

THE HOLY LAND

visiting

Haifa • Tiberias • Nazareth
Bethlehem • Jerusalem

hosted by

Fr. David Kosmoski

10 Days: March 10 - 19, 2010

\$2399 from New York



"I will make a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land to ask the Lord, visiting the places sanctified by His passage on the earth, for His precious blessing of unity and peace. . ."

Dear Friends:

A journey to the Holy Land is a spiritual pilgrimage that is rewarding in every way. There the Bible comes alive with names and events we have been hearing about all our lives. As you know, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, visited the Holy Land in the Spring of 2009. The highlight of the Pope's visit to the Holy Land was the Holy Mass in the Upper Room in Jerusalem where the Lord celebrated the Last Supper and gave us the gift of the Eucharist. The Pope also visited Bethlehem and the Western Wall, commonly known as the Wailing Wall, as did the late Pope John Paul II. Our pilgrimage will visit these sites along with many others, including the desert where Jesus was tempted, the Dead Sea, and the Sea of Galilee. We will be invited to renew our Baptismal covenant in the Jordan River, where the Lord was baptized. Other highlights of the pilgrimage will include a visit to the Western Wall and the Dome of the Rock.

Please join me as we continue to pray for the intentions of Our Holy Father in the special "Year of the Priest." I visited the Holy Land during the first year of my seminary formation in Rome. This first of several pilgrimages made a great impact on me in my future years of studying scripture and theology. As I studied, I was able to visualize the places where our Lord walked. After 25 years of priestly ministry, I still recall vividly all the places that are central to our faith.

Our pilgrimage will be like a retreat, a time for personal spiritual renewal, but there will also be plenty of time for shopping and making new friends as we eat plentiful and delicious meals. Please join me on this sacred pilgrimage and send in the enclosed reservation as soon as possible. Please help me to spread the word about the pilgrimage by contacting or e-mailing your friends about this wonderful opportunity.

Sincerely yours in Jesus and Mary,

Rev. David Kosmoski



TOUR FEATURES

- Roundtrip airfare from New York.
- Accommodations in First Class hotels.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Services of English speaking guides.
- Comprehensive sightseeing throughout.
- Automatic \$100,000 flight insurance.*
- All service charges and local taxes.

*Subject to policy terms and limitations.

YOUR DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY

WED, MAR 10 – NEW YORK/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Begin your exciting journey as you depart New York on board your overnight transatlantic flight to the Holy Land.

THU, MAR 11 – ARRIVE TEL AVIV

Arrive Tel Aviv today where you will be met and escorted to your waiting motorcoach for the transfer to your hotel in the Tel Aviv area. Your exciting journey to the Land of the Bible begins. (D)

FRI, MAR 12 – TEL AVIV/CAESAREA/HAIFA/TIBERIAS

Drive north today to Caesarea to view the ruins of the Crusaders's fortress and moat and sit in the great Roman amphitheatre. Continuing along the coast, you will see the aqueduct that carried water from Mt. Carmel to Caesarea. On to Megiddo located on the Plain of Esdraelon. Visit the museum, ruins of the city and Solomon's Stables. Continue to Haifa where you will ascend Mt. Carmel for a magnificent view of the sea and harbor. See the Carmelite Monastery and Elijah's Cave as well as the Bahai Temple with its lovely Persian Gardens. Proceed to Tiberias for the night. (B,D)

SAT, MAR 13 – TIBERIAS

Today, cross the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, center of Jesus' Ministry in the Galilee. Visit the ruins of the Second Century Synagogue. Continue to Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Then on to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the famous Sermon on the Mount and chose the Twelve Apostles. Return to Tiberias for the night. (B,D)

SUN, MAR 14 – TIBERIAS/CANA/ NAZARETH/JERUSALEM

Depart today via Tabgha and Magdala to Cana, site of Jesus' first miracle of turning water into wine. Proceed to Mt. Tabor, traditional site of the Transfiguration. Continue to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. Here you will visit the Church of the Annunciation and the winding streets of the old city.

Proceed via the Jordan Valley and Beit Shean to Jerusalem and your hotel. (B,D)

MON, MAR 15 – JERUSALEM

This morning proceed on a walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem. Enter St. Stephen's Gate. Visit St. Anne's Church and the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed the crippled man. Continue to the Temple Area. See the Dome of the Rock, the El Aqsa Mosque and the Wailing Wall. Exit via the Dung Gate to St. Peter's in Gallicantu. View the Valley of Gehenna and the Pool of Siloam.

