

Pilgrimage to
HOLY LAND & EGYPT
 With Our Blessed Mother
November 2-16, 2007



Byzantine Icon of St. Anne, Mary & Jesus

Cost per person in twin from
 Jacksonville:

\$2,795

Plus \$280 air taxes & fuel surcharges,
 subject to change

Led by:
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Hosted by:
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Holy Sepulchre Basilica, Jerusalem

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Cost Includes: Round trip air from Jacksonville; 13 nights accommodations as described on itinerary sharing twin bedded rooms with private bath; full breakfast & dinner daily; comprehensive daily sightseeing with English speaking guides; entrance fees to sites visited; daily liturgy schedule planned; hotel taxes & services; portorage of one bag per person; border crossing fees; Egyptian visa fee processing for U.S. citizens.

Single Room Supplement: \$650

NOT INCLUDED: Items not specified above, e.g. lunches; optional sightseeing; optional cancellation insurance (\$195 covers cancellation penalties in event of sudden medical emergencies), group gratuities (\$95 per person will be collected prior to departure); optional round trip coach transfer Tallahassee/Jacksonville (approx \$90); items of a personal nature, passport fees; visa fees for non U.S. citizens; air taxes & fuel surcharges (\$280 in Feb 2007, subject to change) will be added to final invoice.



The Sphinx of Giza, Egypt

BOOKING FORM

GRP # 2731 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Egypt from Jacksonville FL: November 2-16, 2007

Enclosed is my (our) deposit of \$____ (\$450 + \$195 optional insurance per person) for ___# of persons. **Hurry—Space Limited!**
 Final payment is due Monday, July 9, 2007.

Check payable to: GTA TOURS

Mail to:
 Sr. Joan Grace Gabbin
 PO Box 931
 Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32004

Name: (Mr./Mrs./Ms) _____
 Please **PRINT** official, legal first & last name as on passport, no nicknames!

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

___Twin Room ___Single Room @ \$650 Supplement ___Triple Room

Sharing room with _____

TEL: Home _____ Work _____

E Mail: _____

Valid U.S. Passport is required on this trip, original must be submitted on October 1 to obtain visa for travel to Egypt.

HOLY LAND & EGYPT PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

NOV 2/FRI - DEPART JACKSONVILLE.

NOV 3/SAT - ARRIVE TEL AVIV. Meet English-speaking, Christian guide and transfer to **Sharon Hotel**, a beachfront property on the Mediterranean coast. (D) www.sharon.co.il

NOV 4/SUN – TO GALILEE. Travel along the coast via Caesarea, site of ancient Roman city to Haifa to visit Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Continue along the Carmel mountain range to the shores of the Sea of Galilee to Tiberias staying at **Ron Beach Hotel**. (B,D) www.ronbeachhotel.com

NOV 5/MON - GALILEE. Sail across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, center of Jesus' ministry, today containing the ruins of an ancient synagogue, Byzantine chapel and St. Peter's house. Stop at Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. In the afternoon ascend the Mount of Beatitudes and stop at River Jordan to commemorate the Baptism of Our Lord. (B,D)

NOV 6/TUE–GALILEE (NAZARETH). Travel to Nazareth to visit Annunciation Basilica, where the Word of God became Flesh! **Mass at the Grotto in the Basilica of the Annunciation.** Visit St Joseph Church, Mary's Well, synagogue and the town. Enjoy some free time to shop, then Travel to Cana, site of Jesus' first miracle, where couples can renew wedding vows. (B.D.)

NOV 7/WED –GALILEE/JERUSALEM. In the morning, take private taxis to the summit of Mount Tabor, where the Transfiguration of the Lord is commemorated. Travel southward along the Jordan River to Jericho, one of the oldest cities on earth. Take a new cable car ride to the top of the Mount of Temptation. Continue through the Judean wilderness up to Jerusalem to stay at the world famous **Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center**. (B,D) www.notredamecenter.org

NOV 8/THU-JERUSALEM (BETHLEHEM). In the morning visit to Bethlehem. See Nativity Basilica, St. Catherine Church and Shepherds' Field. In the afternoon, take an excursion to Ein Karem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist and site of the Visitation. (B, D)

NOV 9/FRI - JERUSALEM. Drive to Bethphage, site of Jesus Palm Sunday ride into the city. Stop at Mount of Olives for an outstanding view of the city and surrounding area. Visit the Place of the Ascension, the Church of Pater Noster, Dominus Fleuit. Visit the tomb of the Virgin (the Church of the Assumption), Garden Of Gethsemane, the Church of All Nations. In the afternoon, visit Mount Zion: the Church of St. Peter Gallicantu, King's David's Tomb, and the Cenacle (Place of the Last Supper) and Dormition Abbey. (B,D)

