



Accompanying Chaplain: Fr. John Hodgins

*Explore the roots of your faith in the Holy Land and visit sites of biblical significance and historical magnificence through Israel & Jordan.*

# SPRING IN THE HOLY LAND

**12-Day Roundtrip Tel Aviv  
May 4th to May 16th, 2017**



Nazareth • Sea of Galilee • Mount Nebo • Amman • Petra • Jericho • Jerusalem • Masada • Bethlehem • Old Jaffa  
and more...

**INCLUDES:**  
**roundtrip economy class flight from Toronto**  
**daily breakfast and dinner**  
**all activity and entrance fees as per itinerary**

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Dear Friends,

I welcome you to consider joining us for "Spring in the Holy Land" as we make our pilgrimage and walk in the steps of Jesus. We will see the historic sites of Jerusalem and the countryside where Jesus and his Apostles travelled.

Together, we will share in the joy of the Holy Eucharist at various sites that Christians have considered holy for generations and enjoy the contemporary developments in what is still the spiritual centre of the world.

Pray about this trip and consider if you are being called to join us for a special journey of faith.

in cor Jesu,

**Fr. John Hodgins**

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## What You Can Experience

- Nazareth in Galilee, chief scene of the ministry of Jesus Christ
- Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount
- Jerusalem and its most biblical sites including the Garden Tomb, Wailing Wall, the Tomb of King David and much more
  - The Church of the Nativity which stands on the site where Jesus was born in Bethlehem
- Bethany Beyond-the-Jordan, the wilderness home of John the Baptist and where Jesus was baptized
  - Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land
  - Ancient Petra, the rose city and capital of the Nabatean people
  - The Church of Sepulcher, the site of Golgotha hill and empty tomb of Jesus
- The city of Jericho, going up Mt. Temptation where Jesus was tempted by the Devil
  - Emmaus, where Jesus walked with his disciples after the Resurrection



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Day 1: Thursday May 4, 2017

Departure from Toronto

DAY 2: Friday May 5, 2017

Arrival, meeting and transfer to the hotel in Netanya by the Mediterranean coast for dinner and overnight.

**Accommodation:** Leonardo Plaza Netanya (1 night)

Day 3: Saturday May 6, 2017



After a full Israeli breakfast, check out and drive along the Mediterranean coast to visit Caesarea (Acts 9.30 Acts 10 24-48). Visit the Roman, Byzantine and Crusader ruins including the Theatre and the Aqueduct. Continue to **Mount Carmel** to see where Elijah the prophet performed the miracle of the fire against the false prophets of Baal (1st Kings 18). An afternoon visit to **Nazareth** and the site of the Annunciation where Mother Mary received the good news from the Angel Gabriel. (Luke 1.26, 4.16-29, Matthew 2.23). Continue to see the site of the first miracle of the Lord Jesus at **Cana of Galilee** (John 2. 1-11) early evening will bring us to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

**Accommodation:** Golden Crown Old City Nazareth 2-nights).

Day 4: Sunday May 7, 2017

Depart after breakfast for a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee (John 6. 1, 6.23). We shall visit this morning the Baptismal site on the **Jordan River at Yardenit** (Matt 3.13-17, Mark 1.9-11 and Luke 3.22-23). Next is **Capernaum** where most of the ministries of Jesus took place (Matt.4 13, 13.54, 17.54, Luke 7, Mark 1.2, and John 4.46-54) visit the outstanding remains of the local synagogue. A visit to **Mount of Beatitudes** where He taught His disciples (Matt. 5, 6, 7, 8) the Sermon on the Mount. Visit **Tabgha** at this Holy place Jesus fed multitude with just 2 fishes and 5 loaves. (Matt..13, Mark .33-45 and John 21). Visit to the new site of **Magdala**. We will visit the eastern shore of the lake. We shall take a short drive to the southern part of the Golan Heights for a magnificent view of the entire area. Return to the hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

Day 5: Monday May 8, 2017



After breakfast, will drive to the **Jordanian border** at the Sheik Hussein Bridge, we cross into Jordan. We will drive to **Mount Nebo**, the final station in the life of the prophet Moses, the Jordan Valley and the hills of Jerusalem – from whence Moses viewed the Promised Land that he would never enter. Continue to **Madaba** see

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the Byzantine Church with a 5th century mosaic floor of a beautiful map of the Holy Land. We drive and overnight in Petra.