This afternoon enter Herod's Gate to the Roman Praetorium, beneath the Sisters of Zion Convent, and the Ecce Homo Arch. Follow in the footsteps of Jesus as you walk the Via Dolorosa, the traditional way of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Leave the Old City through the Damascus Gate. (B,D)

TUE, MAR 16 – JERUSALEM

Drive to the top of the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Visit the Chapel of the Ascension and the Church of Pater Noster. Descend the Mt. of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane and walk along the ancient olive trees, viewing the Kidron Valley. Visit the Church of All Nations on the Rock of Agony. Ascend Mount Zion to see the Upper Room, traditional site of the Last Supper. Drive to Bethlehem. Stop at Rachel's Tomb. Visit the Church of the Nativity. See the Manger where Jesus was born and Shepherd's Field. Time to shop for wood carvings before returning to Jerusalem. (B,D)

WED, MAR 17 – JERUSALEM

This morning we drive to Bethany to visit Lazarus' Tomb and the village of Mary and Martha. Then on to Biblical Jericho, believed to be the oldest city in the world. View Elisha's Spring and the Mount of Temptations. Continue to the Dead Sea, 1288 feet below sea level, site of ancient Sodom and Gomorrah. Stop at the Caves of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered and visit the excavations. On the east side of the Dead Sea are the Moab Mountains and Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land. (B,D)

THU, MAR 18 – JERUSALEM/TEL AVIV/ALOFT

Today the day is at leisure for shopping and exploring the city on your own. Early this evening you will transfer to the airport for your overnight flight back to New York. (B,D)

FRI, MAR 19 – ARRIVE NEW YORK

Your exciting adventure in the Holy Land is over as you arrive back in New York this morning!

B=Breakfast

D=Dinner

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RESERVATION FORM

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Please read the all-inclusive tour features and conditions. Then complete this handy form. Book early!

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

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Accommodation Desired:

- double room sharing with.....
 single room (\$595 extra per person)

Enclosed is my check for \$.....as deposit
(\$400 per person) for.....persons

Passenger #1:

Clearly print your full name(last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport

Name: Last.....
First.....
Middle.....
Gender: Please check Male Female

Address.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

Email.....

Home Phone.....Work Phone.....

Passport #.....

Date of Issue.....Date Expires.....
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

Date of Birth.....Country of
(dd/mm/yyyy) Citizenship.....

Place of Birth.....
(city/state)

Passenger #2:

Clearly print your full name(last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport

Name: Last.....
First.....
Middle.....
Gender: Please check Male Female

Address.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

Email.....

Home Phone.....Work Phone.....

Passport #.....

Date of Issue.....Date Expires.....
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

Date of Birth.....Country of
(dd/mm/yyyy) Citizenship.....

Place of Birth.....
(city/state)

****Please include a clear photocopy of your passport****

A word about NAWAS . . .

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL has pioneered Christian Tours to the far corners of the world for over 60 years. We offer you the essential ingredients for a successful tour.

EXPERIENCE: There is no substitute for 60 years of planning tours. Our contacts, guides, knowledge of the area, and background guarantee you the highest quality service at affordable prices.

RELIABILITY: In 60 years, we have won an international reputation for reliability. We deliver what we promise. And that is essential for a successful trip.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT:

Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit of \$400 per person. No reservation is considered firm until deposit has been received. Your deposit payment shall be deemed to be an acceptance of all the terms of our General Conditions. Final payment is due at Nawas Travel 100 days prior to departure date.

Nawas accepts Visa, Mastercard and American Express for balance/final payments only. Credit cards are not accepted for deposits. The price of the tour already includes a built-in discount of 3% for payments made by cash or check. There is no discount on credit card sales. Credit cards will only be accepted prior to the final payment due date. Credit card charges cannot be accepted over the telephone. Tour members who want to use a credit card for final payment should contact Nawas at the time final payment is due for further information.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: A U.S.A. passport valid for 6 months after date of re-entry into the U.S.A. is required. (Non U.S.A. citizens may require visas in addition to a valid passport.) It is the responsibility of each passenger to check with the respective consulate(s) of the countries to be visited or a visa agency to determine whether they have the proper visa/travel documents for their tour.

THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

AIR TRANSPORTATION: By any IATAN/ARC or other scheduled jet carrier, in economy class, based on non-refundable bulk group fares. Cancellations made after air tickets have been issued are subject to full cancellation penalties as imposed by the airlines. We strongly recommend all tour members retain both their ticket receipts and boarding passes as copies of same cannot be provided. Airline tickets must bear your first, middle and last name as it appears on your passport.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION: By deluxe motorcoach.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Accommodations are at first class hotels based on two persons sharing a twin or double bedded room with private bath. Nawas cannot guarantee roommates. A person taking a single room (subject to availability) must pay a supplement of \$595. As the flight back to New York departs in the late evening/early morning of March 18/19, check out time from the hotel on March 18 will be between 11AM and 12 Noon per hotel policy.

MEALS: Breakfast and dinner daily.

SIGHTSEEING: As specified in the itinerary using motorcoach transportation or other conveyances as required. Entrance fees and the services of local English-speaking guides or tour managers are included.

TRANSFERS: Assistance and transfers from airports to hotels and vice versa in private motorcoach.

SERVICE CHARGES, TAXES AND PORTERAGE: Service charges and taxes normally included in bills, government taxes on hotel bills in effect on March 4, 2009, taxes on sightseeing and excursion trips and porterage at hotels of one normal size suitcase (maximum weight 50 lbs.) are included in the tour price.

FLIGHT INSURANCE: Automatic one hundred thousand dollars flight insurance policy for each Nawas-ticketed passenger, subject to policy terms and limitations.

