

# UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH PILGRIMAGE to the HOLY LAND and CONSTANTINOPLE

With Metropolitan Antony and Bishop Daniel

October 4 – October 16, 2015

**\$3,695.00 per person from JFK airport**

*Price includes air, land, most meals & visits and tips. Airport taxes and fuel surcharge of \$500.00 are included but are subject to change at time of final invoice. Price is based on two people per room.*



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## Greetings in our Lord!

Would you like a life changing and never-to-be-forgotten experience? If so, it is our joy to invite you to join us on a trip to the Holy Land, where you will find a new dimension in the understanding of Biblical history and the life of our LORD. We will visit places where our Savior walked, lived, taught and performed miracles - where He was crucified and rose from the dead. So, come and join us on a journey to the land of the Bible where you will see, touch, feel and experience the land of the Bible. It is still basically as it was in Biblical times. If you have dreamed of understanding and experiencing more about the origins of Faith and want to know personally the land that Christ walked and ministered, let us guide you in bringing Holy Scriptures to life.

**Bishop Daniel**

**Sunday – October 4- Day 1- Depart USA on an overnight flight to Tel Aviv**

**Monday - October 5 - Day 2 - Arrival Tel Aviv - Transfer to Sea of Galilee**

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, the group is met by our Orthodox tour escort who will accompany the group for the entire trip in the Holy Land. Our first visit is to Lod to the Church of St George the burial place of St. George the Dragon Killer. We are then transferred to the Sea of Galilee area for an overnight. Open buffet dinner at the hotel. (D)

**Tuesday – October 6 - Day 3 - Nazareth - Cana – Mt. Tabor**

Open buffet breakfast. We proceed to Nazareth, visiting the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation and Gabriel's Well. We visit the Nazareth Synagogue, see Mt. of Precipice and walk along Blessed Mary's route from the Orthodox Church to the Basilica of Annunciation. Next we visit Cana of Galilee including the Greek Orthodox Church, where we see two of the six jars that Jesus used in the first miracle of turning water into wine for the wedding feast. Our final stop is Mt. Tabor to pray at the Greek Orthodox Monastery of Transfiguration. Dinner and overnight Sea of Galilee. (B.D.)

**Wednesday – October 7 - Day 4- Ministry on the Sea of Galilee**

Open buffet breakfast. We start the day early with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. We then visit the Greek Orthodox Church at Capernaum followed by visit of the ancient Synagogue where Jesus preached. Our next visit is to the Mt of Beatitudes and the Church of the Multiplication of Fish and Loaves where we see the fabulous Byzantine Mosaic showing the five loaves and the two fish- the same caught in the Galilee and partaken of by Our Lord and the Holy Apostles. We enjoy lunch of St. Peter's fish in a local restaurant. We visit St Peters Primacy Church and the Valley of the Doves at the foot of the Arbel cliff, here is the ancient highway on the Via Maris leading from Mediterranean Sea to Damascus and is part of the route taken by Jesus from Nazareth to Sea of Galilee – part known as the Gospel Trail. Dinner and overnight in the Sea of Galilee area. (B.L.D.)

**Thursday – October 8 - Day 5 – Caesarea- Ein Karem- Jerusalem**

Open buffet breakfast. This morning depart for Caesarea, travelling along the Plains of Sharon. We have a guided tour that includes the Theatre, Herod's Palace, Hippodrome Port and Aqueducts. Enjoy a coffee stop in a café on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. We drive to Ein Karem to see St John Ba Harim "birthplace of John the Baptist", Mary's Spring where Mary came to share the good news announced to her by the Archangel Gabriel with Elizabeth, her cousin, the mother of John the Baptist. Arrive Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B.D.)

**Friday – October 9 - Day 6 - Jericho to include Mt. of Temptation – Dead Sea - Jordan River**

After buffet breakfast, we take a full day excursion to the city of Jericho, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world. We take a cable car to the Greek Orthodox Monastery at Mt of Temptation for a visit to the Monastery – from here you will have a great view over Jericho – Dead Sea, Mt Moab and Mt Nebo in Jordan. Then we take a swim in the mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea. Stop at the Jordan River Baptismal site at Bet Arabah. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B.D.)

**Saturday – October 10 - Day 7 - Bethlehem - St. Sabas – Shepherd Field**

Open buffet breakfast. We have the day in Bethlehem to visit the Church of Nativity and celebrate Divine Liturgy. We visit the Shepherd



field (Orthodox Church) followed by lunch on your own. Men will visit the Monastery of St. Sabas in the desert (TBC), while women have shopping time in Bethlehem at the Kando family store and also the Palestinian Heritage Center where we see the traditional crafts made by local women. Tonight we walk the Cardo to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where we participate in the Divine Liturgy starting at midnight. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B.D.)

#### **Sunday – October 11 - Day 8 - Jerusalem - Bethany - Mt. Olives - Mt. Zion**

Start our visit this morning with the Greek Orthodox Church at Bethany marking the place where Jesus met the Sisters, at the entrance of the town, followed by a visit to the Greek Orthodox Church built over Lazarus tomb. Ascend Mt of Olives visiting the Ascension chapel, then walk down the walk down the Palm (Willow) Sunday road stopping at the church of Mary Magdalene. We visit the Garden of Gethsemane and the Grotto of Gethsemane built at this holy place. On route to Mt Zion, we pass St. Stephen Church marking the area where the first Christian Martyr was stoned to Death. Lunch is on your own, after which we visit St Peter in Gallicantu, Upper Room, King David's Tomb and Dormition Abbey. Overnight and dinner in Jerusalem. (B.D.)

