Jerusalem.

Begin the day with a walk in the Old City of Jerusalem (The way of the cross "Via Dolorosa"). Among others today we shall see the Holy Sepulcher (Mass), the Western Wall, the Dome of the Rock and the temple mount, "Ecce Homo" Arch, Pilate's Judgment Hall, chapel of the Flagellation, St. Anne's Church and Bethesda. "Optional" Ramparts Walk, we will have the opportunity to walk on the Wall of Jerusalem to have a greater sense of the Old City as a whole. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight in the hotel. † [Mass in the Old City](#)

## Day Ten:

### Ein Karem

In the morning, we head to Ein Karem (spring of the Vineyard), according to tradition, the place of birth of John the Baptist. There are two churches by his name in the place. See the Church of the Visitation, built on the place where the pregnant Mary visited her pregnant cousin Elizabeth and stayed for three months. Enjoy a free afternoon in Jerusalem or take an "Optional" excursion to tour Hezekiah's Tunnel, part of Jerusalem's water system, is located under the City of David. It connects the Gihon Spring with Jerusalem's fresh water supply with the Siloam Pool. We will enjoy our fair well dinner at a local restaurant and enjoy a folklore show and dance. Overnight in Jerusalem. † [Mass in Ein Karem](#)

## Day Eleven:

### Departure

After breakfast, check out of our hotel and head to the airport of our journey back home.

**Note:** \*While we do our very best at making sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, political climate, time constraints, or changes by your tour leader and tour guide.

**DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:** A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to make a reservation. An additional payment of \$750.00 per person is due by May 04, 2024. The final payment is due no less than 90 days prior to the departure date of the tour (August, 04 2024). Payment can be made by personal check or money order. Credit card payments will be accepted but will incur a 4% surcharge at the time of booking. Reservations received after August, 04 2024 may incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.

**CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** If a passenger cancels his/her tour membership there will be a cancellation fee of \$100.00 per person to cover administrative and communication costs up until 121 days before departure. For cancellations 120-91 days before departure the cancellation fee will be \$250.00 per person. 90-61 days before departure the cancellation fee will be 50% of the Cost per person. There will be no refund for cancellations within 60 days of departure, no-shows, or partially completed tours. All cancellation requests must be addressed to Goodshepherd Travel in writing. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

**FARE INCLUSIVE.** Roundtrip air transportation from Washington, DC (IAD) International Airport as indicated on the registration form. Nine (9) nights hotel accommodations, based on two people sharing a double or twin-bedded room in four-star hotels by (local standards). All meals as outlined in the brochure consisting of full Local breakfasts (B) Lunches (L) and dinners at the hotel (D). Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary by private motor coaches, utilizing the services of a Government licensed, local English-speaking tour guide. Entrance fees for attractions if applicable. All transfers between airports and hotels by private motor coach. Service charges and taxes normally levied by hotels and restaurants. All U.S. & Israeli departure taxes are included in the price of the tour. The brochure price is per person in US dollars.

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**TOUR CANCELLATION:** Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the tour at any time. In the event of a cancellation deemed necessary by Goodshepherd Travel, the sole and exclusive responsibility of Goodshepherd Travel is to refund all monies recovered.

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**AIR ROUTINGS:** The brochure price includes IATA jet economy class transportation from the international departure city applicable on all IATA and ARC carriers, based on the 6/45-day Apex fare to the Middle East. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to choose the air carrier, routing, and departure time for each passenger. Airfares used are based on contracted group fares and are highly restrictive. Payments for and restrictions on airline tickets are governed by the applicable fare. Cancellation fees levied by the airlines are applicable if you cancel or change your air ticket for any reason after purchase of air ticket. Ticketing must be completed 45 days prior to departure. Group fares do not permit deviations; passengers who wish to deviate may arrange their own airfare. An airline credit of \$1050.00 will be given to those passengers who arrange their own airfare. Passengers planning to arrange their own air transportation must notify Goodshepherd Travel. In writing on or before August, 04 2024. Seat numbers will be assigned by the airline at check-in; specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Passengers are responsible for providing frequent flyer information upon check-in.