DEVIATIONS: All deviation requests from the group itinerary must be received at Nawas in writing no later than 100 days prior to departure. A \$100 non refundable fee per person will be charged on all deviations in addition to any extra airfare that may be incurred. Air deviations are subject to availability and restrictions as imposed by the airlines.

BAGGAGE: Allowed free of charge to your first overseas destination and from most points of return to the U.S.A.: a maximum of one bag per person (weighing 50 pounds or less) with a combined length, width and height of 62 inches plus one Carry-on Bag with total dimensions of 45 inches (approximately 22" x 14" x 9") which fits in an overhead bin or underneath the seat in front of you. Beyond the first overseas stopover point free weight allowances range from 33 lbs to 50 lbs. Excess baggage will be charged at the established rates. Airline policies regarding baggage are subject to change at any time without prior notice. It is the responsibility of each passenger to check with their airline directly prior to departure for baggage information, regulations and compliance. Nawas is not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers regarding baggage. Nawas Travel accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to the tour members' baggage or personal belongings at any time. Wheeled carry-on bags are not permitted due to limited motorcoach capacity. Baggage insurance is recommended and is available upon written request.

TRAVELERS REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE: Disabled travelers requiring special attention or care must advise NAWAS in writing at the time of reservation. A physically able companion must accompany any person who needs special assistance. Tour directors, guides, drivers or other tour, hotel or ship personnel are not able to provide such assistance. NAWAS is not responsible for any denial of services to the disabled participant by air carriers, cruise ships, hotels, restaurants or other independent suppliers. Certain countries/destinations involve extensive walking. Be aware that outside the U.S. the Americans with Disabilities Act is not applicable and facilities for disabled individuals are limited. NAWAS is not responsible for any passenger requiring special medical equipment.

THE TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

U.S. departure taxes, overseas airport taxes, overseas local government taxes, airline security fees/surcharges and fuel surcharges (taxes/surcharges estimated at \$300 to \$400 per person), passport fees, visa fees (if any), phone calls, valet/laundry service, wines, liquors, mineral water, after dinner coffee or tea, tips to escort, guides, drivers and waiters, sightseeing and other services not specifically mentioned, excess baggage and all other items of a purely personal nature.

CANCELLATIONS: Written cancellations received by Nawas Travel up to November 2, 2009, refunds will be made less a \$200 per person cancellation fee. From November 3, 2009, to 70 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a \$400 per person cancellation fee. From 69 to 31 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a cancellation fee of 50% of the total tour price per person. From 30 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a 100% cancellation fee of the total tour price per person. Failure to receive final payment by the due date may result in the cancellation of your tour reservation and the forfeiture of your deposit. Airline tickets are not refundable once issued. No refunds will be given for any unused services while on tour.

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance to allow for unexpected medical emergencies. Trip cancellation insurance is available upon written request.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The airfare used is based on non-refundable bulk group fares in effect on March 4, 2009. Airlines reserve the right to increase fares without prior notice. Tour members will be required to pay any airfare increases and fuel surcharges as imposed by the airlines prior to departure. Airlines require a minimum of 10 persons departing from the same gateway city.

Land costs are based on estimated 2010 tariffs, overseas government taxes and rates of exchange in effect on March 4, 2009 and a minimum of 32 or more participants. While we have made the best possible estimates of what we expect costs to be in 2010, we cannot guarantee actual prices, exchange rates and airfares. Any increases in land costs or airfare that may occur will be collected from each passenger prior to departure. We reserve the right to increase the cost of the tour consistent with normal increases should the group fall below 32 persons, or in the event of fluctuations in exchange rates.

Please note that healthcare/medical costs outside the U.S.A. are not covered by Medicare and many private medical insurance plans. Please consult with your health insurance supplier to obtain the necessary health/medical coverage for overseas travel.

California Residents: Please read the enclosed disclosure required by the Sellers of Travel Act before booking.

RESPONSIBILITY: NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE, INC. (NAWAS), and their agents act only in the capacity of agents in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and transportation, whether by railroad, motorcoach, car, steamship, boat, air or any other means. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, NAWAS is not liable for any damage, loss (including but not limited to personal injury, loss of enjoyment, distress, death and property loss), expense or inconvenience caused by any act or omission of any supplier providing tour services or by any other person or reason whatsoever or by any delays or changes in the itinerary, or the acts and omissions of the tour leader. NAWAS reserves the right to cancel the tour at any time, to operate the tour with a substitute tour host/leader at any time, to decline or retain any person as a member of the tour for any cause at any time, or to make changes in the published itinerary whenever in their sole judgment conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour. All prices are based on rates of exchange listed above and while every effort will be made to hold them firm, they are subject to change. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchasers of this tour and/or passengers. The services of any IATAN/ARC or other scheduled air carrier may be used in connection with the tour.

Payment of deposits by tour participants indicates acceptance of the above terms and General Conditions. The venue for any dispute is Fairfield County, Connecticut. The laws of the state of Connecticut will apply.

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