#### **Monday – October 12 - Day 9- Patriarchy- Holy Sepulcher- Wailing Wall- Temple Mount - St. Ann's Church – Monastery of the Cross**

Open buffet breakfast. We participate in the Divine Liturgy at the Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Today we visit the Old City including Ecce Homo, a church and convent along the path (Via Dolorosa), where Pontius Pilate presented the tortured Christ to the masses and washed his hands of him. We will see the prison where Christ our Lord was tortured and humiliated with a crown of thorns before he was forced to carry his cross along the Via Dolorosa-the Path of Suffering. We enter the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which is so large that both the Golgotha (the site of Crucifixion) and the Holy Tomb of Christ are located here. Continue to the Temple Mount where we visit the Mosque and to the Pools of Bethesda and the Wailing Wall. The remainder of the day is at leisure in the Old City for shopping. Tonight we have a farewell dinner at a local restaurant and overnight in Jerusalem. (B. Special Dinner.)

#### **Tuesday – October 13 - Day 10 –Jerusalem – Tel Aviv- Constantinople**

Early this morning we are transferred to the airport for the short flight to Constantinople. Upon arrival around noon time, you are greeted by the local guide and transferred to the hotel. Following our check in we are transferred to the magnificent Top Kapi Palace. We tour the former home of the Turkish sultans, see the Harem and see where the relics of St. John the Baptist are housed. Overnight in Constantinople. (B.D.)

#### **Wednesday – October 14- Day 11- Constantinople**

Following breakfast we have a city tour in the morning visiting St. Sophia Church, the Underground Basilica next door, Chora Church and the Church Of the Protection of Mother of God. The afternoon is free to enjoy shopping in the Grand Bazaar or the smaller but just as interesting Spice Bazaar. Overnight in Constantinople. (B.D.)

#### **Thursday – October 15 - Day 12 – Constantinople**

This morning we travel to the Patriarchy where we celebrate Divine Liturgy and have a visit. We also see the Bulgarian church nearby. Rest of the afternoon is at leisure to explore the city on your own. Optional: Take an afternoon cruise on the Bosphorus passing between East and West past magnificent villas and scenery of the city skyline which can only be appreciated from a boat. Optional \$ 55.00 per person. This evening we gather for the farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B. Special Dinner)

#### **Friday – October 16 - Day 13 – Constantinople-USA**

This morning we are transferred to the airport for our non-stop flight home. (B)

### **YOUR COMPREHENSIVE RATE INCLUDES:**

- ◇ Round trip air JFK/TEL AVIV/ Istanbul/ JFK on Turkish Airlines
- ◇ Airport taxes and fuel surcharges of \$ 500.00 ( subject to change at the time of final payment)
- ◇ Hotels with breakfast and dinner daily (beverages are not included with dinner)
- ◇ Lunch of St. Peter's Fish at the Sea of Galilee
- ◇ Farewell dinner in Bethlehem and Constantinople with beverages
- ◇ First class and deluxe hotels 11 nights
- ◇ Air conditioned deluxe motor coach
- ◇ English speaking guides
- ◇ Private deluxe bus
- ◇ All Entrance fees as per the itinerary
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- ◇ Personal expenses
- ◇ Travel Insurance (highly recommended)
- ◇ Beverages at meals
- ◇ Airline luggage fees
- ◇ Lunches
- ◇ Church donations
- ◇ Anything not mentioned above



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# GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

**Deposits and final payment:** A deposit of \$500.00 per person should accompany the registration form, along with your optional insurance payment and copies of your passport picture page by **June 19, 2015**. Final payment is due **August 3, 2015**. Late payment fee of \$ 100.00 per person applies. Please issue your payment to: **Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave, Flemington, NJ 08822**

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**Single supplement:** A few single rooms are available for an additional \$695.00 per person and can not exceed 10% of the group.

**Baggage:** Each participant is allowed to check (1) suitcase weighing no more than 50 lbs., and one small carry-on bag on the plane. Baggage fees are not included. Please check the specific airline baggage fees on their website.

**Land only pricing: \$ 2595.00 land services begin and end at the hotel.**

**Tour Cancellation Policy:** Up to 90 days prior to departure a reservation fee of \$250 is withheld. Within 90 days of departure all payments become non-refundable, regardless of reason for the trip cancellation. All cancellations must be in writing. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. We **STRONGLY** urge you to purchase **Trip Cancellation/Travel Insurance** at an additional **\$245.00** per person for **Basic Coverage** or the **Cancel for Any Reason** policy, which we recommend for **\$367.00** per person, based on the trip cost of \$3,695.00. Higher rates apply if single supplement is added.

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**Ukrainian Orthodox Pilgrimage– October 4– October 16, 2015 Attention: Marianne**

**Please complete this form and mail it to Select International Tours, along with your deposit, insurance premium, and a copy of your passport picture page.**

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**Emergency Contact (Name and Phone):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Room Mate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am departing from: (airport):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is a the deposit payment in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Air and land or land only package .**

**I am purchasing trip cancellation/travel insurance: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No, I decline. Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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