

Pilgrimage Center: "Eleon"

Pilgrimage Trip "From Sinai to Zion"

Patriarchal Parishes in the USA

April 24 – May 5, 2023

April 24: Depart for Israel

April 25: Day 1 – Galilee

Arrival at Tel-Aviv, Ben Gurion Airport. Transfer to Galilee. Hotel check in.

April 26: Day 2 – Holy Sites of Galilee

Nazareth. Church of Archangel Gabriel over the water spring of the Theotokos. Canaan of Galilee. Holy sites at the Sea of Galilee. Capernaum – church of the 12 Apostles. Spring of Maria Magdalena on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Hotel accommodation.

April 27: Day 3 – Ancient Samaria

Mount of the Beatitudes: site of the Sermon on the Mount of the Savior. Holy Mt. Tabor. Greek Orthodox Church of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Travel to Samaria. Ancient Nablus. Jacob's well. Church of St. Photinia in Nablus. (Travelling to Samaria only during favorable political conditions). Travel to Bethlehem. Hotel accommodation.

April 28: Day 4 – Jerusalem. Bethlehem

Bethlehem. Church of the Nativity of Christ. Field of the shepherds, place where the Angels announced the Nativity of the Savior of the world.

April 29: Day 5 – Judean Desert. Jericho

Bathing in the Jordan River. Jericho is the oldest city in the world at the foot of Mount Temptation. If possible: Hiking up the Forty-Day Mountain to the Monastery of Temptation. Spring of Holy Prophet Elisha. The sycamore tree of the publican Zacchaeus. Monastery of George Hozevit in the Judean Desert.

April 30: Day 6 – The Holy City

Liturgy in the Church of the Nativity of Christ. Walking tour of the Old City. Church of the Holy Sepulcher with all the shrines. The Church of Saint Alexander Nevsky - Threshold of Gates of Judgement. Ancient monasteries of Jerusalem.

May 1: Day 7

Travel to the Sinai Peninsula. Stop at the Dead Sea. Swim. Rest. Continue to Sinai Peninsula. Check in the hotel at Sinai.

May 2: Day 8 – Monastery of the Holy Great Martyr Catherine

Tour of the St. Catherine's Monastery. Veneration of the relics of St. Catherine. The Burning Bush. Monastery gardens. Ossuary of the monastery. Monastery Museum. Ancient manuscripts. Sinai Savior Icon. Cave of St. John Climacus (of the Ladder).

May 3: Day 9 – Climb on Mt. Horeb

Night climb to Mount Horeb (Mount Moses). Liturgy at the top of the mountain. Climb down. Rest. Cross the border. Travel to Bethlehem.

May 4: Day 10 – Holy Zion

Divine Liturgy in the Monastery of Holy Mary Magdalene in Gethsemane. Garden of Gethsemane. Church of the prayer for the Chalice of suffering to pass. Holy Zion, place of the Savior's Ascension. Holy Ascension Monastery.

May 5: Day 11

Travel to airport for departure.

*The program may be slightly adjusted while maintaining the general content of the trip.

The cost of the trip

The cost of the trip for group of 30 people - \$990 each for double occupancy

Additional costs for single room occupancy.

Airline travel not included.

The cost of the trip includes tour transportation, hotels, excursions, tips in Israel and Sinai.

Not included:

Airline travel to Israel. Taxes at borders (Egypt/Israel), single room occupancy supplement, transport to midnight Liturgy at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, entrance fees to national parks, some monasteries and tourist stops.

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