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# The Department of Biblical Formation *presents...*

## Israel: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

with Optional 4-Night Discover Jordan Post Tour Extension

September 25 – October 3, 2013



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### HIGHLIGHTS...

Jaffa • Caesarea • Nazareth • Cana • Tiberias • Sea of Galilee  
Mount of Beatitudes • Capernaum • Transfiguration Church  
Bethlehem • Church of the Nativity • Jerusalem  
Mount of Olives • Western Wall • Via Dolorosa  
Church of The Holy Sepulcher • Daily Mass



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9 Days • 15 Meals :  
7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 7 Dinners

**DON'T MISS OUT! BOOK BY 03/25/13**

Double \$3,699 \*  
Single \$4,299  
Triple \$3,669

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from O'Hare Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$220 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

**Please note:** The above rates will increase by \$250 after 03/25/13.

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (**See registration form for consent.**)

### YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight	Days 3, 4	Leonardo Hotel Tiberias, Tiberias
Day 2	Leonardo Basel Hotel, Tel Aviv	Days 5 – 8	Leonardo Jerusalem Hotel, Jerusalem

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



**"Value Tours"** Value Tours provide all the key destination attractions and core benefits of a standard Collette tour, including the services of a professional Tour Manager. These lower-priced packages feature 3-4 star hotels that may be less centrally located. They also offer more free time, allowing guests to pursue a wider choice of independent sightseeing and dining options.



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## IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

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**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.



Photos shown are reflective of the area(s) visited, but may not be included in the actual tour itinerary.

### Included Meals Key:

B = breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

## ISRAEL: PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

### Day 1: Wednesday, September 25, 2013

**Overnight Flight** Travel to the Holy Land on an inspirational journey that visits some of the most ancient sites in the world.

### Day 2: Thursday, September 26, 2013

**Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins** Your tour begins in Tel Aviv, a bustling city brimming with culture and history, situated on the Israeli Mediterranean coastline. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Friday, September 27, 2013

**Tel Aviv - Jaffa - Caesarea - Acre - Nazareth - Cana - Tiberias** Journey to the ancient port city of Jaffa for a leisurely stroll through the winding alleys of the historic area. **Celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Church.** Travel to the walled city and Roman ruins of Caesarea. It was here that St. Peter converted the first pagan, Centurion Cornelius, to become a Christian, and St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. Next, stop in Acre, an ancient crusader city and UNESCO World Heritage site. In Nazareth, visit St. Joseph's Shop, a small church built on the site of St. Joseph's home and workshop. Your day concludes with a visit to Cana, the site of Our Lord's first miracle, at the wedding feast where you can renew your marriage vows. (B, D)

### Day 4: Saturday, September 28, 2013

**Tiberias - Sea of Galilee - Tabgha - Capernaum - Tiberias** This morning, enjoy a special treat when you take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee where many of the apostles were fishermen and Our Lord preached. Travel to nearby Tabgha and visit the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fishes built to commemorate the miraculous feeding of five thousand. Stop at the Mount of Beatitudes for a stunning view of the Sea of Galilee. **Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Beatitudes.** Continue to the Church of the Primacy of St. Peter where Our Lord appeared to the apostles after His resurrection. In Capernaum, visit the church built over the ruins of St. Peter's house. Get a taste of the local flavor when you enjoy lunch at a communal settlement known as a Kibbutz. Later, cross the River Jordan to visit the Golan Heights and the Hashalom Observatory. Finally, visit Yardenit, the Jordan River baptismal sight. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Sunday, September 29, 2013

**Tiberias - Mount Tabor - Bethlehem - Jerusalem** **Travel to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration.** Proceed to Bethlehem and enjoy a stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared on the first Christmas night. **Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Nativity, built on the birth site of Our Lord.** Later, arrive in one of the holiest cities in the world, Jerusalem. (B, D)

### Day 6: Monday, September 30, 2013

**Jerusalem, the Old City** Your visit to Jerusalem begins with a visit to the Mount of Olives and the site where Our Lord wept over the city, now known as Dominus Flevit. Afterwards, visit the Church of All Nations built over the rock on which Our Lord prayed the night before He was crucified. Continue to the Church of the Paternoster, built on the traditional site where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer; its name refers to the "Our Father" prayer. Nearby is the Tomb of the Virgin Mary and the Cave of Gethsemane, the site of Christ's betrayal by Judas. Travel to

Caiaphas' Palace, known today as St. Peter in Gallicantu, where St. Peter once denied Our Lord in one of its courts. **This afternoon, travel to Ein Karem to visit the Church of St. John the Baptist, built over the Grotto of his birthplace, and celebrate Mass.** (B, D)

### Day 7: Tuesday, October 1, 2013

**Jerusalem** Today you are free to explore the city on your own. Perhaps you'll choose to take an optional excursion to the Dead Sea to discover where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, visit Masada and perhaps even float on the salty waters of the Dead Sea. **Later today, gather with your fellow travelers to celebrate Mass.** (B, D)