**HOTELS:** Tour prices are per person, based on two people sharing a room in Deluxe hotels. Single rooms are subject to availability and at an additional cost of \$890.00 (tour participants without a roommate will have to pay single room surcharge).

**BAGGAGE:** You may check no more than one (1) piece of luggage whose overall dimensions does not exceed 62 inches (length + width + height) and whose weight does not exceed fifty (50) pounds in total. Checking a second bag will cost up to \$100.00. Each passenger may also bring one (1) piece of carry-on luggage. Tips to hotel porters are included for one normal sized piece of luggage, excluding carry-on bags which must remain in your possession at all times. These regulations may change without notice so please read the monthly correspondence you will receive from Goodshepherd Travel for the most current information. Garment bags cannot be carried. Under no circumstances may dangerous articles such as firearms, explosives, oxygen, or combustible substances be contained in any baggage. Medications, valuables, passports, and a change of clothing should be packed in your carry-on bag.

**DISABILITIES:** Due to the difficult terrain at sites we visit, persons requiring oxygen or oxygen therapy will not be permitted on the tour. For reasons of passenger safety and well-being, persons with impaired mobility, vision, or mental capacity will not be permitted on the tour. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to refuse passage to someone who is in such physical or mental condition as to be unfit for travel or who may require care and attention beyond that which the tour guide and tour host can provide. The tour requires a substantial amount of walking and the sites are not accessible by wheelchair.

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**PASSPORT:** A valid passport is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member. Complete instructions and application forms for passports can be obtained by contacting your local courthouse or post office.

**PRICE CHANGES:** Tour conditions and air fares are subject to Governmental, IATA, ARC, and airline regulation requirements in effect at the date of and during the tour. All rates are quoted in US dollars and are based on tariffs and costs in effect in June 2023 and are subject to change without notice. Taxes and fuel surcharges of \$423.00 are included in your tour cost and are subject to change without notice. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to pass along additional fuel surcharges or additional taxes imposed by the airline.

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**ACCEPTANCE:** Registration for trip and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the "Fine Print."

**Trip date:**

November 04 - 14, 2024

**Package Price: \$4190**

**Single supplement: \$890 (Private Room)**

- Round trip airline
- Round trip bus transportation Church/Airport/Church
- Meet & Assist at Ben Gurion Airport upon arrivals and departures.
- Three nights' accommodation in Tiberius in double occupancy
- Three night's accommodation in Bethlehem in double occupancy
- Three night's accommodation in Jerusalem in double occupancy
- Ten days sightseeing in modern air-conditioned private bus.
- English speaking government licensed Christian guide on duty.
- Entrance fees to places of interests whilst on tour in the Holy Land.
- Special dinner at oriental restaurant.
- Mass daily
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner

**Package price does not include the following:**

- Soft drinks
- All Personal Expenses
- Travel Insurance
- Tips for Guide, Driver, and Hotels
- All prices reflect a 4% cash discount and is forfeited when using a credit card

I agree to the conditions as stated above

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

Notes:

All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double room, Pax rooming alone is subject to single supplement, and maximum capacity of the bus is 50 Pax. All prices are VAT inclusive

# RESERVATION APPLICATION

## St. John the Baptist Spiritual Leader: Fr. Rody Mejia

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land  
(November 04 - 14, 2024)

Group Reference Number: **HL110424**



### Airline Preference

Airline Ticket from IAD

Airline Ticket from \_\_\_\_\_

No Airline ticket (-\$1050)

Please select one!

### PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

<b>Full Name</b> (as printed on your passport):			
First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:	
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<b>Country of citizenship:</b>	<b>Passport number:</b>
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### ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

<b>Please check one:</b> Double/Triple occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy ( <b>Private Room</b> ) \$890.00 additional <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>*All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double/Triple room, Passengers rooming alone is subject to single supplement*</b>
<b>If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:</b>
<b>If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:</b>
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**I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract:**

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

Please enclose a copy of current passport and a deposit of **\$500.00 per person** made payable to

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