

The Holy Land experience you'll never forget!



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# BANNOURA FAMILY



The Bannoura family is a Christian family from Bethlehem who learned to beautifully hand carve religious artefacts from olive wood. This skill has been improved upon and passed down from father to son for many generations in our family with each generation adding new stylistic ideas and new means to improve the crafting, until we reached where we are now; masterly finesse.

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Hoping to continue this trade, we built the website *Bethlehem Handicrafts* that operates as an online market for uniquely hand carved olive wood products, and a pilgrimage tourism operations and management that provides Christians a truly sacred and significant pilgrimage experience in the Holy Land!

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# PILGRIMAGES



*Bethlehem Handicrafts* organizes many pilgrimages. This life altering pilgrimage, that helps to support Christians living in the Holy Land, makes *Bethlehem Handicrafts* your ideal selection for your pilgrimage groups!

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You will attend a service where Jesus Christ was born, preached, healed and resurrected, and have a chance to meet our family members during your visit, who will host you for a dinner. You are also given the choice to visit our workshop in Bethlehem, which is an additional mark that is not obligatory. Given the chance, we would love to show you how we handcraft the Holy Land's olive trees to turn them into remarkable olive wood carvings.

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# *HOLY SITES*



A large stone cross stands on the left side of the frame, overlooking a dense cityscape. In the background, a prominent green dome is visible among the buildings. The sky is clear and blue.

**DAY 3**

# SHEPHERDS' FIELD (BETHLEHEM)



Shepherds' Field, identified as the scene where the Angel of the Lord visited the humble shepherds, who kept their sheep on the outskirts of Bethlehem, and informed them of Jesus' birth. In addition to the church, Pilgrims can visit a few caves there, where the shepherds watched over their sheep.



# CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY (BETHLEHEM)



Built over a cave where a fourteen-pointed star marks the birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth with an inscription in Latin that means “Here, of the Virgin Mary, Jesus Christ was born”. You can also visit the site of Adoration of the Magi and the Manger of infant Jesus, and still see the beautiful remnants of byzantine mosaics.

# MILK GROTTTO (BETHLEHEM)

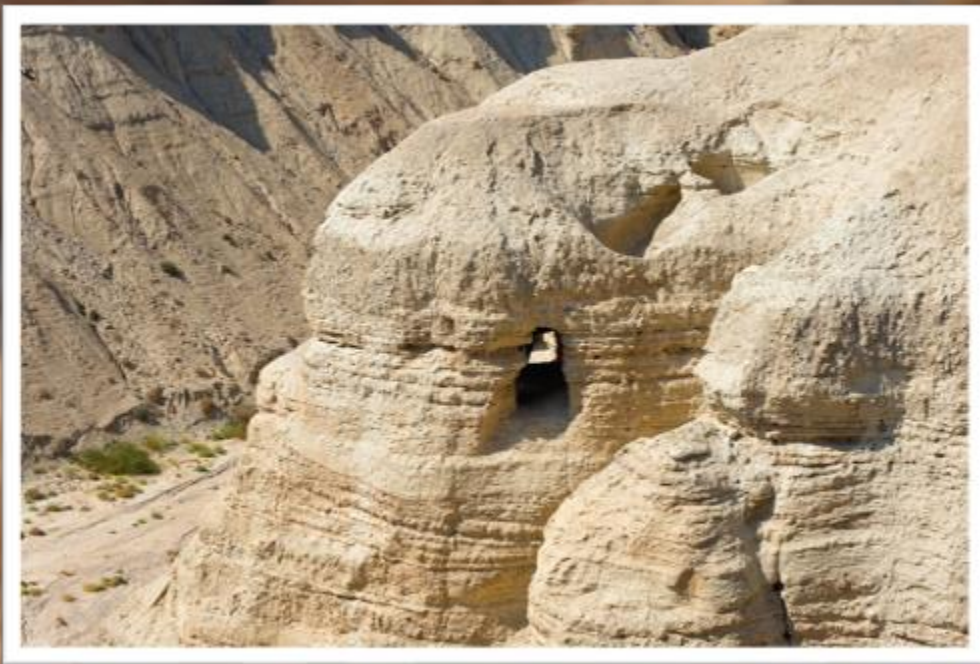


Located just a few meters away from the Church of the Nativity. It's where a drop of milk of the Virgin Mary fell on the floor of the cave and changed its color to white. The chalky-white powder collected from the cave's soft stone is collected by pilgrims in hope of healing infertile women.



