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Encounter Jesus Christ & His Apostles
THE HOLY LAND
6-16 February 2023

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DAILY FAITH FORMATION WITH DEACON PROFESSOR DR SHERMAN KUEK OFS

What is a pilgrimage?

A pilgrimage is reflective of our faith and life journey, which is dynamic and ever-changing. In life, we are not always progressing the way we should. There are times when we find ourselves moving forward, and at other times we find ourselves stationary. In fact, there are even times when we may regress slightly. But through all these different "movements" of our journey, we are essentially moving on the path towards God. And this is precisely what happens on a pilgrimage.

Life brings with it various experiences which affect us in different ways. When we go on pilgrimages together, we offer everything of our human experience to God, including our fears, our hopes, our desires, our dreams, our doubts, our ailments and our gratitude. We walk together to witness the faith of God's People at sacred shrines, and we pray what we see while uniting ourselves with the faith of the Church.

Pilgrimages are by nature unsettling, just like life itself is. Just when we think everything is going smoothly,

life brings with it a surprise which can be pleasantly welcomed or begrudgingly unwanted. Although the organisers of such trips are often vigilant to ensure that the best arrangements are made for you, there are things that are often beyond their control, such as mishaps in flight connections, flight delays, unpleasant encounters with people, and mistaken directions. If we take all this in our stride and keep our hearts focused on the purpose of such a journey, we would see that the journey eventually leads towards our intended destination: God.

Throughout our trips, pilgrims are constantly reminded to focus on the spiritual dimension over and above the physical dimension of the journey. Much will be expected of us in terms of transcending the discomforts that the unsettledness of a pilgrimage brings us. But at the same time, if we allow ourselves to be taken through the journey with vulnerability and humility, a "joy of suffering" will come upon us as a deep experience in being united to Christ.

What do we deliver?

INCLUDED IN YOUR TRIP

- Round-trip airfare from KLIA
- Airport taxes & fuel surcharges
- 4 or 5 star hotels as far as possible
- All meals (unless specified otherwise)
- Professional local guides
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Priest available for sacraments
- Daily teaching by Deacon Sherman
- Well-researched reference booklet
- Professionally produced video footage of each trip
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel insurance including COVID-19 coverage

NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TRIP

- Items of personal nature
- Visas (if required)



Daily teaching by Deacon Professor Dr Sherman Kuek to guide your knowledge and understanding



Daily Sacraments and spiritual guidance given by accompanying priest



A well-researched booklet and a professionally produced full-length video footage of each trip given to every pilgrim



We prioritise your safety and security, and also your maximum benefit in every pilgrimage



No cutting corners, no hidden costs, you get what you pay for!



Comprehensive travel insurance (including COVID-19 coverage)



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6-16 February 2023

with optional Petra extension (16-18 February)

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

6 FEB (MON) KLIA/DOHA

Assemble at KLIA to depart for Amman.

7 FEB (TUE) AMMAN/GALILEE (L/D)

Begin the pilgrimage with an opening Mass at **Mount Nebo** where Moses viewed the Promised Land. Then cross the Allenby Bridge and drive up to the Galilee region. We stay in Galilee for the next three nights.

8 FEB (WED) GALILEE (B/L/D)

Formation and breakfast at hotel. Celebrate Mass at the **Church of the First Miracle of Cana** and renew your marital vows where Jesus turned water into wine. Proceed to **Nazareth** and visit the **Church of St Joseph** which was built over the cave which, according to local tradition, served as Joseph's carpentry workshop. Pray the Rosary at **Basilica of Annunciation** which stands on the traditional site where the archangel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would bear the Saviour.

9 FEB (THU) GALILEE (B/L/D)

Formation and breakfast at hotel. Visit **Caesarea-Philippi** where Jesus announced he would establish his Church on the Petrine ministry. Visit the **Church of the Multiplication** that commemorates the miraculous feeding of the five thousand. Visit the **Church of Beatitudes**, the site of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Celebrate Mass at the **Church of Peter's Primacy** where Jesus restored Peter to himself after the disciple's three denials of Jesus. Visit **Capernaum**, the town where Jesus performed most of his miracles. Enjoy a boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee**.

