

# THE WAY OF MARY MAGDALENE

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with Jennifer Ristine, CRC, author and Fr. Louis Richard, chaplain



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#### Pilgrimage Leader: Stephen J. Binz

Stephen Binz is a biblical scholar and award-winning author of over fifty books. As a popular speaker, he offers keynotes, seminars, and workshops internationally as well as education for clergy and pastoral leaders. Following graduate degrees at the Gregorian University and the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and Jerusalem, he has developed Bible studies in the church for three decades and has offered numerous study trips and pilgrimages to sacred places. His books have earned top awards from the Catholic Press Association and the Association of Catholic Publishers. Stephen and his wife Pamela live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. To contact him and learn more about his publications, speaking events, and pilgrimages, visit www.Bridge-B.com.

#### Dear Pilgrims,

I am thrilled to offer this new and unique journey to southern France, following in the missionary path of Mary Magdalene. A long tradition holds that Mary Magdalene was exiled from Palestine a decade or so after the life of Jesus and reached sanctuary in Provence, where she evangelized the region, bringing it to faith in Jesus Christ. The crypt that holds her relics in the Basilica of Saint Mary Magdalene has been called the third most important tomb in Christianity.

I have planned this pilgrimage to coincide with the new Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, elevated from a memorial to a feast of the church by Pope Francis. Referring to her traditional title as "Apostle to the Apostles" the Pope acclaimed her as the first to witness Christ's resurrection and as a "true and authentic evangelizer." We will join the people of Saint Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume to celebrate the Feast of Mary Magdalene in the basilica and in street processions.

The decision to construct what is now the largest Gothic building in Provence was made by Charles II of Anjou in 1279 after her sarcophagus was discovered at the site. Saint-Maximin became one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Europe along with the cave of Sainte-Baume, where Mary Magdalene lived in prayer during the last thirty years of her life. A pilgrimage route naturally developed from Saint Maximin to the Sainte Baume mountains, a route walked by more than forty monarchs from Saint Louis to Louis XIV, and known as the "route of Kings."

We will travel to these sites and many more of the most beautiful and sacred sites of Provence. Our itinerary focuses on the many places associated with Mary Magdalene and several other gospel figures who proclaimed the gospel here, including St. Lazarus and St. Martha.

I am pleased that we will be joined by **Jennifer Ristine**, a consecrated woman since 1997 with Regnum Christi. She was a professor at Mater Ecclesiae College and most recently served as Director of the Magdalena Institute and Visitors' Center Coordinator in Magdala, Israel. She is the author of *Mary Magdalene: Insights from Ancient Magdala*, which I highly recommend for your reading. I am also happy that **Fr. Louis Richard** will join us to serve as chaplain, offering the Mass with us at the sacred site throughout our journey. He is the revered pastor of St. Mary Magdalene Church in Abbeville, Louisiana.

July is peak season and southern France is pricy, so the cost of our pilgrimage is a bit higher than some I offer. But it is the time when the region's fields are bursting with color and fragrance, as perfumed violet lavender and dazzling sunflowers are in full bloom. Be assured that we will share an ideal combination of sightseeing, learning, quiet reflection, prayer, and certainly fun. We will return to only one hotel throughout all our days of travel – a comfortable converted monastery, right next door to the Basilica of St. Mary Magdalene. I have used Select International as my travel company for many years and find their service outstanding. I have never had any concerns about safety, accommodations, or amenities in all my years of leading tours.

In preparation for this pilgrimage or in your discernment, I would recommend a book by **Fr. Sean Davidson**, *Saint Mary Magdalene: Prophetess of Eucharistic Love*, to learn more about the traditions and spirituality of these places. If you would like to join us, I suggest sending your registration and deposit soon, as this will most probably fill quickly. I sure hope you can be part of this grace-filled pilgrimage.

In the Joy of the Gospel, Stephen J. Binz

### **WHAT'S THE COST?**

Land and Air \$4995.00

Land Only \$3895.00

Solo Travel Additional Price

Prices are valid only if the deposit is

received no later April 6, 2022
Final payment due May 18, 2022



This active program

covers a good amount of

ground each day.

You need to be able to

walk for 60 minutes

straight and on

uneven surfaces.

Some stairs will

be encountered.