**DAY 4**

# QUMRAN (JUDEAN DESERT)



The site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

# DEAD SEA (JERICHO)



It is the lowest point on earth. Pilgrims love having a float in its salty water and cover themselves with its mineral-rich black mud.

# BAPTISM SITE ON RIVER JORDAN (JERICHO)



Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan. So, pilgrims go there to renew baptismal promises.

# MOUNT OF TEMPTATION (JERICHO)



Where Christ was tempted by the devil during his 40-day fast. It was originally inhabited by Byzantine monks in the 6th century AD.

It's a 5 minute cable car ride from Tel Jericho at the foot of the mountain to the summit of the Mount of Temptation.

# ZACCHAEUS TREE (JERICHO)



It is centuries-old **sycamore** tree that recalls the incident in which the tax collector Zacchaeus, too short to see over the crowd, climbed a sycamore's branches in order to see Jesus



**DAY 5**

# EIN KAREM (JERUSALEM)



The name means the spring of the vineyard and it's where John the Baptist was born. You can find two churches in Ein Karem; one that is dedicated to John the Baptist, and the other to the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth.

# CANA (TIBERIUS)



Where Jesus performed his first miracle at the wedding of Cana in Galilee by turning water into wine. Many pilgrims will have the opportunity to renew their wedding vows there.

# EMMAUS NICOPOLIS (WEST BANK)



Emmaus Nicopolis is the aftermath of the excavation of two byzantine churches and, according to the Gospel of Luke, the village of Emmaus, is where Jesus appeared to his two of his disciples after his crucifixion and resurrection.

A scenic landscape featuring a wide river flowing through a valley, with rolling mountains in the background under a warm, golden sunset sky. The foreground shows green vegetation and rocks. A prominent red rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text "DAY 6" in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

**DAY 6**

# TABGHA (TIBERIUS)



Where the miracle of the multiplication of the five loaves and two fish for the five thousand people happened. The rock on which the miracle took place is in under the altar in this church.

# MOUNT OF BEATITUDES (TIBERIUS)



Overlooks the shore of the Sea of Galilee and is very close to Tabgha, the Mount of Beatitudes recalls Jesus' most famous discourse, the Sermon on the Mount. Mount of Beatitudes is one of the most magnificently serene places in the Holy Land.

# LAKE OF GALILEE (TIBERIUS)



Also known as Sea of Tiberius, Lake of Galilee is home to many types of fish including “St. Peter’s fish”. It is also the lake that Jesus has calmed and walked on, and where many other incidents in the life of Jesus and his disciples have taken place. Many pilgrims go on a boat ride on this beautifully calm lake.





**DAY 7**

# PETER'S PRIMACY AND MENSA CHRISTI

(TIBERIUS)



This place marks the third appearance of Jesus Christ after his resurrection. Here Peter reaffirmed his love for Jesus Christ and thus his primacy among the apostles was recognized. In this church, you can observe the table of the Lord (Mensa Christi), which is where Jesus prepared a breakfast for his disciples after they went fishing on the lake of Galilee.

# CAPERNAUM (TIBERIUS)



Capernaum was Jesus' home town and the scene of many of his miracles.