10 FEB (FRI) GALILEE/JUDEA (B/L/D)

Formation and breakfast at hotel, and check out. Ascend Mount Tabor's **Church of Transfiguration** where the Transfiguration of Jesus took place. En route to Bethlehem, celebrate Mass at **Stella Maris Monastery in Haifa**. We stay in Bethlehem for the next five nights.

11 FEB (SAT) JUDEA (B/L/D)

Formation and breakfast at hotel. Visit the **Church of the Nativity** built on the birth site of Jesus. Stop by the **Milk Grotto**. Celebrate Mass at the **Shepherds' Field** where the angel announced the birth of Jesus to a flock of shepherds. Go to the **Old City of Jerusalem**. Visit the **Mount of Olives (Holy Ascension)** which contains what is traditionally the last footprint of Jesus on earth before his ascension, the **Pater Noster Church** that commemorates the Lord's Prayer, celebrate Mass at the **Church of Dominus Flevit** which commemorates Jesus weeping over the city, and visit the **Church of All Nations** that is built in the **Garden of Gethsemane**.

12 FEB (SUN) JUDEA (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Travel to **Ein Karem** to visit the **Church of the Visitation** where a pregnant Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth and also the **Church of St John the Baptist** that is built over the Grotto of his birthplace. Then renew your baptismal

promise at the **Jordan River**. After enjoying the **Dead Sea** (permission granted by local authority to enter into the sea is subject to wind conditions), view the **Mount of Temptation** where Jesus was tempted by Satan.

13 FEB (MON) JUDEA (B/L/D)

Follow the **Via Dolorosa** to retrace the last steps of Jesus while praying the Stations of the Cross. Celebrate Mass at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, the site of Jesus' crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Visit the **Church of St Anne** and **Bethesda Pool** in the Old City of Jerusalem, where the parents of the Virgin Mary lived and where Jesus healed a paralytic. Visit the **Dormition Abbey** where the Virgin Mary died. Also, visit the **Cenacle**, where the last supper and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples were believed to have taken place. Visit Caiaphas' Palace known today as **St Peter in Gallicantu**, where Peter denied Jesus three times.

14 FEB (TUE) JUDEA (B/L/D)

Travel to Bethany for Mass at the **Church of the Resurrection** where Lazarus was raised from the dead. Also stop by for a quick visit to the **Western Wall**, the remnant of the Temple of Jerusalem that was destroyed in AD70. We also visit the **Resurrection Church** in Emmaus, today part of a Benedictine Monastery. Final formation session at hotel.

15 FEB (WED) AMMAN (B/L)

Breakfast and checkout of the hotel. Proceed to Allenby Bridge to cross over to Jordan. Lunch in Amman and transfer to Amman airport for flight departure to KLIA (and arrive the next day).

Optional extension to Petra after the pilgrimage:

15 FEB (WED) AMMAN/PETRA (B/L/D)

After dropping the main group at Amman airport, depart for Petra. Dinner and overnight stay at Petra.

16 FEB (THU) PETRA/AMMAN (B/L/D)

After breakfast, explore the **Red Rose** city of Petra. Either walk to the site or take a horse ride through the dramatic "ciq" or canyon. See the Treasury, carved in the pink stone, and view the Roman theatre, the Corinthian Tomb, Palace Tomb and the Roman road. After lunch drive back to Amman.

17 FEB (FRI) PETRA/AMMAN (B/L)

After breakfast, check out and visit the ancient Citadel of Amman (if time permits). After lunch, transfer to Amman airport for flight departure to KLIA (and arrive the next day).

ACCOMPANYING CLERGY

Rev. Deacon Professor Dr Sherman Kuek OFS
Rev. Father John Yoew

PRICE

RM14,950 per pax (twin sharing)
additional RM2,800 per pax (for single supplement)

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO PETRA

RM3,320 per pax (twin sharing)
additional RM550 per pax (for single supplement)

Booking Conditions.

1. BOOKINGS AND DEPOSITS. A non-refundable deposit of MYR3,000 is required at the time of booking. Payment of a deposit, however, does not guarantee a confirmed booking, as it is subject to the availability of air seats and ground arrangements (accommodation, sightseeing and tours, transfers and meals where applicable). The deposit is refundable only if a trip is cancelled for a reason that is apparently due to the fault of the Organiser or if the Organiser is unable to provide a place on the trip for the prospective tour member.

