



# Bible Land Tourist Bureau

## Holy Land Pilgrimage & 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Encounter March 23<sup>rd</sup>– April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

### **Tentative Itinerary:**

**Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Meet at your hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

**Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>:** After breakfast, we drive to Ein Karem to visit the Church of John the Baptist and the Church of the Visitation. We then visit the Shepherds Fields, the Church of the Nativity, and the Milk Grotto in Bethlehem. Dinner & overnight in Bethlehem. (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

**Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>:** In the morning, we head to the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem to visit the Chapel of the Ascension, the Church of the Pater Noster, and then Dominus Flevit where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. At the base of the Mount of Olives, we will visit the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations where the Lord prayed in agony on Holy Thursday. After stopping at the site of Mary's Tomb, we will proceed up Mount Zion to visit St. Peter's Church in Gallicantu and the Cenacle (the upper room). We return back to our hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast & Dinner)

**Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>:** This morning we will go to the Old City of Jerusalem to pray the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa, beginning at the pools of Bethesda and the Church of St. Anne, and ending at Calvary in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. In the afternoon we will visit the Exhibit of the Shroud of Turin and the Pentecost Room before returning to our hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast & Dinner)

**Monday March 27<sup>th</sup>:** Our goal this morning is a visit to Lazarus' tomb, and home of he and his sisters Martha and Mary in Bethany. We then descend into the Judean desert and for a view of the Mount of Temptations before stopping at the Baptismal Site on the Jordan River. We will then drive through the Jordan River Valley toward Nazareth where we will check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast & Dinner)

**Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup>:** Beautiful Mount Tabor is our goal after breakfast, where we will visit the Church of the Transfiguration before continuing on to Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle. In the afternoon, we proceed to Nazareth to spend time at the Church of the Annunciation at the site of Mary's house, as well as the home of the Holy Family in the Church of St. Joseph. We will have dinner and overnight at our hotel in Nazareth. (Breakfast & Dinner)



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**Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup>:** We start the day with an inspirational boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, followed by a scenic drive along the shore to visit ancient Capernaum, Peter's Primacy, and Tabgha, the site where Jesus fed the 5,000. In the afternoon, we ascend the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount for some time of prayer, before returning to Nazareth for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast & Dinner)

**Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>:** Today we check out from our hotel in Nazareth to transfer to Magdala where we will check in and register for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Encounter entitled "Celebrating Feminine Identity: In a World Focused on Gender Ideology, Who Do You Say That I am?" (Breakfast & Dinner)

**Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> - Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>:** Magdalena Institute 9th Annual Women's Encounter "Who Do You Say That I am?" about feminine identity at Magdala (Breakfast Lunch & Dinner)

## Women's Encounter Program

On the beautiful shores of the Sea of Galilee, at the site of the hometown of Mary Magdalene, we will enjoy two and half days of conferences, dialogue, music, activities, and prayer in the Judeo-Christian tradition with an international group of female philosophers, educators, spiritual leaders, entrepreneurs, and musicians.

### Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>

- **3:30pm - Introduction: Who do they say I am? What / Who is 'woman' and who is she called to be?**
  - American **Kathleen Nichols** of the Magdalena Institute, serving in Magdala.
- **4:45pm - Keynote address Part 1: Formation of Feminine Identity and Gender Ideology: Philosophical Aspects**
  - Spaniard **Dr. Martha Rodriguez**, Academic Coordinator of the Institute of Higher Studies for Women – Ateneo Regina Apostolorum, from Rome, Italy
- **7:00pm - Dinner**
- **8:30pm - Beer & Wine Tasting**
  - **Female Brewmaster Madees Khoury** of Taybeh Brewing Company, from Taybeh, Palestine



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**Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

- **5:30am - Optional Guided Sunrise Ascent of Mt Arbel**
- **Breakfast**
- **9:15am - Keynote address Part II: Formation of Feminine Identity and Gender Ideology: Philosophical Aspects - Dr. Martha Rodriguez**
- **11:15am - Feminine Identity in the Torah: Reflections**
  - **Yisca Harrani**, 2022 Ladislaus Laszt Ecumenical and Social Concern Award recipient, from Israel & **Rabbi Lana Zilberman** of the Shalom Hartman Institute from Mavaseret, Israel
- **12:45pm - Optional Eucharistic Celebration (Sunday Mass)**  
in Duc In Altum with liturgical music by Argentinian **Sisters of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgen of Marara (SSVM)** serving in Mughar, Israel.
- **Lunch**
- **3:00pm - Feminine Identity according to the New Testament & Church**
  - **Kathleen Nichols**
- **4:30pm - Current Challenges for Women in the Middle East & the West: Pastoral Responses**
  - Columbian **Anita Cadavid**, Director of the Institute of Higher Studies for Women – Ateneo Regnia Apostolorum, from Rome, Italy
- **6:00pm - Christian Vespers & Kabbalat Shabbat Prayer at the ancient synagogue**
  - **Rabbi Lana Zilberman, Yisca Harrani & the SSVM Sisters**
- **Dinner**
- **8:30pm - World Premiere performance of the song, “Mary Magdalene”**  
By Syrian-Mexican **Mariana Barron Esper**, from London, England
- **9:00pm - “Wine & Design” Mosaic Project**
  - Mexican **Eva Luz** of El Instituto Mexicano de la Radio personality from Tijuana, Mexico



