

# Pilgrimage to Israel - The Holy Land



**June 16 – June 25, 2018**

**(Depart / Return U.S)**

You are invited to join Father Burke Masters as he visits the places where Jesus was born and lived, preached and healed, died and rose. We will celebrate Mass each day at one of the churches that recalls the events of Jesus' life and ministry. We will renew our baptismal vows in the Jordan River, sail on the Sea of Galilee, float in the Dead Sea, carry a cross through the streets of Jerusalem as we follow the Way of the Cross of that first Good Friday, and married couples will renew their marriage vows in Cana. What an experience to walk in the footsteps of Jesus! Along with its pastoral beauty of the ages, silvery-green olive trees still dot the ancient and beautiful landscape. This is an opportunity to renew your mind, spirit and faith.

Is Jesus calling you to be part of this trip of a lifetime?

***\$4199 p.p. double***

*\$700.00 Single Supplement*

***Tour Includes:***

- **Round Trip Airfare from Chicago**
- **8 Night's Accommodations -1<sup>st</sup> Class Hotels**
- **Breakfast & Dinner Daily**
- **Sightseeing as outlined in itinerary**
- **Baggage handling, taxes and fuel surcharge**
- **Gratuities to guides, driver and hotel staff**
- **Sightseeing in deluxe motor coach with a professional English speaking tour guide.**
- **Personal Ear Phone**
- **Boat ride across Sea of Galilee**
- **Complimentary St. Peter's Fish Lunch**
- **Farewell Dinner on last evening in Israel**
- **Pilgrims' Guide Book**
- **Hosted by Fr. Burke with a minimum of 20**
- **Escorted by Marge Santo with a minimum of 20 paid passengers**



***Fr. Burke Masters***

Fr. Burke was born and raised in Joliet, Illinois. He was ordained on June 1, 2002 out of Mundelein Seminary. He served four years as an associate pastor at St. Mary's Parish in West Chicago before becoming vocation director for the Diocese of Joliet in 2006. He still serves as Vocation Director and the Diocese of Joliet is now at a 32-year-high with the number of seminarians. On the side he has been serving as the Chicago Cubs chaplain since 2013.

Space is limited so please call today to make your reservation!

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## Day-by-Day Itinerary

### **Day 1 - Saturday, June 16**

Depart Chicago on your way to Tel-Aviv, Israel.

### **Day 2 - Sunday, June 17**

Welcome Home! Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport where an Ami Travel representative greets us and give us an introduction about the forthcoming trip as we proceed to our hotel on the Coast for overnight stay.

### **Day 3 - Monday, June 18**

Drive along the coast to Caesarea where Paul was imprisoned and Cornelius baptized, visit the Roman Theatre, Aqueduct and the Crusader ruins. Drive via Megiddo, the biblical Armageddon, to Nazareth. Visit the magnificent Church of the Annunciation built on top of Virgin Mary's house. Overnight stay in Galilee.

### **Day 4, Tuesday, June 19**

Tour the Sea of Galilee. Visit Capernaum and Simon Peter's House, the Mount of the Beatitudes and Tabgha - the site of the feeding of the multitudes. Take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and enjoy a St. Peter's fish lunch in Tiberias. Later, walk along the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized and renew your baptismal promises. Overnight stay in Galilee.

### **Day 5 – Wednesday, June 20**

Drive south through the beautiful Jordan Valley and visit the newly excavated Beth-Shean, capital of Roman Palestine. Visit Jericho, view the Tel, Zacheus's Tree, Elisha's spring and the Mount of Temptation. Ascend to Jerusalem for an overnight stay.

### **Day 6 – Thursday, June 21**

In Jerusalem we visit the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Garden Tomb, the room of the Last Supper and the Church of Peter in Gallicantu (cock-crowing), built over the palace of the high priest Caiaphas. Drive to Bethlehem to visit the ancient Church of Nativity, Manger Square, and view the beautiful Shepherds' Fields. Overnight stay in Jerusalem.

### **Day 7 – Friday, June 22**

Walk into the old city of Jerusalem. Visit the various quarters and the underground excavations. See the Temple ruins and the new Citadel Museum amidst the buildings of old Jerusalem. Later continue along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Pool of Bethesda. Continue our journey to Mt. Zion to see David's Tomb, the Room of the Last Supper and the Dormition Abbey. Overnight stay in Jerusalem.

### **Day 8 – Saturday, June 23**

Morning Mass at the Church of Gethsemane, to continue with a journey to the lowest point on Earth; the Dead Sea area. Drive to Massada, site of the Jewish zealots' last stand against the Romans. Continue our journey to the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Back to Jerusalem for an overnight stay.

### **Day 9 – Sunday, June 24**

Morning drive to Ein Karem -the Church of the Visitation, honors the visit paid by the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. (Luke 1:39–56).  
we shall direct you to places you may visit at your own pace, or do your last shopping. Farwell dinner and our last night in the Holy Land...

### **Day 10 – Monday, June 25**

Morning transfer to the airport for our flight back home. Same day arrival to ORD Airport. Itinerary subject to change.

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**DEPOSITS:** \$800.00 (check only), insurance premium, if chosen (non-refundable) along with completed Reservation Form and copy of passport valid for six months from return date.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Due April 4, 2018

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE & MAIL TO:** Viking Travel Service, 700 Pasquinelli Drive, Suite C, Westmont, IL 60559.

**FORM OF PAYMENT:** For insurance and final payment, checks or credit card. Note: Credit cards will be assessed a 3% processing fee.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Cancellation/travel insurance, airline baggage fees, expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport fees, and entrance fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, beverages not included in meals, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned.

**DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:** Valid Passport – must be valid for 6 months from return date. Names on reservations must match passports. Copy of passport required.  
Citizens of countries other than U.S. - MUST contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Seat requests cannot be guaranteed however every effort will be made to accommodate seat requests. Subject to baggage rules and restrictions. Note: rate & taxes subject to change until trip is paid in full and air is ticketed.

**DOMESTIC AIRFARE:** For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, we strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

**TOUR MINIMUM:** Minimum 20 passengers for tour to operate. Hosted by Fr. Burke Masters and escorted by Marge Santo, Viking Travel Service.

**CANCELLATION/TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend travel insurance. The optional travel insurance coverage covers trip cancellation for covered medical reason, interruption, accident, baggage and medical and covered unforeseen circumstances. As with all insurance policies, cost is non-refundable and subject to change at any time. Travel insurance will protect you from the penalties listed below.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** If you must cancel, the following per person penalties apply. Without exception, all cancellations must be in writing (letter, fax or email) to Viking Travel Service and are effective the date of receipt. Any unused portions of the package are non-refundable. No shows or no written notice will result in 100% penalty.

**Date of Deposit to April 4, 2018: \$800 + insurance premium is non-refundable.**  
**April 5, 2018 to date of departure: 100% of total charges.**

### Travel Guard Deluxe Group Plan Insurance Coverage

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Maximum Benefits</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Maximum Benefits</u>
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost	Medical Expenses	\$20,000
Trip Interruption	125% Trip Cost	Emergency Medical Transportation	\$50,000
Travel Delay	\$500 (Maximum of \$150 per day)	Baggage Delay	\$500
Missed Connection	\$500	Baggage & Personal Effects Loss	\$1,000

#### Group Insurance Coverage Amount/Per Person

\$4199 Double Occupancy Rate: \$303 pp      \$4899 Single Occupancy Rate: \$353 pp



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