2. BALANCE / FULL PAYMENT. Balance for the confirmed booking is to be paid in two equal parts at least 4 months (120 days) and 2 months (60 days) prior to the date of departure. Failure to comply may result in an automatic cancellation and forfeiture of deposit paid or otherwise subject to prior agreement in writing.

3. CANCELLATIONS. Cancellation must be made in writing to avoid any misunderstanding. In the event of cancellation of tour reservation after settlement of deposits and /or full payment the following charges will apply:

<i>Period prior to tour commencement</i>	<i>Cancellation fee (% of package price)</i>
More than 60 days	Deposit
51 to 60 days	50%
31 to 50 days	75%
30 days or less	100%

4. UNAVOIDABLE ALTERATIONS. The Organiser reserves the right to omit and/or change the components of a tour, including dates of a tour, should conditions necessitate or to offer substitutes of similar value with or without prior notice. This applies to flights, accommodation, sightseeing and tours, transport, meals and the services of an accompanying tour manager.

5. FORCE MAJEURE. The Organiser shall not be responsible for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused directly or indirectly to tour member by *force majeure* or other events which are beyond the Organiser's control, such as war, civil disturbance, fire, floods, unusually severe weather, acts of God, acts of Government or broken machinery or equipment as a part of the tour.

6. PASSPORTS/VISAS. It is the responsibility of the tour member to ensure that his/her passport has at least 6 months' validity prior to a trip's commencement and that relevant entry visa(s) have been applied for and obtained prior to the date of departure. Should the application be rejected and the tour member unable to travel, refund will be made but subject to Item 3. Foreign passport holders should be responsible for their own re-entry permit/visa into Malaysia.

7. UNUSED SERVICES. No refunds can be made in respect of meals, sightseeing and tours, accommodation or any other services which are included in the tour price but not utilised by tour member.

8. TOUR PRICES. Tour prices are subject to change due to increase in airfares, hotel rates, exchange rates, government tax, etc with or without prior notice. In the event that the final number of persons is reduced from the original number quoted for, the tour fare is subject to change according to a revised fare based on the actual number in the group. Tour prices do not include visa applications unless otherwise stated.

9. SINGLE SUPPLEMENT PRICE. For single tour member travelling alone, the single tour price must be paid, either by choice or circumstance.

10. AIR TICKETS AND EXTENSION OF STAY. Air ticket is a special ticket restricted to respective airlines. It is non-endorsable, non-transferable, non-rerouteable and non-refundable (inclusive of unutilised sector). Any alteration from the original itinerary is the sole responsibility of the tour member and the alteration is subject to the validity of the air ticket. The Organiser and its associated agents will not be held responsible for any inconveniences caused and /or any extra expenses incurred.

11. BAGGAGE. Unless otherwise informed, each tour member is allowed to check in ONE suitcase luggage not exceeding 23 kilograms on all commercial scheduled flights. The Organiser assumes no liability for any damage or loss of baggage (this is usually covered by the respective airlines or the travel insurance).

12. MEDIA PRODUCTION. The Organiser reserves the right to utilise any form of media production, including but not limited to photographs and video footages taken during the tour for publicity purpose.

13. TRAVEL INSURANCE. Purchase of a comprehensive travel insurance policy is strongly recommended, even though it is not included in the tour package for non-Malaysian passport holders. Malaysian passport holders and permanent residents are usually covered under group insurance.

14. HEALTH. You are advised to seek medical advice before traveling, especially if you have a health condition.

15. RESPONSIBILITY. The Organiser and its associated agents act only as agents for transportation companies, hotel contractors and other principals. We accept no responsibility for injuries, damage, accident, loss, delay, quarantine, theft, custom regulations, strikes, deportation or refusal of entry immigration authorities resulting from improper travel documents, possession of unlawful items or irregularities that may be caused to person or property. Any losses or expenses are the responsibility of the participants. All proper travel documentation is the sole responsibility of the participants. Every tour member will be regarded in every aspect as carrying his /her own risk.

