

# HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

*with an optional pre-tour to Jordan*

*with*

*Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio  
Fr. David Huffman, Deacon Ron Blanton,  
and Deacon Bill Wakefield*

**11 Days – November 6-16, 2023**

**Pre-Tour to Jordan: November 2-7, 2023**



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**Enroll online to guarantee your spot immediately. Beginning in January, you can manage your trip, see your documents and itinerary, and view or pay your invoice, from any computer or mobile device.**

## WHAT'S THE COST?

Land and Air from NYC\*  
**\$4975.00**

Land and Air from Dallas\*  
**\$5075.00**

Land Only  
**\$4195.00**

Solo Traveler  
**\$995.00**

Jordan Pre-tour  
**\$1159.00**

Jordan Solo Traveler  
**\$395.00**

*Prices are valid only if the deposit is received no later than July 19, 2023*

*Final payment due September 7, 2023*

*\*Must have 10 passengers for group air*

**Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Ph.D.**  
**("Dr. Italy")**



Known as "Dr. Italy" Marcellino is a NY Times best-selling author who has been a guest commentator on Fox News, EWTN, and Relevant Radio. Mentored by renowned Jesuit theologian Avery Cardinal Dulles, Marcellino is an expert in the Bible and Church history who has led over 25 pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Author of the ground-breaking study of Christ, filmed in the Holy Land, *Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life* (JesusWTL.info), Marcellino will be our principal guide on this pilgrimage. Learn more about him on [DoctorItaly.com](http://DoctorItaly.com).

## ITINERARY

### Optional Pre-Tour to Jordan

#### ✚ Thursday, November 2, Day 1: DEPART USA FOR AMMAN JORDAN

Depart on an overnight flight to Amman, Jordan.

#### ✚ Friday, November 3, Day 2: ARRIVE AMMAN – DEAD SEA

We arrive in Amman, are greeted by our Christian English-speaking guide, and are transferred to our hotel at the Dead Sea. (D)

#### ✚ Saturday, November 4, Day 3: DEAD SEA – MADABA – MT. NEBO – MACHAREUS

Today, we visit Madaba, where we see the famous 6th-century mosaic map of Palestine in St. George's Church. Stand atop Mount Nebo, looking over the Promised Land just as Moses did before his death. Meet Christian Refugees and learn about the work of the Pontifical Mission for Palestine and American University. After a break for lunch on our own, we end our day with a visit to Machaerus, where John the Baptist was beheaded. Dinner and overnight at our hotel at the Dead Sea. (B,D)

#### ✚ Sunday, November 5, Day 4: WADI RUM

This morning, we drive into the Wadi Rum desert to be transported back in time when we get into our 4x4 Jeeps for an adventure-filled ride through the sand dunes and magnificent mountains. Tonight, look at the night sky, where you may see shooting stars, the Milky Way, and many planets. Lawrence of Arabia comes to mind as we settle into our Bedouin Tent for a comfortable overnight. Overnight Wadi Rum. (B,D)

#### ✚ Monday, November 6, Day 5: PETRA

Today, we visit the amazing ancient city of Petra. Enjoy a guided tour followed by time to explore on our own. Dinner and overnight in Petra. (B,D)

#### ✚ Tuesday, November 7, Day 6: ALLENBY BORDER CROSSING – JERUSALEM

This morning, we check out of our hotel and are transferred to the Allenby Bridge. Once we cross into Israel headed for Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem (B,D)

### Main Tour

#### ✚ Monday, November 6, Day 1: DEPART ON AN OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO TEL AVIV

Depart on an overnight flight to Tel Aviv. Dinner and breakfast are served on the plane. Group air from DFW or NYC is available, and other cities may be added. Individual add-on rates are available upon request from all major airports. Group fares require a minimum of ten passengers to be traveling together from any one airport. Premium economy and business class upgrades are available upon request.

