

ST. JOSEMARIA INSTITUTE



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

IN THE FOOTSTEPS *of* JESUS CHRIST
with **ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA**
and **BLESSED ALVARO DEL PORTILLO**

OCTOBER 26 TO NOVEMBER 6, 2017

“Though being by nature God... he emptied himself, and took the nature of a slave, fashioned in the likeness of men”(Phil 2:6-7). My children, fill yourselves with wonder and gratitude at such a mystery and learn from it.”

St. Josemaria Escriva
Friends of God, no. 111

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Join the St. Josemaria Institute and Mater Dei Tours for an unforgettable spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land, October 26 to November 6, 2017.

St. Josemaria Escriva wrote that: *“to be Christ himself, we must see ourselves in him. It’s not enough to have a general idea of the spirit of Jesus’ life; we have to learn the details of his life and, through them, his attitudes. And, especially, we must contemplate his life, to derive from it strength, light, serenity, peace.*

“When you love someone, you want to know all about his life and character, so as to become like him. That is why we have to meditate on the life of Jesus, from his birth in a stable right up to his death and resurrection” (Christ is Passing By, no. 107).

In the Holy Land, therefore, all the events of the Gospel and Jesus’s life *come to life* for us in the landscapes, sounds, scents, roads, ruins, and people, enriching our knowledge and experience of his humanity and his relationship to each one of us today.

Our pilgrimage will be a unique opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ with St. Josemaria Escriva and Blessed Alvaro del Portillo. Their teachings and spirit will help create a profound atmosphere of prayer and thanksgiving, allowing us to truly deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ during our spiritual pilgrimage.

A chaplain will accompany the group and each day will include Mass and time for private prayer and confession.



DEPART USA*Thursday, October 26*

DAY 1: Depart the USA for the Holy Land (connection in Switzerland). Main group departs from Chicago O'Hare Airport. Departures from other cities may be available (additional cost possible). (M)

MEDITERRANEAN COAST*Friday, October 27*

DAY 2: Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, clear Customs and Immigration, then collect luggage before boarding our motor-coach. Depart for the ancient port city of Jaffa where St. Peter is known to have resided for some time (Acts 10:5). Mass* will be celebrated at the Church of St. Peter followed by a brief walking tour. Afterwards arrive at our hotel for a welcome dinner and first night in the Holy Land. (M,D)

**MEDITERRANEAN COAST,
MOUNT CARMEL, & NAZARETH***Saturday, October 28*

DAY 3: After breakfast at the hotel, check-out and depart for Caesarea Maritima—the old capital of the Roman Province of *Palestina Prima* to see the Roman and Crusader ruins and the harbor from which St. Paul was taken prisoner to Rome. Continue to Haifa to visit Mount Carmel and the Cave of Elijah as well as Muharakah, the place of Elijah's sacrifice. In the afternoon, arrive in Nazareth for Mass* at the Basilica of the Annunciation. After Mass, pray before the grotto of the Annunciation then visit the Church of St. Joseph built over what is believed to have been his workshop. Check-in to our hotel for a 3-night stay in Nazareth and enjoy dinner together this evening. (B,D)

CAESAREA PHILIPPI & MOUNT TABOR*Sunday, October 29*

DAY 4: Begin the day traveling north to Caesarea Philippi, where Peter proclaimed Christ as the Son of God and received the Keys to the Kingdom, and see the natural beauty of the Banias spring. In the afternoon, arrive at Mount Tabor, site of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Experience the views from where Peter, James and John saw the Glorified Lord with Moses and Elijah. Mass* will be celebrated at the Church of the Transfiguration. Return to the hotel for dinner. (B,D)

CANA & GALILEE BY THE SEA*Monday, October 30*

DAY 5: After breakfast, depart for Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle and visit the Church of Cana where a special blessing will be imparted on married couples. Afterwards travel to the shores of the Sea of Galilee to visit the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount, and Tabgha, site of the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fishes. Take a memorable boat ride across the sea upon which Jesus walked followed by a special lunch known as St. Peter's fish. After lunch, continue to Magdala and afterwards to Capernaum

to see the ruins of the ancient synagogue and the Church of St. Peter, built over his house, where Mass* will be celebrated. Before returning to the hotel for dinner, visit the Church of the Primacy of Peter, where St. Peter declared his love for Jesus three times. (B,L,D)

**JORDAN RIVER, JERICHO,
QUMRAN & BETHLEHEM***Tuesday, October 31*

DAY 6: After breakfast, check-out of the hotel and depart to the site of Jesus' Baptism by the Jordan River. Travel along the Jordan Valley by the excavations of the oldest city in the world to arrive in Jericho and see the tree of Zacchaeus and the view of the Mount of Temptations. Mass* will be celebrated at a local Catholic parish/school in Jericho. Visit Qumran, site of the Essene Enclave and the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden. Depart for Bethlehem arriving at the hotel for a 2-night stay and dinner. (B,D)