**Accommodation:** Petra Amra Palace (1-night)

### Day 6: Tuesday May 9, 2017

Today we will visit Petra the rose city and capital of the Nabatean people. Tour one of the most fascinating ancient sites of the world, with a visit to the Treasury built into the red cliffs of Edom and one of the seven Wonders of the World. After lunch in Petra, we drive to Amman. Dinner and overnight Amman

**Accommodation:** Amman Rum Hotel (1-night);

### Day 7: Wednesday May 10, 2017

Back to Israel through Allenby Bridge, visit the city of Jericho, going up Mt. Temptation where Jesus was tempted by the Devil. By cable car we will visit the 4th century Byzantine monastery and enjoy a panoramic view of the Jordan Valley. From Jericho, we will drive to the **Qaser El Yahud** where John baptized Jesus. We continue to Good Samaritan Inn (Luke 10.30-37); next we stop at the Tomb of Lazarus before visiting the home of Lazarus and Mary Martha. We continue to the **Mount of Olives** for a view of the Holy City and a ceremony with a blessing on arrival. We continue to our Jerusalem hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Accommodation:** Jerusalem of Gold (5-nights)

### Day 8: Thursday May 11, 2017

After breakfast, we will begin our day up on **Mount Zion** to see the tomb of King David and the nearby Room of the Last Supper (Mark 14.13, Luke 22. 10-38, Matt. 26 17-29, Acts 1.13. Next will be the **Dormition Abbey** where Mary fell into an eternal sleep. (Acts 2 the Pentecost) Continue to the **Palace of Chiapas** where Jesus was in custody. Next, we enter the Old City and visit the **Jewish Quarter, the Cardo** - ancient Roman Street and the **Western Wall**. From here to the



nearby Southern Wall Excavations, this southern side of The Temple served as the main entrance for common folk, whereas the Priests and Levites entered from the higher, eastern side. Parts of the giant stairs, which led to the Temple Mount from the courtyard, have been unearthed. It is in this courtyard that Jesus likely drove out the vendors and money exchangers who were exploiting the people. Return to our Jerusalem hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 9: Friday May 12, 2017

This morning, we will visit the **Mount of Olives**. Our first stop will be to the Pater Noster Church, continuing to the Ascension site then following



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the Palm Sunday road visiting Dominus Flevit. Arrive at the **Garden of Gethsemane** and visit the Church of All Nations. Next, we will visit Mary's Tomb at the bottom of the **Kidron Valley**. Now we will enter the Old City through **Stephen's Gate**, and visit the **Pool of Bethesda** where Jesus cured a cripple. We move on to the Judgment Hall of Pilate, hear of those who conspired against Him and are reminded of His brutal beating and humiliation. While walking along the **Via Dolorosa**, visiting the **Ecce Homo** we are reminded of His way of the suffering, visit the **Church of the Sepulcher** where we will see the **Golgotha hill** and the empty tomb of Jesus. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 10: Saturday May 13, 2017

Our day begins with a cable car ride to the mountain top fortress of **Masada**. Here our



guide will treat us to the history of the famous zealot stand. We'll visit Qumran Caves, where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were discovered.

Afterwards proceed

via **Ein Gedi**, "Spring of the Goat," an oasis on the western shore of the Dead Sea. Because of its warm climate and abundant supply of water, the site developed a reputation for its fragrant plants and date palm groves. This is where King David hid from Saul, and where God defeated the enemies of the Israelites by praise and worship led by King Jehoshaphat. (1 Sam 23:29; 24 Song of Songs 1:14).

Return to Jerusalem.

### Day 11: Sunday May 14, 2017

We begin our day visiting Bethlehem (Luke 2, 1-7) the site of the nativity, the **Shepherds fields** and fields of **Ruth and Boaz**. Return to Jerusalem where we will drive to nearby **Ein Karem**. This

lovely village is the birth place of John the Baptist. Return to Jerusalem and we travel to the **Shrine of the Book** to see the **Dead Sea Scrolls** the absolute miracle of God's preserved Word. We will also visit the miniature model of the city of Jerusalem as built during the Roman period 2000 years ago. Our guide will walk us through an accurately detailed smaller version of Biblical times in Jerusalem as well as the architecture and décor of the Temple. Return to our hotel.