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**Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>**

- **6:00am - Optional: "Singing In the Sunrise"** Christian Lauds on the Magdala Shore with the **SSVM Sisters**
- **7:00am - Optional: Something New:** Introduction to the Second Synagogue of Ancient Magdala at the base of Mt. Arbel, and a look at the Hasmonean, Herodian and Roman-Era Excavations at Franciscan Magdala
- **Breakfast**
- **9:15am - Insights of Feminine Identity in the Person of Mary Magdalene**
  - American **Jennifer Ristine**, Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi, from Madrid, Spain
- **10:45am - Q&A Speakers Panel**  
Directed by **Anita Cadavid** with Dr. Martha Rodriguez, Yisca Harani, Rabbi Lana, SSVM Sister, and Jennifer Ristine
- **12:30pm - Bach's "Art of the Fugue" All Female String Quintet**  
with **Myrna Herzog**, cellist and musical director of the Phoenix Ensemble, violinists **Noam Schuss** and **Lila Slavny**, violas **Amos Boasson** and **Miriam Fingert**, from Israel.
- **Lunch**
- **4:00pm - Concert-Tour of Ancient Magdala**  
by **Alma Israeli** all-women's choir with mezzo and musical director **Ella Medina**, alto **Hadas Dahari**, sopranos **Tal Malkinson** & **Mor Rosenfeld** (or Yael Cohen), mezzo **Carmel Ronen**, and **Noa Vax** on percussion. Archeological site Tour with guides **Yisca Harani** in Hebrew & **Kathleen Nichols** in English

**Closing Remarks, Kathleen Nichols**

- **7:15pm - Optional Eucharistic Celebration (Sunday Mass)**  
in Duc In Altum with liturgical music by **SSMV Sisters**

***"The hour is coming, in fact has come, when the vocation of women is being acknowledged in its fullness, the hour in which women acquire in the world an influence, an effect, and a power never hitherto achieved. This is why, at this moment when the human race is undergoing so deep a transformation, women imbued with a spirit of the Gospel can do so much to aid humanity in not falling." (Pope Paul VI)***

**\*\* Note:** All conferences will be in English with simultaneous translation into Hebrew. The Concert Tour will be fully guided in both Hebrew and English separately.



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**Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** We leave Magdala very early this morning to attend Palm Sunday Mass at the Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center. From there, we will go up to the Church at Bethphage and join the annual Palm Sunday procession, walking down the Mount of Olives and enter Jerusalem through Saint Steven's Gate where we will receive the blessing from the Patriarch at St. Anne's Church. We finish the afternoon back at Notre Dame of Jerusalem to enjoy the Scouts Parade before our farewell dinner at the Cheese & Wine Rooftop restaurant at Notre Dame.

## End of Program

### Price:

Price per person in double/twin bedded room for the entire program is \$2650.00. The single room supplement is \$795.00

### Price Includes:

- 7 nights' accommodation on half board (Breakfast & Dinner) at tourist first class hotels including 4 nights Bethlehem and 3 nights Nazareth.
- 3 nights full board (3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 3 Dinners) accommodation at Magdala Hotel.
- Conference Registration and Fees including concerts and activities...etc.
- Transportation as per above itinerary in modern motor coach with (WIFI).
- Accompaniment of English speaking Spiritual guides throughout the program.
- Entrance fees to Holy places and sites as per itinerary.
- A traditional lunch in Bethlehem.
- Boat ride on the Lake of Galilee.
- Round trip taxi up to Mt. Tabor.
- Arrangements for Mass celebrations.
- Farewell dinner at the Cheese & Wine Rooftop Restaurant.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Whispers radio system.

### Price Excludes:

- Flight Tickets.
- Airport Transfers.
- Travel/Health insurance.
- Items of personal nature as in drinks, coffee, laundry...etc.
- Services not indicated in the included section.



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## Notes:

- Our program ends on the evening of April 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is very important that you provide us with your flight itinerary as early as possible in order to know your arrival and departure hours.
- For those who wish for us to assist you with airport transfers and / or additional night stays before or after the program, please contact us as soon as possible in order to secure your accommodation.
- The sequence of the visits may change subject to availability and road conditions.
- Daily Mass, events and activities for the pilgrimage and conference will be provided on days of arrival.
- Booking deadline is by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Places are limited on a first come basis.
- Travel / Health Insurance covering COVID is mandatory.

## Registration Requirements:

- Number of persons joining the program.
- Number of rooms requested.
- Copies of passports of joining participants.
- Passports should be valid for at least 6 months prior to return flight date.
- Method of payment (Wire Transfer or Credit Card).

**For registration please contact Eliane:**

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## Payment Terms and Conditions:

- Full payment is required upon registration.
- Full cancellation will apply if cancellation takes place within 30 days prior to commencement date.
- Wire bank fees and charges should be borne by the registering participant when making the transfer.
- For those who wish to pay by Credit Card there will be an additional %4 charge.
- Wire transfer information:

Bank: Mercantile Discount Bank LTD

Branch number: 0638

Branch: SALAH EDDIN

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## RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

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**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE ABOVE.**

**ENROLLMENT, AND PAYMENT FOR THE TOUR PROGRAM, CONSTITUTES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT & THE TOUR TERMS & CONDITIONS**