#### **ITINERARY**

July 18, Monday, DAY 1: Depart USA ON AN OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO MARSEILLE Dinner provided on the flight as well as breakfast the next morning.

#### பிy 19, Tuesday, DAY 2: MARSEILLE - SAINT MAXIMIN-LA-SAINTE-BAUME

We arrive at the Marseille airport and are welcomed by our English-speaking Select International guide. Time permitting, we will travel to Marseille, stopping at Notre-Dame-de-la-Garde, with a panoramic view of the Bay of Marseille and the Mediterranean beyond. After Mary Magdalene and her companions landed in France, she traveled with her brother Lazarus to Marseille, where he became its first bishop. We visit the Cathedral of Saint Mary Major, which enshrines the skull of St. Lazarus, the first bishop. We transfer to Saint Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume and settle into our hotel. The famous basilica enshrining the tomb of Mary Magdalene is nearby. We will close our day with Mass. Dinner at the hotel. (D.)

#### <sup>1</sup> July 20, Wednesday, DAY 3: SAINTE-MARIES-DE-LA-MER

We travel to the fishing village of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, where the Rhône River meets the Mediterranean Sea. Here Mary Magdalene and her companions landed after being exiled from Palestine. Two of Mary Magdalene's companions on the boat were with her at Christ's empty tomb, Saint Mary Salome (the wife of Zebedee and mother of James and John) and Saint Mary Jacobe (the mother of the apostle James the Less). We will visit the old fortress church, Church of Notre-Dame-de-la-Mer, where the relics of these two Marys are enshrined and celebrate Mass there. In the village, we view the large Camargue Cross, representing faith, hope, and love, and honoring the guardians who watch over the white Camargue Horses that roam free in the marshland. After lunch, we take a relaxing boat ride up the Camargue to see the wild-life—Camargue horses and bulls who roam free, and a wide variety of beautiful birds, including the pink flamingo. After taking a little time for shopping, we return to our hotel for dinner in St Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume. (B. D.)

#### <sup>1</sup> July 21, Thursday, DAY 4: CANNES – ILE DE LERINS – SAINT-MAXIMIN

Following breakfast at the hotel, we drive to Cannes, city of the famous film festival on the Côte d'Azur. We take a boat ride to the Island of Saint Honorat to explore the Cistercian Abbey of Lérins. Founded in the 5th century by Saint Honorat, it became one of the greatest centers of western monasticism. Many of the bishops and saints of France spent time here, including Saint Patrick, before going to evangelize Ireland. We will meet with a brother of the community for Lectio Divina, celebrate Mass, and then enjoy wine tasting and lunch at a restaurant on the island. In the afternoon, we return to Cannes with time at leisure to explore the city before returning to Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume for dinner and an overnight. (B. L. D.)

#### <sup>む</sup>July 22, Friday, DAY 5: A SAINTE-BAUME & ST. MAXIMIN

On this Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene, after breakfast, we'll drive to the hôtellerie for the Feast Day Procession. The Dominicans will carry the tibia of Saint Mary Magdalene in the reliquary up to the Cave, where Mary Magdalene spent the last thirty years of her life. Here we will attend the 11:00 am Feast Day Mass. After Mass, we will climb the stairs to the Rock of Penitence, where Mary Magdalene prayed and was raised up by angels, and we'll leave our petitions before the statue of the saint. Afterward, we'll share a picnic lunch, which is included. After a time of prayer at the sanctuary, which has been guarded by the Dominicans since 1295, we transfer back to St Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume. There we will be joined by all the people in the town who come out for the festivities. The Association Santo Madaleno is a group of men and women whose purpose is to defend and uphold the traditions of Provence and the cult of Saint Mary Magdalene. The women dress in the traditional Provençal dress, and the men dress as guardians or local cowboys. The eight guardians carry the golden reliquary, the skull of Saint Mary Magdalene, through the streets of the town. We end the day with dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B. L. D.)