### Day 12: Monday, May 15, 2017



This morning will be free. By noon time we will check out and board our bus for a half day tour beginning with a Visit of **Emmaus**,

where Jesus walked with his disciples after the Resurrection and broke bread in the House of St. Cleophas. Continue to Old Jaffa (Joppa) one of the most ancient port cities in the world. Jaffa is mentioned in the Book of Joshua as the border of the Tribe of Dan's territory. King Solomon imported Cedar trees from Lebanon via the Port of Jaffa and Jonah the Prophet went on his trip to **Ninveh**. According to the New Testament it was here in Jaffa that St Peter resurrected the widow Tabitha. Here St. Peter had a vision on the roof of the house of Simon the Tanner. After the visit, we will have our farewell dinner in a restaurant in Old Jaffa. After dinner, we will be transferred to the airport to board our flight back home.



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### Hotels:



1 night at **Leonardo Plaza Netanya**  
1 Usishkin, Netanya 4227201, Israel

The Leonardo Plaza Netanya Hotel will offer an exclusive and indulgent business oriented hospitality appropriate for families and tourists as well. The hotel will offer 170 rooms along with an assortment of facilities such as a gym, and a swimming pool.



2 nights at **Golden Crown Old City Nazareth**  
Galil 15 Nazareth, Israel

Situated in the historical district, this hotel is within a 5-minute walk of Ancient Bath House of Nazareth, Mary's Well, and Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation. Galilee Mill and St. Joseph's Church are also within 10 minutes.



1 night at **Amra Palace Petra**  
Po Box 124, 71810 Wadi Musa, Jordan

Located in Petra next to the Wadi Musa Souk, this hotel offers panoramic views of the Petra Mountains. It has a spa with indoor heated pool surrounded by loungers. The Hotel is within a walking distance from the Petra Gate.



1 night at **Amman Rum Hotel**  
Ali Nasouh Al Taher St. | Bldg No. 60, Amman 11192, Jordan

A modern blend of Arabian hospitality and top quality services, located at the heart of the Jordanian capital Amman, at Sweifeyyeh Area. The hotel is at the center of one of the major shopping areas in addition to being in close proximity to other areas in Amman.



5 nights at **Jerusalem Gold**  
234 Jaffa Street, Jerusalem, 94383, Israel

Rooms at the Jerusalem Gold come with extra-long beds, Mahogany furniture, black-out curtains, and double glazed windows for extra soundproofing. You can choose your pillow from a menu. Modern facilities include air conditioning, fridge, video games, and a laptop-size safe.

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### Flights

May 4<sup>th</sup> El Al LY32 Toronto to Tel Aviv; depart 18:45; arrive 12:50 +1

May 16<sup>th</sup> El Al LY29 Tel Aviv to Toronto; depart 00:50; arrive 06:15

### Includes:

- Meeting and Assistance by Kenes staff at the Airport
- Escorted Transfers by licensed English speaking guide in and out
- 10 overnights as above mentioned HB (breakfast and dinner) - superior 3 stars
- Farewell dinner in a restaurant in Jaffa
- 12 days of touring with English licensed speaking guide.
- All visits and entrances fee as per attached suggested program
- Daily mass
- Lunch in Petra
- Deluxe air conditioned bus
- Porterage service at hotels and airport
- Kenes kit to each participant (hat & map)
- Pilgrim certificate to each participant
- Kenes hostess during the Jerusalem check in.
- Jordanian visa
- Horse ride in Petra
- Round trip air in economy class from Toronto; enquire about other gateways

### Does not Include:

- Personal expenses and extras
- Medical and travel insurance – available separately please enquire
- Beverages at meals
- Lunches (besides that included in Petra)
- Tips (guide – driver – hotels – waiters)
- Departure border tax Israel to Jordan, currently US \$33 pp
- Departure border tax Jordan to Israel, currently US \$15 pp



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### Cost:

**CAD \$3,949 per person** based on double occupancy; escorted by Joe Rochemont or qualified agent with a minimum of 20 guests.

### Payment schedule:

Total fare with economy air included is CAD \$3,949 PP based on double occupancy.

Special quotes are available for business class air and single occupancy on a request by request basis.

To confirm your reservation, a deposit of CAD \$500 per person is required.

Final payment is due March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Payments may be made by cash, major credit card (MC, Visa or AMEX), or cheque.

### Cancellation terms and conditions

Cancellations before March 1: Amount paid less \$250 PP will be refunded.

Cancellations made after March 1 before April 1: 50% of total fare refunded.

Cancellations made after April 1 before April 28: 25% of total fare refunded

Cancellations made after April 28: no refund.

**We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance which we can arrange for you through  
Manulife Financial.**

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