#### ✚ Tuesday, November 7, Day 2: INTO THE LAND OF THE BIBLE

Shalom! We arrive at Tel Aviv Airport, and once we pass through passport control and customs, we are greeted by our English-speaking Christian guide, who will assist us with boarding our luxury Motorcoach. We travel to the hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and a well-deserved night of rest. Overnight Jerusalem. (D)

#### ✚ Wednesday, November 8, Day 3: OLD CITY "CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH SHRINES" – NEW CITY – MT. ZION

This morning we visit the Church of St. Anne, built on the site of the birthplace of Our Lady. Continue to the Pools of Bethesda, where Christ healed the paralytic. Visit the Temple area, the spot where the original temple was built, and which was the scene of many episodes from the life of Christ, such as the expulsion of the money changers. We visit the Western Wall (aka the "Wailing Wall") of the Temple, the most sacred spot in the world for the Jews. In the afternoon, proceed to the National Museum, the Shrine of the Book. Continue to Mount Zion, visiting the room of the Last Supper, and Church of the Dormition. We celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, built on the site of the house of Caiaphas, which encloses the dungeon where Christ was kept on Holy Thursday night and where Peter denied Christ thrice. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B, D)

#### ✚ Thursday, November 9, Day 4: JERUSALEM - SHARING THE BREAD DINNER

Today, we begin at Bethphage, where the procession of Palm Sunday started. Continue to the Mount of Olives and visit the Church of the Ascension, the spot where Christ ascended into Heaven; the Pater Noster Church commemorating Christ's teaching of Our Father to his disci-



ples; Dominus Flevit, the place where Christ wept over Jerusalem, and onwards to Gethsemane to view the ancient Olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Church of All Nations which houses the Rock of the Agony of Christ on Holy Thursday; in this Church is a beautiful mosaic donated by the United States. Visit the Cave of the betrayal of Jesus and the Tomb of Our Lady. In the afternoon, we visit Ein Karem, the place of the Visitation where Our Lady came to visit her cousin Elizabeth. View the plaques with the Magnificat in most languages of the world. We visit the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist and the Grotto of his birth. Here we celebrate Mass before we return to our hotel. Tonight we enjoy "Sharing the Bread" dinner as we are welcomed into the homes of the Christian Families of Bethlehem. Overnight in Jerusalem (B. Special dinner)

#### ✠ Friday, November 10, Day 5: BETHLEHEM – SHEPHERD'S FIELD

This morning, we depart for Bethlehem to visit the Basilica of the Nativity, built over the site of the birthplace of Christ. We see the cave where Christ was born and enjoy the occasion of singing traditional Christmas Hymns. The nearby Church of St. Catherine is the venue for the midnight Mass broadcast all over the World from Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. We visit St. Jerome's Grotto, The cave where he lived for many years while translating the Bible into Latin. A meeting is scheduled with the orphanage at the French Hospital. Continue to Shepherd's Field, recalling the "great throng of the heavenly hosts" who appeared to the shepherds and told them of the birth of the Savior. We celebrate Mass before returning to Jerusalem to visit the Museum of the Shroud. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B.D)

#### ✠ Saturday, November 11, Day 6: VIA DOLOROSA AND JERICHO

We start the day early by praying the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa, ending with celebrating Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We visit Calvary and the Tomb of Our Lord before continuing with a tour of the Old City of Jerusalem, visiting the Chapel of Flagellation, the Chapel of Condemnation, and the Lithostrotos, the site of the Antonia Fortress where Julius Caesar resided at the time of Christ and where Christ was tried and condemned to death. In the afternoon, we drive through the Judean Wilderness to Jericho. Visit Elisha's Fountain and the ancient city of Jericho. See the Mount of Temptation in the distance, where Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights. Visit Tel El Sultan before we continue to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. Our final stop of the day is the Dead Sea, where we have time to relax and float (Don't forget to pack a bathing suit) before heading back to Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B.D)

#### ✠ Sunday, November 12, Day 7: JERUSALEM TO GALILEE

This morning we drive north from Jerusalem to visit Mt. Tabor. We leave the bus and transfer to taxis for the ascent to the top. We visit the site of the Transfiguration and celebrate Mass. Continue to Magdala, the village of Mary Magdalene, before check-in. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias. (B.D)

#### ✠ Monday, November 13, Day 8: NAZARETH – CANA – RIVER JORDAN

This morning, we visit Nazareth. We start with a visit to the Basilica of the Annunciation, enclosing the remains of the house where the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary to announce that she was to become the mother of God. We celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation before continuing to Nazareth Village to learn more about daily life in the times of Jesus. Following lunch on our own, we drive to the Wedding Church at Cana, where Christ performed his first miracle, and married couples can renew their marriage vows. We then proceed to the River Jordan, where we will renew our Baptismal vows before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Tiberias. (B, D)