#### 합July 23, Saturday, DAY 6: TARASCON - ARLES

After breakfast, we drive through the beautiful countryside of Provence to the extreme west of the Bouches-du-Rhône department to Tarascon, where we visit Collégiale Royale Sainte-Marthe, the collegiate church that houses the relics of Saint Martha, the sister of Mary and Lazarus. We will go down to the crypt, believed to be the house where she lived, where her remains were found in 1187. We'll see beautiful paintings with scenes of Martha's life, reflect on the gospel scenes, and celebrate Mass. Across the street from Château de Roi René (King René's Castle), we'll then see the statue of La Tarasque, the legendary dragon that hid in the river and terrorized the people. Saint Martha charmed the beast with hymns, prayers, and holy water, then brought the tamed Tarasque to the city. The people, terrified by the monster, attacked it, but the monster offered no resistance and died there. Martha then preached to

the people and converted many of them to Christianity. Sorry for what they had done to the tamed monster, the newly Christianized townspeople changed the town's name to Tarascon. We will see some beautiful sunflower fields near Tarascon that inspired Vincent van Gogh to paint "Sunflowers" (1888). We drive south to Arles, where we will have lunch on our own at a lovely restaurant, Jardin Des Arts. Later we'll walk by a restaurant Vincent van Gogh painted when he lived in Arles from 1888-89, which he called "Café de la Nuit." The restaurant still exists in the condition it was then, but it is renamed Café Van Gogh. Then we will walk to the Church of St Trophime on the Place de la Republique. It was built between the 12th century and the 15th century and is in the Romanesque architectural tradition. The church was built upon the site of the 5th-century basilica of Arles named for St Stephen, the first Christian martyr. In 245 AD, Pope Fabian sent out seven bishops from Rome to Gaul to preach the gospel: Gatien to Tours, Trophimus to Arles, Paul to Narbonne, Saturninus to Toulouse, Denis to Paris, Austromoine to Clermont, and Martial to Limoges. We will see many relics in the Church of St Trophime. Then we'll drive back to St Maximin for dinner in a local restaurant. (B. D.)

#### <sup>1</sup> July 24, Sunday, DAY 7: APT – SAINT-MAXIMIN-LA-SAINTE-BAUME

After breakfast at the hotel, we celebrate Sunday Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Magdalene. We then drive to Apt. The Cathedrale Sainte-Anne in Apt houses the remains of Saint Anne, the Mother of the Virgin Mary. The ancient tradition holds that the relics of Saint Anne were brought to Gaul by the same vessel which carried Lazarus, Martha, and Mary Magdalene. They carried Sainte Anne's precious remains for safekeeping to the city of Apta Julia, which today is the city of Apt. In those stormy days of persecution, it was necessary to hide the relics of the martyrs and saints to preserve them from destruction. The remains of Saint Anne were hidden underground. Then St. Auspicious, the first bishop of Apta Julia, who died in 118, took further precautions to guard this holy treasure and buried her relics in a subterranean chapel. We will learn how the relics were miraculously discovered in 792 by Charlemagne with the help of a deaf and dumb boy. Today, the beautiful crypt is below the main altar in the cathedral. Returning to Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume, we will have an encounter with Fr. Florian Racine, rector of the basilica, or one of the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist. We celebrate vespers in the basilica at 4:00 pm followed by a procession in the street. Dinner and overnight in Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume. (B. D.)

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After breakfast, we travel to the Abbey of Sénanque, located in the heart of Provence, in a natural setting of lavender and extraordinary beauty. One of the purest examples of early Cistercian architecture, the abbey is still in use by the community of Cistercian monks. We will tour the abbey church, the cloister, the heating room, the chapter room, and celebrate Mass. The Cistercians organize their day around three pillars: the divine office, lectio divina, and manual labor. The monks of Sénanque make honey, essential oils, jams, beauty products, and numerous products derived from lavender are sold at the abbey's store. After lunch on our own in the wonderful village of Gordes, we travel to Avignon for a visit to the famous Papal Palace, listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Avignon became the seat of the papacy between 1309 and 1423 when the popes returned to Rome. Begun in 1335, the palace is the largest Gothic construction of the middle ages. Two popes were responsible for directing the construction of this Christian fortress, with its ramparts, keep moats, and magnificent chapel. Six conclaves were held here, ending in the elections of Benedict XII, Clement VI, Innocent VI, Urban V, Gregory XI, and Benedict XIII. We then transfer back to Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume for dinner and overnight. (B. D.)