BETHLEHEM & BEIT SAHOUR*Wednesday, November 1 (Feast of All Saints)*

DAY 7: Enjoy a full day in Bethlehem beginning at the Church of the Nativity and the grotto where Jesus was born. Holy Mass* will be celebrated here in the Cave of St. Jerome, where he translated the Bible into Latin. Following Mass*, visit the Milk Grotto and then enjoy a special lunch hosted by local Christians. After lunch, visit Beit Sahour, the fields of the Shepherds, which has been inhabited by Christians continuously for hundreds of years. Visit the church and cave of the Shepherds before returning to the hotel for dinner. (B,L,D)

JERUSALEM*Thursday, November 2 (Feast of All Souls)*

DAY 8: After breakfast, check-out of the hotel and depart for Jerusalem arriving at the Mount of Olives for a spectacular view of the city. Begin by visiting the Chapel of the Ascension and the Pater Noster Church (site where Jesus taught the Our Father), and then walk the Hosanna Way (Palm Sunday) stopping at the Church of Dominus Flevit where Jesus wept for Jerusalem. At the foot of the mount, visit the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees and the Church of All Nations containing the rock where Jesus prayed in agony. Enter the old city and visit the Wailing (or Western) Wall, with views of the Al-Aksa Mosque and Dome of the Rock. Continue to Mount Zion and visit the Church of the Dormition as well as the memorial to King David and the Cenacle, the room of the Last Supper and Pentecost. Mass* will be celebrated at the nearby Franciscan Church of the Cenacle where Blessed Alvaro del Portillo celebrated his last Mass before his sudden death (in Rome). Walk in the direction of the Kidron Valley to the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu built over the palace of Caiaphas, the High Priest, where Jesus was imprisoned the night before his death and where St. Peter denied him. After an eventful day, return to the hotel for dinner and check-in for a 4-night stay. (B,D)

4. Tour Pricing Information

Tour Detail	* Cost per passenger (Please Check Choice)
AIR INCLUSIVE TOUR PACKAGE from CHICAGO (other cities may be available for add-on price): Price per person based on double occupancy, sharing room with another passenger (2 people in 1 room). See brochure for other inclusions. (*) This price already includes US departure & entry taxes, airline fuel surcharges, foreign governments' entry and departure taxes, 911 security fees, immigration fees, custom fees, agriculture fees, airport fees, passenger facility charges and ticketing fees (about 14 different air taxes and fees in total). (Taxes and fees are beyond our control and are subject to change, thus affecting the price)	\$3,495* ! Per person in double occupancy
OR Optional Land Only Package* This price does not include any air transportation. (Passenger assumes responsibility to be at the arrival airport in advance of the group. Please read "Land Only Bookings" in Terms & Conditions) * Rate shown is in double occupancy. For Single occupancy, please add the optional single supplement below.	\$2,799* ! Per person in double occupancy
Optional Single Room Supplement: Single room occupancy, one room per person * (* room availability is very limited)	\$675 !
Optional Triple Room Discount: A small per person discount offered when 3 people are sharing 1 room with existing bedding * (room availability is extremely limited)	-\$20 !

Step 4



DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT (prior to deadline): \$500 per person # # # # # # # # #	\$ <i>deposit payment you wish to pay today</i>
Registration deadline <u>June 26th, 2017</u> (unless space sells out sooner): Deposit Payment #	

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6a. Payment Information (Paying with a Check): \$

Make Checks or Money Orders Payable to: <u>Landa Cleary Travel Co., Inc.</u> <u>Registration/Balance Deadline: June 26th, 2017</u>	Mail Payments and Reservations to: Landa Cleary Travel Company, Inc. P.O. Box 323 Waunakee, WI 53597 Or you may fax to: 1 608 849 4247
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6b. Payment Information (Paying with a Credit Card): \$

CARD HOLDER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT): %			
MasterCard or Visa	MM / YYYY	Last 3 digits in signature box	
Credit Card Type !	Credit Card Number !	Expiration Date !	3 Digit Security Code on back of card !
Your Billing Address ! (where the credit card sends you your bill)		City !	State ! Zip !

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7. Please check mark: ! I have received, read, understand and agree to the Terms and Conditions of this tour

X _____ X _____
 Signature of Traveler #1 Date Signature of Traveler #2 (if you have a 2nd passenger) Date

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With my signature above, I declare that all persons listed on this reservation form have read, understand and accept the terms and conditions of this tour. I agree to pay according to the terms and conditions. I declare that I am in good physical health and am able to travel without assistance unless I provide a full time assistant at my own expense. I understand that this pilgrimage may require walking (sometimes from one to possibly as many as three miles in one visit).