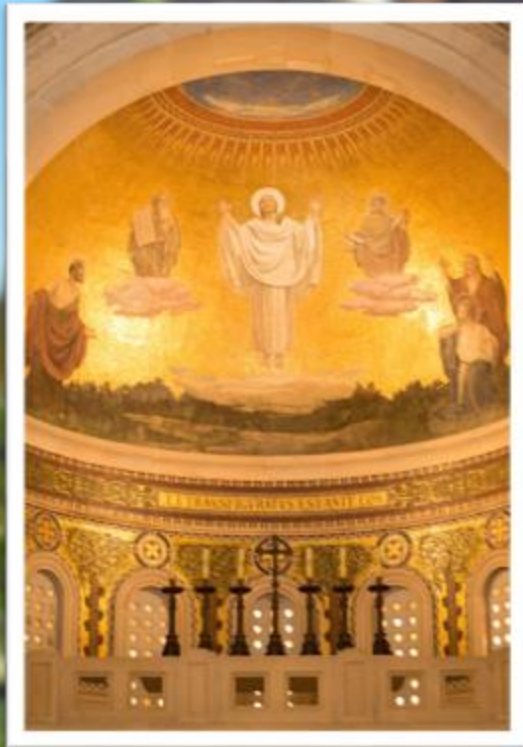
It was also the home of the first disciples Jesus called (Peter), and it is where we will celebrate mass.

Near the church, a partly reconstructed synagogue have been built on the foundations of the synagogue in which Jesus taught.



**DAY 8**

# MOUNT TABOR (TIBERIUS)



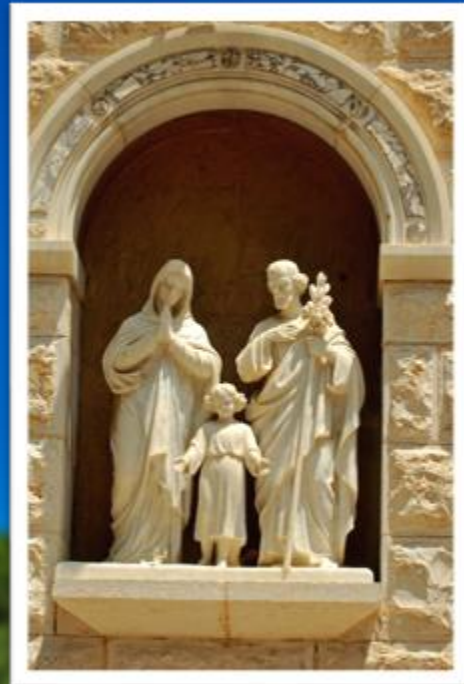
This is the mountain where Jesus was transfigured. The Basilica of the Transfiguration is on top of the mountain of Tabor.

# BASILICA OF THE ANNUNCIATION (NAZARETH)



The largest Basilica in the Middle East. It's where angel Gabriel told Mary that she was going to bear a son, and he was to be called Jesus.

# ST. JOSEPH'S WORKSHOP (NAZARETH)



St. Joseph's Church, located adjacent and north to the Basilica, is built according to early traditions over St. Joseph's carpenter workshop, and later on redefined as the house of the holy family and Virgin's Fountain, where it is said that the virgin washed the swaddling clothes of our Lord.

An aerial photograph of a city at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the city. The buildings are densely packed, and the sky is a mix of blue and yellow. A red rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing the text "DAY 9" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**DAY 9**



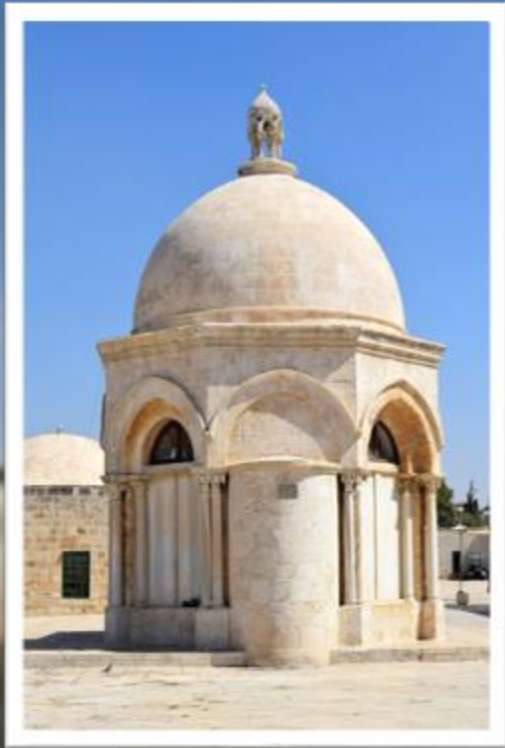
# MOUNT OF OLIVES (JERUSALEM)