#### 廿July 26, Tuesday, DAY 9: AIX-EN-PROVENCE

After breakfast at our hotel, we drive to Aix-en-Provence and visit the Cathédrale Saint Sauveur, where Mary Magdalene and Saint Maximin (the first bishop of Aix) first dedicated a chapel to the Holy Savior. Remains of the floor of this chapel are inside the cathedral. The church houses relics and important paintings, including The Burning Bush by Nicholas Froment, a masterpiece of the 15th century. We will also see the 6th-century baptistery and cloister, then celebrate Mass. We will walk through this lovely town, passing by the many fountains and outdoor markets, where we will shop for specialty items from the area. You might choose to have lunch at Les Deux Garçons. Some of the many famous people who have dined here include Winston Churchill, Pablo Picasso, Edith Piaf, and Paul Cézanne. We'll then walk to the Chapel of the Oblates, where Saint Eugène de Mazenod founded the Missionaries of Provence (1826), which was later called the Congregation of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Described as having "a heart as big as the world," he later became the Bishop of Marseille. After strolling around Aix-en-Provence, we'll return to St Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume for a farewell dinner in a local restaurant and overnight. (B. Special dinner)

#### 합July 27, Wednesday, DAY 10: RETURN TO USA

Transfer to the airport in the morning for a flight back home, holding precious memories and renewed in the joy of the gospel. (B.)

# YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Round trip airfare from Newark or JFK to Marseilles
- Airline surcharges, fuel and airport taxes are subject to change until the time of ticketing
- · Accommodations in three-star hotels
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#### **RATES DO NOT INCLUDE**

- Personal expenses
- Travel protection optonal and highly encouraged
- Medical Insurance
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- · Church donations

## BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST

- Any airline baggage charges.
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#### Important information regarding your trip:

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It is important to receive your registration by the deadline stated on the flyer. Once the seats are released back to the airlines, we may be able to accommodate passengers at a different air rate or on a different airline.

Group air contracts limit types of deviations allowed and in some cases issuing tickets at individual rates may be necessary. Individual rates & reservations are not GTD until the tickets are issued. In order to issue an individual ticket we must receive full payment. Taxes and fuel costs are subject to change until the tickets are issued.

#### **Domestic add-on tickets:**

We can assist you with domestic air to connect with our international group air if you wish. Indicate on the registration form which airport you wish us to research air from. We are not responsible for fees or charges incurred in case dates change or the trip is cancelled. However, when buying a domestic add-on ticket through Select we may be able to assist in case of changes.

We will provide you with best schedule to connect with the flight (we are not able to help you with tickets that do not connect directly to the international flight) and the best price we can offer. Our information will be sent to you by e-mail. We require an acceptance within 24 hours of our offer along with full payment otherwise the rate is subject to change based on availability. We cannot quote any domestic air requests more than twice.

#### **Business Class and Economy Plus Seats:**

We are happy to assist you with business class and economy plus seats. Passengers must be registered on one of our trips to receive a quote. We will quote the available rate which is subject to change until we receive payment to purchase the seats. Usually Economy Plus Seats require the group tickets to be issued before the ability to upgrade.

#### Passport and Visa information:

All airlines require us to submit valid passport information including full name (first, middle and last), date of birth, gender, country, in which your passport has been issued and passport expiration date. To ensure that we can provide this information accurately, we require a photo copy of each person's passport traveling on each tour. Your passport must be valid 6 months from the trip return date. It is the passenger's responsibility to check if visas are required for the destinations visited and to obtain any necessary travel documents. Select International Tours does not provide information or assistance about passports or visa requirements.

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If the flight schedule you purchase arrives or departs at a time different from the group, it is your responsibility to join the group either at the airport or at the first hotel.

If you register for the air and land package and convert to land only, a \$ 100.00 service charge will be assessed should the change be made within 90 days of departure.

#### Flight cancellations or delays:

In case your flight is cancelled or delayed please work with the airline directly at the airport to be rebooked on the first available flight out. Once you know your new flight and time of arrival contact the emergency number provided in your travel documents to notify your guide of the delay. Your travel documents will contain an emergency number and the guide's phone. Any incurred costs are out of pocket and not included in the trip cost. The cost of private transfers in case of delays are not covered as part of your trip cost. You may file a claim with your Travel Protection Insurance company or with the airlines upon your return. Receipts will be required.