#### ✠ Tuesday, November 14, Day 9: THE SEA OF GALILEE

This morning, we take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. Our next stop is Capernaum, now in ruins but once a thriving town where Peter lived and where much of the public ministry of Christ took place. See the Church of the Primacy of Peter, where Christ confirmed Peter as Head of the Church. We continue to Mount of Beatitudes, where Christ taught the Eight Beatitudes to His Disciples to celebrate Mass. Following lunch on our own, we proceed to Tabgha, the place of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fish. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Tiberias. (B, D)

#### ✠ Wednesday, November 15, Day 10: MOUNT CARMEL – CAESAREA MARITIMA – JAFFA

We depart from Tiberias, traveling to Haifa to visit Mount Carmel. We celebrate Mass at the Church of Our Lady and Star of the Sea. We visit the cave of the Prophet Elijah before proceeding along the shores of the Mediterranean to Caesarea Maritime, on the Plains of Sharon, to visit the ruins of the Crusader's City, surrounded by a moat and a city wall enclosing the ruins of the Roman city. Visit the Roman Theater and Aqueduct. We travel to Jaffa for our farewell dinner before departing to the airport for our flight home. (B, Special dinner)

#### ✠ Thursday, November 16, Day 11: ARRIVAL IN THE USA

### YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare from DFW or NYC
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- First-class hotels
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Buffet breakfast daily
- 7 hotel dinners at the hotels (standard 3-course menu, beverages available at an additional cost)
- 1 Sharing the Bread dinner in Bethlehem
- Farewell dinner in a restaurant
- All transfers with a private A/C motor coach as per itinerary
- Professional English speaking tour director throughout
- Sightseeing tours as per itinerary
- Entrance fees included to sites specifically listed (outside view means no entrance is included)
- Luggage handling at hotels (one piece per person in/out)
- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Confirmation of daily Mass
- We recommend you consider purchasing CFAR Travel Protection

### TIPPING

- **For the convenience of the pilgrims a tip fund of \$220.00 for the main trip and \$80.00 for the Jordan Pre-Tour will be invoiced and collected in advance. Tip fund covers gratuities for the guide, driver, baggage handling, and restaurants for included meals**

### RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- 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:

- Baggage handling at train stations, and airports. \*Check with your airline for baggage fees and restrictions
- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or portage charges

**Deposits and Final Payment:** This is an exclusive, by invitation-only, pilgrimage hosted by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, who reserves the right to approve all requests to participate in the tour. A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 per person by check should accompany the enrollment form along with your optional travel protection payment and a copy of your passport picture page by July 19, 2023. Final payment is due by September 7, 2023. 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: Jane Allison, 800-842-4842, jane@select-intl.com.

**Your passport must be valid through May 7, 2024. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies.** Prices quoted are based on payments by check. Prices: \$4,975.00 for land and air from NYC; \$5,075.00 for land and air from Dallas; \$4,195.00 land only (air not included), \$995.00 solo traveler, additional cost, (in room by yourself); \$1,159.00 for Jordan Pre-tour; \$395.00 for solo traveler, additional cost, (in room by yourself). For credit card payments add 4%.

**Pilgrimage prices:** Prices are based on minimum 30 passengers. Prices may be adjusted in the event of fewer than 30 passengers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Prices are in US dollars.

**Solo Travel:** 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.

**Land Only Option:** 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, [www.selectinternationaltours.com](http://www.selectinternationaltours.com), 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 add-ons 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.

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

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#### ENROLLMENT/CONSENT FORM:

**Holy Land Pilgrimage plus and optional Pre-Tour to Jordan with Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio,  
Fr. David Huffman, Deacon Ron Blanton, and Deacon Bill Wakefield  
November 6-16, 2023 Jordan Pre-Tour: November 2-6**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Cell for Airline While Traveling \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Land only : \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Need help with flights from \_\_\_\_\_  
(Starts/ends at hotel, no airfare)

Medical/Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_ Departure City ☐ NYC ☐ DFW

Updates about your trip will be sent by email only. Please be sure that your settings allow for electronic communication originating from jane@select-intl.com

Where did you hear about this trip? \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Jordan Pre-tour

Room: (check one) Single (1 Bed) \_\_\_\_\_ Double (1 Bed, 2 People) \_\_\_\_\_ Twin (2 Beds, 2 People) \_\_\_\_\_ Triple (3 Beds) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_ If single: ☐ Match me with a roommate ☐ Solo (in room by myself)

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

Enclosed is a check/money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for my initial deposit.

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Pre-Tour: \$6,001.00 - \$6,500.00 (\$506.00 Deluxe or \$696.00 with Cancel For Any Reason CFAR)

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