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## A PILGRIMAGE OF JOY

Holy Land • Jordan • Cairo

18 - 27 October 2014

Spiritual Director: Fr Tom Tshabalala OFM

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### Saturday, October 18:

We meet at Johannesburg International Airport to depart on our night-flight to Cairo.

### Sunday, October 19:

We land in Amman, Jordan, and cross the border into Israel to arrive in **Nazareth**. After Mass in the Basilica of the Annunciation we have time at leisure. Overnight: Nazareth

### Monday, October 20:

After visiting **Cana**, site of Our Lord's first miracle, we go to the **Sea of Galilee**, around which most of Jesus' public ministry took place. At **Capernaum** we can see the remains of Peter's house and of a fourth-century synagogue built on top of the one in which Jesus probably preached (the foundations of which we can still see). A **Tabgha** a church recalls the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, and the nearby chapel of **Peter's Primacy** marks the place where Christ entrusted the Church to St Peter. We drive up **Mount of Beatitudes**, on the slopes of which Jesus delivered his famous sermon. A highlight of the pilgrimage is the **boat-ride** on the Sea of Galilee on a recreation of a first-century fishing vessel, a time for fun and for prayerful reflection. Overnight: Nazareth

### Tuesday, October 21:

Today we explore **Nazareth**, including Mary's Well, where Our Lady drew water (it was the town's only well) and other sites associated with the Holy Family. We drive to **Mount Tabor**, site of the Transfiguration, with its beautiful church and stunning view of the Jezreel Valley for Mass. We then leave Galilee and drive to Bethlehem.

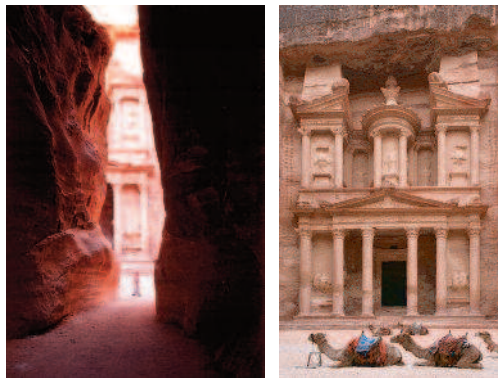
In Bethlehem we visit the ancient **Basilica of the Nativity**, which marks the place of Jesus' birth, and the **Milk Grotto**, where the Holy Family hid before their flight to Egypt. **Shepherds' Field**, where the angels announced the birth of the Messiah to the shepherds, is one of the Holy Land's loveliest sites. Overnight: Bethlehem

### Wednesday, October 22:

**Jerusalem!** We begin our pilgrimage to the Holy City on top of the **Mount of Olives** at the small chapel, now a mosque, which marks the spot from which Catholics believe Christ ascended into Heaven (see his reputed footprint in a stone there). As we walk down the mount we visit **Paternoster Church**, where the Lord's Prayer is displayed in hundreds of languages, including several South African versions, and **Dominus Flevit Church**, which is on the spot where Jesus wept for Jerusalem. At the foot of the mount we arrive at the **Gethsemane** with its ancient olive trees, and the magnificent **Church of All Nations** with the rock



Mass in the Franciscan church on Mount Nebo



Petra's gorge and The Treasury, hewn into rock



The Dead Sea, looking towards Jordan.



The spot of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem



The Church of the Visitation in Ein Kerem





View from the church of Dominus Flevit, Mt of Olives



Steps on which Jesus walked on Mount Zion



Pilgrims walk the Via Dolorosa



Mary's Grotto in Annunciation Basilica, Nazareth



Capernaum, Jesus' HQ in Galilee

on which Jesus is believed to have prayed before his arrest. Across the street we visit **Mary's Tomb**, from which Our Lady was assumed into heaven.