#### Single rooms:

A limited number of single rooms are available on each trip. If you wish to share a room let us know at the time of registration. We will attempt to connect you with another person looking to share. The cost of Travel Protection insurance will be adjusted to reflect the single supplement as insurance cost depends on total trip cost. Should we not be able to accommodate all single room requests and you are not able or willing to share, a complete refund will be provided.

If your roommate cancels, and the room is converted into single usage, a single supplement will be charged.

#### How much walking will there be on this trip?

This active program covers a good amount of ground each day. The days are busy, usually starting with a wake -up call around 7AM and departure by 9AM or earlier. We aim to be back at the hotel between 5PM and 6PM. Times may vary depending on destination and program.

Expect from three to four hours walking on some touring days. The pace is moderate, however you will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps, cobblestones, and significant slopes. Some tours require walking in the open air with no shade and no seating available.

Scroll to the end of the document for registration form





# **GROUP DELUXE**

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#### SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE AND OTHER NON-INSURANCE SERVICES

Trip Cancellation**  Cancel for Work Reasons  Coverage for cancellation due to work-related reasons in addition to job loss	Trip Cost*
Trip Interruption**	150% of Trip Cost*
Travel Delay – 6 hours	\$750 (\$150/day)
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Baggage Delay – 24 hours	\$400
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Non-Insurance Worldwide Emergency Assistance Services	Included

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Cost of Trip	Rates	With CFAR*	Cost of Trip	Rates	With CFAR*
\$0	\$21	N/A	\$5,001-\$5,500	\$353	\$582.00
\$1-\$300	\$33	\$54.00	\$5,501-\$6,000	\$388	\$640.00
\$301-\$500	\$39	\$64.00	\$6,001-\$6,500	\$422	\$696.00
\$501-\$1,000	\$58	\$96.00	\$6,501-\$7,000	\$485	\$800.00
\$1,001-\$1,500	\$93	\$153.00	\$7,001-\$7,500	\$519	\$856.00
\$1,501-\$2,000	\$115	\$190.00	\$7,501-\$8,000	\$537	\$886.00
\$2,001-\$2,500	\$145	\$239.00	\$8,001-\$8,500	\$561	\$926.00
\$2,501-\$3,000	\$172	\$284.00	\$8,501-\$9,000	\$595	\$982.00
\$3,001-\$3,500	\$194	\$320.00	\$9,001-\$9,500	\$623	\$1,028.00
\$3,501-\$4,000	\$242	\$399.00	\$9,501-\$10,000	\$665	\$1,097.00
\$4,001-\$4,500	\$276	\$455.00	\$10,001-\$11,000	\$734	\$1,211.00
\$4,501-\$5,000	\$319	\$526.00	\$11,001-\$12,000	\$802	\$1,323.00

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The above rates are for trips up to 30 days – for each day over 30 add \$5.00 per person per day.

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Insurance benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: 1. suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane; 2. an act of declared or undeclared war; 3. participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; 4. riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; 5. mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); 6. participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition; 7. participating in bodily contact sports, skydiving or parachuting, hang gliding or bungee cord jumping; 8. piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; 9. being Intoxicated, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; 10. the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; 11. normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; 12. dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided); 13. amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; 14. due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Policy. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or return of remains coverage; 15. medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment; 16. a mental or nervous condition, unless hospitalized for that condition while the Policy is in effect for You; 17. due to loss or damage (including death or injury) and any associated cost or expense resulting directly from the discharge, explosion or use of any device, weapon or material employing or involving chemical, biological, radiological or similar agents, whether in time of peace or war, and regardless of who commits the act and regardless of any other sequence thereto.

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The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion will be waived if the protection plan is purchased before final trip payment for the trip, for the full non-refundable cost of the trip and the booking for the covered trip is the first and only booking for this travel period and you are not disabled from travel at the time you pay the premium.