### Day 8: Wednesday, October 2, 2013

**Jerusalem - Western Wall** Your day begins with a visit to the Western Wall of the Temple. Then, follow the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, walked by Our Lord on the way to His crucifixion. Afterwards, pass through St. Stephen's Gate where St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death. Continue to the Church of St. Anne, marking the place where the parents of the Blessed Mother lived. Visit the nearby Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic, and see the Ecce Homo Arch, the site where Pontius Pilate presented Our Lord to the crowds. **Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the site of His crucifixion, burial and resurrection.** Next, visit the Church of the Dormition, commemorating Our Lady's Assumption, and the nearby Hall of the Last Supper. In Jerusalem, enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers to celebrate the end of this unforgettable and holy experience. (B, D)

### Day 9: Thursday, October 3, 2013

**Jerusalem - Tour Ends** (B)

#### Please Note:

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Triple accommodations are not available in all hotels. When this is the case, a twin and single room will be assigned.

Proper dress is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

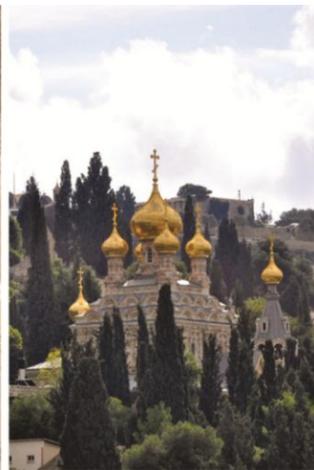
Location of daily mass is subject to availability. On occasion, it's possible one of the churches listed in the itinerary may not be available; in that case, an alternate church will be made available.

Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day (Day 9). Travel distance from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport is approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes (depending upon traffic conditions). Due to security checks, it is recommended that you arrive at Ben Gurion airport 3 hours prior to departure. Air passengers will depart from the Tel Aviv airport and all transfers will depart from Jerusalem for the Tel Aviv airport.

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

**Book Now rates valid until March 25, 2013, valid on air inclusive packages only. After March 25, 2013, the rates will increase by \$250.**

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.



## EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

### Optional 5 Days 4-Night Discover Jordan Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$1,449.00 USD per person, double, land only  
7 Meals: 4 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

### Day 9: Jerusalem - Jordan Valley Border Crossing - Petra, Jordan

This morning you travel to the Jordan Valley, crossing the border into Jordan. Travel the Desert Highway to the ancient city of Petra.

### Day 10: Petra - Wadi Rum

**Enjoy a morning tour of the remarkable stone-carved city of Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and one of the new Wonders of the World.** A treasure of the ancient world, Petra was "hidden" behind rugged mountains prior to its discovery in 1812 after being lost for over 300 years. Explore this breathtaking city, carved from sandstone by the Nabataeans, with an expert guide and learn about the importance of Petra to the ancient trade routes, the history of its prominence and decline, its rediscovery, and efforts at preservation. This afternoon, depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, stunning in its natural beauty and home of the famous film "Lawrence of Arabia." Experience desert life and learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in the Wadi Rum's stark, fragile and unspoiled desert. This evening, experience the flavors of the region with a delightful dinner at a popular local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

### Day 11: Petra - Madaba - Mt. Nebo - Amman

Travel along the Kings Highway, an ancient route from biblical times, to the city of Madaba, the "City of Mosaics." **Visit the church of St. George to see the famous 6th century Byzantine mosaic map of the region, one of the oldest in existence, and the museum where many other spectacular mosaic examples are on display.** Visit a local mosaic school to learn the history of this ancient art and how to create your very own mosaic piece. You will also visit Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land – present day Israel – and is believed to be laid to rest. Later, arrive in Amman, known as the "White City" because of white limestone used to construct the majority of the buildings. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

### Day 12: Amman - Jerash - Jordan Valley Border Crossing - Tel Aviv, Israel

Travel the quiet valley among the mountains of Gilead to the city of Jerash – the "Pompeii of the East." Step back in time as you tour the ruins with a local guide. Walk through columned streets, hilltop temples, public squares and plazas. Archeologists uncovered evidence inside the city walls indicating Amman was occupied as far back as the Neolithic age over 6,500 years ago. Later, travel to the Jordan Valley Border Crossing, returning to Israel. Continue to Tel Aviv for your overnight stay. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

### Day 13: Tel Aviv - Tour Ends

*Today breakfast will be included.*

#### PLEASE NOTE:

A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

This extension is hosted by local representatives who will provide all included services.

Jordan departure tax for land border crossings is approximately 8 Jordanian Dinar (JD) (12 USD per person), paid in local currency, subject to change without advance notice.

Israel exit fee is approximately 34 USD per person, paid in local currency when crossing the border into Jordan. Jordanian visa is required when entering Jordan and can be purchased at the Sheik Hussein (Jordan Valley) border crossing. Approximate cost is 15 JD (20 USD), paid in local currency. Money can be exchanged at the border.

When using the shuttle buses at the border crossings, a 2-3 USD fee per person, paid in local currency, is collected on the bus by each driver.