We then drive to **Mount Zion** to visit the impressive **Dormition Abbey**, where Our Lady fell asleep, the **Cenacle** (Upper Room) which commemorates the Last Supper, and the **Church of St Peter in Gallicantu**, where Jesus was tried by the Sanhedrin and where Peter denounced Our Lord three times. See the steps in which we *know* Jesus actually walked! At **Ein Kerem**, today a part of West Jerusalem, we remember in two beautiful churches the birth of John the Baptist and Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, and Our Lady's *Magnificat*. Overnight: Bethlehem

#### **Thursday, October 23:**

This is the day when follow the Stations of the Cross, the **Via Dolorosa** in Jerusalem. The Way of the Cross culminates in the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, our faith's most sacred site. Here you can touch the rock where the cross stood and pray in the tomb from which Our Lord rose from the dead. We also visit the lovely **St Anne's Church**, a Crusader church on the site of the home of Ss Anne & Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin, and the **Pools of Bethesda**, where Our Lord cured the lame man. We see the **Western (or Wailing) Wall**, the remnant of the Jewish Temple which was razed by the Romans in 70 AD, where Blessed John Paul II prayed so memorably in the Jubilee Year 2000. After lunch we drive to visit the Qasr El Yahud baptismal site on the **River Jordan**, which for many years was off-limits to pilgrims. At the **Dead Sea**, the lowest point on earth, we can float on the mineral-rich water. Overnight: Bethlehem

#### **Friday, October 24:**

We cross the border into the Kingdom of Jordan to visit **Mount Nebo**, from where Moses saw the Promised Land, with its Franciscan church which includes the ruins of an ancient church. From there we take the drive south to Petra, crossing the terrain we know from the film *Lawrence of Arabia*. Look out for the Bedouin settlements on the side of the road. Overnight: Petra

#### **Saturday, October 25:**

We spend a day at one of the most incredible places in the world: **Petra**. For centuries Petra, with its buildings hewn into pink rock was a forgotten city until it was rediscovered by a Swiss explorer in the early 19th century. In biblical times it was inhabited by the powerful Nabateans. We enter Petra by taking a walk through a 1,2km long gorge, looking up at 100 meters-high a rockwall. Suddenly the famous **Treasury** (seen in one of the *Indiana Jones* movies) comes into sight: a truly unforgettable experience! Overnight: Amman

### Sunday, October 26:

We leave Jordan for **Cairo**, where we see the **pyramids** and the **Sphinx**. In the evening, time permitting, we enjoy a **Nile Cruise**, with a meal and entertainment, including a genuine derwish! In the evening we transfer to Cairo airport for our flight home.

### Monday, October 27:

After an unforgettable pilgrimage we land in South Africa, physically tired but spiritually refreshed!



The Ancient Stones and Living Stones Pilgrimage will be led by **Fr Tom Tshabalala**, a Franciscan priest who for many years served as a tour guide in the Holy Land and knows the region and its people very well. As a Franciscan, he has a special devotion to St Francis of Assisi. He is currently based at Maria Ratschitz Mission in the diocese of Dundee.

**Est. Price:** R 27,765\* (sharing, ex-Jhb; subject to currency, airport tax fluctuations)

Includes: All flights ex-Johannesburg (incl. airport taxes), accommodation in 3-star hotels or better (sharing) with breakfast and dinner, lunches, transfers, travel insurance, travelling on air-conditioned luxury buses, English-speaking tour guides, border taxes, entrance fees.

Excludes: Tips (mandatory), visas (required only for Egypt), personal expenses, travel to and from O.R. Tambo Airport/Jhb.

*30 passengers minimum.*

A deposit of R3,000 secures your place on this unforgettable pilgrimage.

Name of Account: Fowler Tours  
Bank: Standard Bank  
Acc no: 07 307 535 3 (current account)  
Branch code: 026509

Beneficiary Reference: Tshabalala/2014 plus your name

**Please no cash deposits**

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Pilgrims on the Sea of Galilee



The Great Pyramid and Sphinx in Cairo



Mass will be celebrated every day



A pilgrimage is a prayerful time...



...and a time to see great sights



# RESERVATION FORM

(one form per person, photocopies of form are permitted):

Enclosed is my NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of R3.000 per person to secure my booking on the pilgrimage specified below. Payment is to be made to:

**Account Name:** Fowler Tours  
**Bank:** Standard Bank  
**Account no:** 07 307 5353  
**Branch code:** 026509  
**Name of trip:** Pilgrimage of Joy  
Holy Land, Jordan and Cairo: Led by Father Tom Tshabalala OFM  
**Duration:** 18 - 27 October 2014 ex-Jhb  
**Cost:** Estimated: 27,765 (subject to fluctuations)

How did you hear about this pilgrimage?  Fowler Tours SA  Advert  Poster/pamphlet  Other

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Title: \_\_\_ Name (as it appears on your passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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2.) **PASSPORT** (required to travel)

- Photocopy of passport inside page showing name and photo is enclosed / clear scan attached
- I am applying for a passport and understand that I must supply a copy to Fowler Tours at least three months before the departure date..