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- b) Your or a Family Member's or a Traveling Companion's or a Business Partner's covered Sickness or Injury, which: a) occurs before departure on Your Trip, b)requires Medical Treatment at the time of cancellation resulting in medically imposed restrictions, as certified by a Legally Qualified Physician, and c) and prevents Your participation in the Trip;
- c) You or Your Traveling Companion being hijacked, quarantined, required to serve on a jury (notice of jury duty must be received after Your Effective Date), served with a court order to appear as a witness in a legal action in which You or Your Traveling Companion is not a party (except law enforcement officers);
- Your or Your Traveling Companion's primary place of residence or destination being rendered uninhabitable by fire, flood, burglary or other Natural Disaster. The Company will only pay benefits for Losses occurring within 30 calendar days after the Natural Disaster makes your destination accommodations uninhabitable. Your destination is uninhabitable if: the building structure itself is unstable and there is a risk of collapse in whole or in part; (ii) there is exterior or structural damage allowing elemental intrusion, such as rain, wind, hail, or flood; (iii) immediate safety hazards have yet to be cleared such as debris on roofs or downed electrical lines; or (iv) the rental property is without electricity or water. Benefits are not payable if a storm, snow storm, blizzard or hurricane is named on or before the Effective Date of Your Trip Cancellation coverage;
- e) a documented theft of passports or visas
- f) You or Your Traveling Companion being directly involved in a traffic accident, substantiated by a police report, while en route to Your scheduled point of departure;
- g) Bankruptcy or Default of an airline, cruise line, tour operator or other travel provider (other than the Travel Supplier, tour operator or travel agency, from whom You purchased Your Travel Arrangements causing a complete cessation of travel services more than 14 days following Your Effective Date. Benefits will be paid due to Bankruptcy or Default of an airline only if no alternate transportation is available. If alternate transportation is available, benefits will be limited to the change fee charged to allow You to transfer to another airline in order to get to Your intended destination. This benefit only applies if the Certificate has been purchased within 14 days of the date Your initial deposit/payment for Your Trip is received; and You insure the full cost of Your Trip subject to penalties or restrictions;
- h) unannounced Strike that causes complete cessation of services for at least 18 consecutive hours of the Common Carrier on which You are scheduled to travel;
- i) Inclement Weather that causes complete cessation of services for at least 18 consecutive hours of the Common Carrier on which You are scheduled to travel;
- j) felonious assault of You or Your Traveling Companion within 10 days of the Scheduled Departure Date;
- k) You or Your Traveling Companion is in the military and called to emergency duty for a national disaster other than war;
- involuntary employer termination or layoff affecting You or a Traveling Companion. Employment must have been with the same employer for at least 1 continuous
  year;
- m) a Terrorist Incident that occurs within 30 days of Your Scheduled Departure Date in a city listed on the itinerary of Your Trip. This same city must not have experienced a Terrorist Incident within the 90 days prior to the Terrorist Incident that is causing Your cancellation of Your Trip. Benefits are not provided if the Travel Supplier offers a substitute itinerary:
- n) Your family or friends living abroad with whom You were planning to stay are unable to provide accommodations due to life threatening illness, life threatening injury or death of one of them;
- o) Your normal pregnancy or attending the childbirth of Your Family Member. The pregnancy must occur after the Plan Effective Date and be verified by medical records;
- p) the primary or secondary school that You, Your Family Member or Traveling Companion attends continues classes beyond the predefined school year, due to unforeseeable events which: 1) occur after Your Effective Date for Trip Cancellation; and 2) cause the classes to extend beyond the Scheduled Departure Date of Your Trip. Extensions due to extra-curricular or athletic events are not covered:
- q) Mandatory evacuation ordered by local government authorities at Your Trip Destination (or official public evacuation notices or recommendations without a mandatory evacuation order issued) due to adverse weather or Natural Disaster;
- r) A transfer of You or Your Traveling Companion by the employer by whom You or Your Traveling Companion are employed on Your Effective Date which requires their principal residence to be relocated;
- s) You, Your Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with You is required to work during the Trip. A written statement by an unrelated company official and/or the human resources department demonstrating revocation of previously approved time off will be required;
- t) You, Your Traveling Companion or Family Member traveling with You are directly involved in the merger of Your employer or the acquisition of Your employer by another company. You, Your Traveling Companion or Family Member cannot be a company owner or partner;
- u) Your or Your Traveling Companion's place of employment is rendered unsuitable for business due to fire, flood, burglary or other Natural Disaster and You and/or Your Traveling Companion are required to work as a result.