Many biblical events took place on this mountain which led to building many churches , including:

- Dome of the Ascension:
- The Church of the Pater Noster
- Dominus Flevit Church
- The Garden of Gethsemane
- The Basilica of Agony

# DOME OF THE ASCENSION (JERUSALEM)



where the last footprint of Jesus on earth can be seen before he ascended into heaven.

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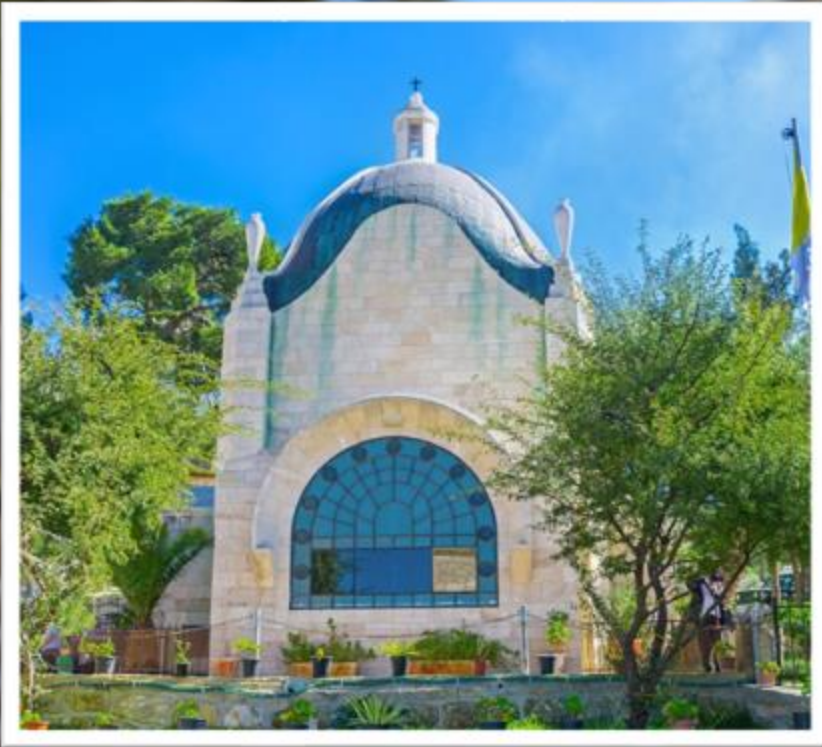


# THE CHURCH OF THE PATER NOSTER (JERUSALEM)



stands on the site where Jesus taught his disciples the Lord's Prayer (Our Father).

# DOMINUS FLEVIT CHURCH (JERUSALEM)



Built to commemorate the Lord's weeping over Jerusalem

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# THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE (JERUSALEM)



Where Jesus prayed to the Father before his crucifixion.

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# THE BASILICA OF AGONY (JERUSALEM)



built on the site where Jesus had his last prayer before he was betrayed and arrested.

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**DAY 10**

# VIA DOLOROSA (JERUSALEM)



Pilgrims usually walk the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross) while praying the Stations of the Cross (Via Crucis). This path usually starts in front of the Franciscan Church of the Flagellation and ends at the Holy Tomb. There are 14 stations in total, and the last five are all commemorated inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which is considered the most important pilgrimage site in the world for all Christians.



# HOLY SEPULCHER (JERUSALEM)



It marks the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, at a place known as «Calvary» or «Golgotha», and his burial and resurrection at the burial grotto, which's also called Anastasis. Inside it, the Holy Tomb can be found enclosed by a shrine.