**N.B.: Passports must be valid SIX months following the return date of the trip.**3.) **PAYMENT TERMS & SCHEDULE:**

Deposit R3,000 to book. The deposit is non-refundable. A final invoice, reflecting the final price, will be issued 60 days prior to departure. Final Payment must be made within five days of invoicing. BANK DETAILS AS ABOVE. N.B.: Bank charges for cash deposits will be charged to you.

4.) **TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

I have received, read and agree to the TERMS & CONDITIONS and the Liability clause below, pricing terms, and payment terms outlined on this side of the form. I understand that the cancellation terms and penalties cannot be waived for any reason. If I decline to purchase travel insurance, I understand that there is no monetary recourse for any flight cancellations or delays by the airlines and I agree to the cancellation terms and penalties.

Signature (required to confirm reservation): \_\_\_\_\_

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# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## **THE PILGRIMAGE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Roundtrip airfare from Johannesburg return; final amount subject to change
- Airport & border taxes
- Full accommodation as stated in the itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner (plus lunch, if so specified)
- Travel insurance (surcharge applies for travelers aged 70+)
- Roundtrip airport transfers in destinations and luxury coach for all touring
- Guided by certified local guides
- Services of local tour operator
- Private Masses in holy sites
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Study material

## **THE PILGRIMAGE PRICE EXCLUDES:**

Mandatory tips, hotel taxes (if applicable), visa costs, private expenses excluded

**PRICING TERMS:** As per booking form

**PAYMENT TERMS:** In order to meet deposit schedules with suppliers for this tour, Fowler Tours charges a non-refundable deposit. Full invoice is issued 60 days before departure; payment of which is due within FIVE DAYS.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** All cancellations must be received in writing. No refunds of deposits, except at the discretion of Fowler Tours.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Fowler Tours will arrange for travel insurance. Surcharges apply travellers over the age of 69.

**PASSPORT:** A valid passport is required of all passengers. Please apply for your passport immediately as passports are taking a long time to process. **Make sure to have it in your possession at all times while on tour. It must be valid for 6 months following the return date of the trip or boarding may be denied or entry into the destination may be forbidden. Please provide Fowler Tours with a copy or clear scan of the inside page of your passport (showing your name and photo) at the time of reservation. Fax copies not acceptable.**

**GROUP AIR:** Due to the airlines' reduced capacity and restrictive group reservation terms, group air reservations are often difficult to coordinate. The number of connections, length of layovers, and all conditions surrounding air travel cannot be guaranteed and may change before departure. **Seat Requests:** Please note that group seats are assigned "at the discretion of the airline", although every effort will be made to fulfill requests. **SPECIFIC SEAT ASSIGNMENTS CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED.** Seat numbers will not be advised until check-in at the airport.

**DOMESTIC TRAVEL TO JOHANNESBURG:** You are responsible for your own arrangements to and from Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport.

**ITINERARY:** The Itinerary is tentative and represents what we are planning for you, however it is subject to confirmations from many organisations. Because of changes in local schedules, we may need to alter specified events, dates and/or venues to better fit the overall plan.

**TIPS:** Gratuities for your guides, driver and hotel staff, and hotel taxes (if applicable) are excluded. These are mandatory. You will be advised of the total cost of these before departure, and all monies will be collected by the tour leader who will then distribute them to the various recipients.

**ROOMS:** Tour prices are per person sharing. Single rooms at an extra rate are limited and are available first come-first served until the supply is exhausted.

**LUGGAGE:** Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Travellers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking, as motor coaches are not permitted to pick up and drop off in front of major attractions. The tour is not wheelchair accessible. Any special limiting medical conditions or equipment must be advised in writing, for evaluation of feasibility, at the time of making your reservation.

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