All cancellations must be reported directly to the Travel Supplier within 72 hours of the event causing the need to cancel, unless the event prevents it, and then as soon as is reasonably possible.

Travel Delay: The Insurer will reimburse You for covered expenses on a one time basis, up to the maximum shown in the Schedule of insurance and other coverages, if You are delayed en route to or from the Covered Trip for 6 or more hours due to a covered reason.

Baggage/Personal Effects: The Insurer will reimburse You up to the maximum shown on the Schedule of insurance and other coverages for loss, theft, or damage to Baggage and Personal Effects. The Insurer will pay the lesser of the following: Actual Cash Value at the time of the loss, less depreciation as determined by the Insurer, or the cost of repair or replacement

Emergency Accident and Sickness Medical Expense: The Insurer will pay benefits up to the maximum shown on the Schedule of insurance and other coverages, if You incur Covered Medical Expenses for Emergency Medical Treatment as a result of an Accidental Injury which occurs on the Covered Trip or a Sickness which first manifests itself during the Covered Trip

Emergency Medical Evacuation: The Insurer will pay, subject to the limitations set out herein, up to the maximum shown on the Schedule of insurance and other coverages, for Covered Emergency Evacuation Expenses reasonably incurred if the Insured suffers an Injury or Emergency Sickness that warrants the Insured's Emergency Evacuation while on a Trip.

Cancel For Any Reason Protection: Optional Coverage applies only when requested on the application and the appropriate additional plan cost has been paid. CFAR must be purchased at the time of plan purchase and within 14 days of your initial trip deposit. If You purchase the Cancel For Any Reason protection and You cancel Your Trip for any reason not otherwise covered by this plan, the Insurer will reimburse You for up to 90% of the prepaid, forfeited, non-refundable payments or deposits You paid for Your Trip provided You cancel Your Trip more than 48 hours prior to your Scheduled Departure Date. This benefit is not available to residents of New York State.

Deposits and final payment: A deposit of \$500.00 per person by check should accompany the registration form along with your optional travel protection payment, and a copy of your passport picture page by April 6, 2022. Final payment is due by May 18, 2022. A late payment fee of \$100 will be charged per person for all payments received after the final payment date. Please mail your payment to: Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822 Attn: Rebecca Stoker, 800-842-4842, rebecca@select-intl.com.

Your passport must be valid through January 27, 2022. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies. Prices quoted are based on cash payments. Cash prices \$4,995.00 for the complete package, \$3,895.00 land only (air not included), \$895.00 solo traveler (in room by yourself). Credit card payments are: \$5,145.00 for the complete package, \$4,012.00 for land only, \$1,025.00 single supplement.

<u>Pilgrimage prices</u>: Prices are based on minimum 20 passengers. Prices may be adjusted in the event of fewer than 20 passengers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Prices are in US dollars. For European travel an exchange rate of US \$1.16 per Euro is assumed.

<u>Solo Travel:</u> A limited number of single rooms are available. Prices are based on two people per room. We do not guarantee roommates but will do our best to connect you with a someone willing to share.

<u>Land Only Option</u>: Land only services start and end at the hotels and do not include any airfare. You are welcome to transfer from the airport with the group if you arrive at the same time, otherwise, transfers are not included.

Tour Cancellation Policy: A \$350.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if the reservation is canceled from the date of booking until 90 days prior to departure. A \$500.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if the reservation is canceled between 90 and 60 days prior to departure. Within 60 days of departure all payments are non-refundable regardless of reason for cancellations. All airline tickets are non-refundable once issued. All cancellations must be in writing. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. If a roommate cancels, the cost of a solo supplement will be added to your invoice. You may be eligible for a refund through your travel protection. Refer to the U.S. Policy by State on our website.

Trip Cancellation Protection: We strongly encourage you to purchase a Travel Protection Plan, for the protection of your travel investment. Please consider purchasing this plan at the time of initial deposit in order to be covered for pre-existing conditions. Visit our website, <a href="https://www.selectinternationaltours.com">www.selectinternationaltours.com</a>, for details and costs, per person, for the Group Deluxe and Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) plans. Please note that CFAR is not available in NY State. The plans contain insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. The plans also contain non-insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization.