**DAY 11**

# CENACLE/UPPER ROOM (JERUSALEM)



This church marks the place of the Last Supper and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension.

## OTHER SITES (JERUSALEM)



- Visit The Western Wall and the Temple Mount
- View the Dome of the Rock and El-Aqsa Mosque.
- Visit St. Anne's Church and the Pools of Bethesda.

**\* And Much Much more.**

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# LOCAL FOOD - ZA'ATAR MANAKEESH



The only way to wake up in Palestine is with one of these Za'atar Manakeesh. A popular Palestinian breakfast consisting of flattened dough, drizzled with extra virgin olive oil and ground dried za'atar. Cooked quickly on a high heat and eaten just as fast. This delicious snack is usually served with a glass of mint tea and goat cheese on the side.

# LOCAL FOOD - WARAK DAWALI



A plate that has been part of the Palestinian cuisine for centuries. The vine leaves (Warak Dawali or Warak Inab in Arabic) are stuffed with spiced chopped up lamb meat and rice. Typically cooked with stuffed courgettes, as well as some beef shanks for extra grease and it's ready for lunch!

# LOCAL FOOD - KEBAB AND SHISH TAOUK



The deliciously divine Palestinian barbeque is every family's lunch on summer! It consists of various types of grilled meat including spiced chicken Shish taouk (chicken breasts) and tender meat kebab on skewers. The grilled meat is almost always served with pita bread, hummus, grilled vegetables and a wide range of refreshing salads that go beyond words.

# LOCAL FOOD - FALAFEL



Fried veggie patties created with a combination of chickpeas, vegetables and spices. Mostly served with hummus, salted slices of tomatoes and cucumbers, labneh, and Tabboueh which is the ultimate traditional salad.



# LOCAL FOOD - ARABIC COFFEE



Arabic coffee is coffee beans mixed with many spices, especially crushed cardamom. Prepared by brewing it on a stovetop in a special pot, and served in a petite cup called finjaan.

# LOCAL FOOD - KANAFAH



Kanafah, also spelled kunafeh, is a Middle Eastern cheese pastry soaked in delicious syrup. It's the perfect mixture of sweet and salty that is famous everywhere in Palestine, but especially in Nablus.

# LOCAL FOOD - BAKLAVA



Baklava is a mouth-watering sweet dessert pastry made of layers of filo filled with chopped nuts that are held together with sugar-based syrup. These two kinds of desserts are usually sold in the same shop.

# LOCAL FOOD - SAINT PETER'S FISH



Pilgrims will most likely get to taste the tastiest Saint Peter's fish in Palestine! Also known as Tilapia fish, Saint Peter's fish were one of the main kinds of fish that were caught from the Sea of Galilee in Biblical times. The name refers to the story in the Gospel of Matthew where the apostle Peter catches a fish carrying a coin in its mouth. Depending on your preference, the fish gets fried or grilled, and then it's usually served with some French fries and few slices of lemon on the side for extra deliciousness!

# LOCAL FOLK DANCE (DABKE)



Dabke, which is a folk dance that goes back many generations, is danced by both men and women with different steps and different rhythms. Traditionally, Dabke combines line and circle dancing, but certain modern groups have recently added some theatrical elements to their performances that have connected the past to the future in a beautifully artistic way. Although being typically performed at weddings and other joyous occasions, most pilgrims get the chance to watch a performance of Dabke on our pilgrimages while eating delicious local food.

PILGRIMAGE:

# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PETER

*PILGRIMAGE TO THE  
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November 6 – November 17 2018