Should there be any tour member exhibiting conduct during the tour that is deemed unreasonable and detrimental to the well-being and safety of other tour members and the smooth running of the tour, the tour manager is given full discretion to (1) deal with such person and / or (2) ask such a person to leave the tour. The decision of the tour manager is final and conclusive and the Organiser will not be responsible for making refunds on any uncompleted part of the tour.

The Organiser will not be held responsible if any tour member is prevented from traveling on an aircraft in the event that it is the opinion of any person in authority at the airport that the tour member appears to be intoxicated or drug afflicted and is deemed likely to cause discomfort to other passengers. Full cancellation charge will apply and no refund will be given. Any extra costs incurred in respect of alternative arrangements made will be borne by the tour member concerned.

The Organiser cannot accept any liability for the actions of those concerned with any aspect of optional sightseeing tours and other services bought and provided locally over which the Organiser has no direct control.

16. COVID-19. The tour member shall comply with all stipulated requirements by the Organiser and relevant health authorities in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic as the trip approaches.

17. LIABILITY. It is expressly agreed between the tour member and the Organiser that all courses of action shall be at all times guided by legal jurisdiction which is applicable within the territory of Malaysia regardless of the place or country in which a cause of action arises.

18. CHANGE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS. The above terms and conditions are subject to change without prior notice, with due regard to the common good of all tour members.

Registration & Payment.

PART A. Fill in ALL the spaces in BLOCK LETTERS. You confirm that all information provided below is accurate.

NAME & DATES OF CHOSEN TRIP

CHRISTIAN NAME (IF ANY)

DATE OF BIRTH

AGE

NAME IN PASSPORT

NRIC NO.

PASSPORT NO.

PLACE OF ISSUE

EXPIRY DATE

OCCUPATION

MOBILE NO.

EMAIL

HOME ADDRESS

RELIGION

NAME OF CHURCH (IF CHRISTIAN)

MARITAL STATUS (TICK)

SINGLE

MARRIED

WIDOWED

DIVORCED

SHARING ROOM WITH (NAME & RELATIONSHIP)

SERIOUS MEDICAL CONDITION (IF ANY)

SUFFICIENTLY FIT TO WALK?

FOOD ALLERGIES (IF ANY)

PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES (IF ANY)

FULL COVID-19 VACCINATION NO YES

WHICH VACCINE FOR LATEST DOSE?

PART B. This part is only for pilgrims to the **HOLY LAND** (otherwise skip to Part C). You understand that your trip is totally subject to the successful issuance of your visas by the relevant immigration authorities.

SPOUSE'S NAME (IF MARRIED)

SPOUSE'S RELIGION

FATHER'S NAME

MOTHER'S NAME

GRANDFATHER'S NAME

GRANDMOTHER'S NAME

NAMES OF RELATIVES JOINING THIS TRIP
AND THEIR RELATIONS TO YOU (IF ANY)

PART C. This part is to be filled only by holders of Malaysian passports or Permanent Residents or those on Malaysian Work Permit, as you will be insured under a group insurance policy. Others should acquire insurance coverage from your own countries of residence.

BENEFICIARY NAME & NRIC NO. (MUST NOT BE SOMEONE TRAVELING WITH YOU)

RELATIONSHIP

/

MOBILE NO.

BENEFICIARY'S ADDRESS

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Your payment schedule is as follows:

- **RM3,000** on booking, submitted together with this form
- 50% of the balance, payable **4 months (120 days)** before departure date
- Final 50% of the balance, settled **2 months (60 days)** before departure date

Registration is confirmed only upon deposit payment.

2. Possible modes of payment:

a) Online Transfer or Cheque

ARUNDEL TRAVELS SDN BHD

Maybank Account No. **5513 0653 4858**

Branch: **Taman Universiti Skudai**

Swift code for overseas transfer: **MBBEMYKL**

Please email / WhatsApp your payment slips as proof of payment.

b) Cash to our Local Representatives

Peninsular Malaysia: Edmund (+60164432783)

Kota Kinabalu: Alan (+60198803000)

Labuan: Samson (+60198630959)

Kuching: Edmund (+60164432783)

Brunei: Felicity (+6738807479)

3. **Payment receipts** will be issued upon verification of payment.

4. Please **submit this form** together with **clear coloured images of your passports** (with 6 months validity from date of travel). Submissions via email or WhatsApp are acceptable.