Airline, seating and special requests: To best accommodate our pilgrims, we often utilize Group Air Reservations. These allow more predictable transfer and tour schedules. However, when booking Group Air, the airline (not Select International Tours) controls seating assignments. If you require very specific seats, we suggest that you book your own airfare

and take advantage of our "Land Only" options. You may communicate directly with the airline to request seating changes, provide mileage program information, or change passenger contact information once you receive ticket numbers—approximately three (3) weeks prior to departure. We work with instant purchase airline tickets and or group rates. If you switch from air and land to land only within 90 days from departure you will be charged a \$100 service fee in addition to any airline charges. All special needs and requests due to medical or dietary restrictions must be requested in writing at least 60 days prior to departure. Business class and Premium Coach seats are available upon written request; as are addons from your hometown airport. If you require very specific airlines or schedules, we suggest that you book your own airfare and take advantage of our "Land Only" options.

Walking: Our trips require daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, steps, and uneven terrain. We recommend preparing oneself, by walking before the trip. Anyone needing assistance is required to be accompanied by a qualified and physically-able travel companion. We are not responsible for any medical condition that occurs prior, during or after the trip.

Safety Procedures: Select International Tours has undertaken a reasonable inquiry, with all the suppliers (including airlines, hotels, bus companies and other service providers) used on our trips to ensure they have instigated the best available procedures regarding the pandemic-protective policies advised by local government and health authorities. The client understands and agrees that the supplier(s) may not apply those policies as diligently as the policies suggest. In addition even if the supplier makes a good faith effort to enforce its good practices, some travelers may simply refuse to cooperate. Therefore the client agrees not to hold Select International Tours or group leaders responsible should they or anyone on the trip contract COVID-19 or any other illness during or after the trip.

Responsibility: By accepting this confirmation, you agree that the Group Leaders and Select International Tours, Inc. have no responsibility for any acts or omission of the travel suppliers in your itinerary and during your trip. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial conditions of the suppliers, unsafe travel conditions, health hazards, or weather hazards at locations traveled. We are not responsible for flight delays or cancellations or any charges incurred due to unforeseen circumstances. Unused portions of the trip are non-refundable. For information about destination climate, risks, and safety please consult the appropriate on-line resources. For health information consult the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. You are responsible for checking passport, visa, vaccination, or other entry requirements of your destinations. Itineraries are subject to change. We are not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen articles. We are not responsible for any sickness, injury, or death during or after the trip. Travel documents will be mailed out approximately three (3) weeks before departure. Please review them carefully for any errors.

Shipping & Handling: \$15.00—not included in package price—will be added to each invoice. Your invoice will confirm the trip registration.

Future Travel Credits may be used on this trip. Please see the "Future Travel Credit" section of the Terms and Conditions (https://www.selectinternationaltours.com/terms-conditions) for details regarding their use.

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Please complete this form and mail it to Select International Tours, along with your deposit, travel protection payment (if purchasing), and a copy of your passport picture page.

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:	
Street Address:			
City:		Zip Code:	
	Contact Cell for Airline While Traveling:		
Email Address:	Land only : □ Need help with flights from		
Medical/Dietary Needs	(Starts/ends at hotel	, no airfare)	
Updates about your trip will be sent by email on		or electronic communication originating	from rebecca@select-intl.com
Room: (check one) Single (1 Bed)	Double (1 Bed, 2 People)	Twin (2 Beds, 2 People)	Triple (3 Beds)
Name of Roomate(s):	If sin	gle: ☐Match me with a roomma	ate Solo (in room by myself)
<b>Emergency Contact (Name and Phone</b>	):		
	amount of \$for my initial deposit.		
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By signing below, I consent to any necessary itinerary changes and price adjustments and agree to be bound by all Select International Tours & Cruises'(SITC) TERMS AND CONDITIONS as outlined on this page and on the company website: <a href="www.selectinternationaltours.com/terms-conditions/">www.selectinternationaltours.com/terms-conditions/</a>. I also understand that (SITC) highly encourages the purchase of travel protection and that any fees associated with this trip cannot be waived for any reason. By declining to purchase travel protection I assume all financial losses associated with this trip which otherwise may be covered by travel protection. I also agree not to contest charges associated with the trip cost as outlined in this brochure. I understand that S.I. does not arrange specific seats on the flights.