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# PILGRIMAGE 2 ITINERARY

Day 1 - November 6<sup>th</sup> Departure

Day 2 - November 7<sup>th</sup> Arrive Tel Aviv / Transfer to Bethlehem

Day 3 - November 8<sup>th</sup> Shepherds field / Bethlehem

Day 4 - November 9<sup>th</sup> Dead Sea / Jericho / Bethany

Day 5 - November 10<sup>th</sup> Emmaus / Ein Karem / Cana of Galilee

Day 6 - November 11<sup>th</sup> Sea of Galilee

Day 7 - November 12<sup>th</sup> Sea of Galilee

Day 8 - November 13<sup>th</sup> Nazareth / Mount Tabor

Day 9 - November 14<sup>th</sup> Mount of Olives / Gethsemane

Day 10 - November 15<sup>th</sup> Via Dolorosa / Holy Sepulcher

Day 11 - November 16<sup>th</sup> Mount Zion / Jerusalem

Day 12 - November 17<sup>th</sup> Departure

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# RATES INCLUDE:

- Meet & Assist at Ben Gurion Airport upon arrivals and departures.
- Three nights' accommodation in Tiberius in double occupancy with breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- Six night's accommodation in Bethlehem in double occupancy with breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- Ten days sightseeing in modern air conditioned private bus.
- English speaking government licensed Christian guide on duty.
- All entrance fees to places of interests.
- Special dinner at oriental restaurant.
- Round Trip airline ticket
- Tips for Guide, Driver

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# RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Passport Costs, Visa Fees (If Any)
- Health Documentation Costs (When Required)
- Food And Beverages (Including Coffee And Tea) Not Usually Included With The Table D'hote Meals
- Optional Sightseeing Tours And Excursions
- Accident And Baggage Insurance
- Transporting And Handling Excess Luggage
- Tips To Persons Rendering Special Personal Services
- Items Of A Purely Personal Nature Such As Laundry, Telephone, And Cable Expenses, Room Service Orders, Etc.
- Transportation Between The Home City And The International Departure City



# TIPS:

1. If not accustomed to physical activity begin walking "briskly" 1-2 times a day; build up to 2-3 miles with no discomfort, since the amount of walking will be significant.
2. Hand Luggage: All liquids, gels and aerosols must be in three-ounce or smaller containers, placed in a single zip-top, clear plastic bag.
3. Luggage: Travel with one piece of checked luggage and one carry-on.
4. Traveler's insurance is recommended.
5. Visa or MasterCard are the best option.
6. Currency Exchange: 1 US Dollar = around 3.5 Israeli Shekel.
7. Electricity: Purchase an international adapter so you convert the 220 volts to 110 volts.



# TIPS:

8. Cell Telephones: Bring your cellular phone, and make sure to get an “international plan”.
9. We recommend that women bring a shall so that they may drape their shoulders, or tie around their waists in the more religious sites.

For more details and a travel checklist, please visit our website:  
<https://bethlehemhandicrafts.com/pilgrimage/files/info.pdf>



# DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:

- A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to make a reservation.
- An additional payment of \$750.00 per person is due by April 06, 2018.
- The final payment is due no less than 90 days prior to the departure date of the tour (August 06, 2018).
- Payment can be made by personal check or money order.
- Credit card payments will be accepted but will incur a 4% Surcharge at the time of booking.
- Reservations received after April 6, 2018 may incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.



# CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:

- For cancellations up until 121 days before departure there will be a cancellation fee of \$100.00 per person (to cover administrative and communication costs).
- 120-91 days: \$250.00 per person.
- 90-61: 50% of the cost per person.
- There will be no refund for cancellations within 60 days of departure.
- All cancellation requests must be addressed to Goodshepherd Travel in writing.
- Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

\* Itinerary is subject to change in case of unforeseen circumstances beyond our control



# HOTELS:

- Tour prices are per person, based on two people sharing a room in Deluxe hotels.
- Single rooms are subject to availability and at an additional cost of \$790.00
- Tour participants without a roommate will have to pay single room surcharge.

# FATHER GUS TESTIMONY ON OUR PILGRIMAGES:



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# GOD BLESS

We ensure you a unique experience where the best service is provided. Our tours are customized just for you including a guide that'll match the group's expectations

Join us today in a remarkable pilgrimage to the Holy Land and be one of the most blessed people who get to walk on the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

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*We pray that your pilgrimage will meet and exceed all of your expectations. Please share with us your positive and constructive feedback upon your return!*

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