NOV 10/SAT –JERUSALEM. Visit the Western Wall and Temple Mount. Visit the Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda and the Sisters of Sion to see the excavations of the pavement "Lithostrotos". Make the Way of the Cross, along the Via Dolorosa to Calvary and the Tomb. Visit Holy Sepulchre Basilica, site of Calvary and the Tomb. In the afternoon travel to Emmaus, where the Risen Christ was recognized in the breaking of the Bread. (B,D)

NOV 11/SUN- JERUSALEM/EILAT. Descend from the Holy City into the Judean wilderness, following the path of St. John the Baptist and Jesus. Travel to the Dead Sea, stopping at Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, passing Masada, Herod's rock fortress, continuing through the Negev Desert, to the Red Sea resort town of Eilat to **Vista Hotel**. (B,D) www.vistaeilat.co.it

NOV 12/MON –EILAT/MOUNT SINAI. Depart Israel to the Taba. Meet Egypt guide and continue to St. Catherine Monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai, where Moses received the Ten Commandments. Visit the monastery. The adventurous awake at 2 am to hike to the top of Mount Sinai to see the sunrise, truly a once in a lifetime experience. (B,D)

NOV 13/TUE – MOUNT SINAI/CAIRO. Drive to spectacular Cairo, the capital of Egypt, stopping en route to visit Hammam Fara'un (Pharaoh's Bath) a group of hot sulfur springs with a temperature of 72 C at the source. (B,D) **HELWAN SHEPHERD HOTEL** www.helwan.com

NOV 14/WED – CAIRO. Drive Giza to visit the Cheop's pyramids - one of the Seven Wonders of the World - and the Sphinx, the great god-lion sentinel. Built over 35 centuries ago, the towering pyramids were meant to preserve the bodies and treasures of the Pharaohs for the afterlife. In the afternoon, explore the Egyptian Museum, offering remarkable insights into Egypt's ancient history and containing priceless antiquities such as the Treasures of King Tutankhamon (King Tut). (B,D)

NOV 15/THU – CAIRO. Entire day is devoted to visiting Marian sites. See the place of Our Lady's apparition at the Cathedral of Saint Mark in Zaytun, visit Matariya to see the Holy Family sites (miraculous tree, well and balsam grove, Mostorod, which came to be called "al mahamma" meaning "the bathing place," called that because tradition holds that the Virgin Mary bathed the child Jesus & washed his clothes on their way back to the Holy Land. A spring is still found at this site today. In the evening, attend the spectacular Sound & Light show at the Pyramids. (B,D)

NOV 16/FRI – CAIRO/JACKSONVILLE. (B)

B-Breakfast; L-Lunch; D-Dinner Itinerary Subject to Modification. Daily Mass Celebrated at Selected Sites.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Regularly scheduled economy class service on any IATA or ARC carrier. Air transportation based on fares in effect FEB 07, subject to change.

TARIFF & EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS: Land prices herein are based on exchange rate in effect FEB 07 and is subject to increase in the event the U.S. dollar is worth substantially less than this at our finalization. Tour cost is calculated for payment only by personal check or cashier check. Mastercard or Visa payment is accepted for a service fee of 3 1/2 percent of the amount charged.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Twin bedded rooms with private facilities throughout.

DOCUMENTS: Valid U.S. passport & Egyptian visa.

CANCELLATIONS: Refunds will be handled promptly and will be made for cancellations received in writing up to 90 days prior to departure less a \$100 administration fee. After that period, additional cancellation fees must be assessed; 90-45 days prior; \$1200; 45-10 days prior: up to total cost.

BAGGAGE: One (1) checked suitcase and small carry on is allowed on the coach portions of this trip.

GROUP SIZE: Rates herein are based on a minimum of 31 passengers.

RESPONSIBILITY: The travel agent and the tour operator, GTA TOURS d/b/a/ GTA TOURS, POB 1008, Madison, CT 06443, Tel: 203-245-8980, or their agents act(s) only as

agent(s) in all matters connected with the making and securing of reservations for transportation, accommodations, tours and/or other arrangements and assumes no responsibility for liability in connection with the service of any train, vessel carriage, aircraft or other conveyance which is used, either wholly or in part, in the performance of its duty to the passengers; neither this travel agency nor any of its representatives shall be, or become liable for any act, error or omission, or for any injury, loss accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any vehicle or through neglect or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out the purpose for which ticket or coupons have been issued. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable, for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made. Additional expenses if any, shall be borne by the passengers; conversely, refund will be made to the passengers if any saving is effected thereby. Also, in the event that sufficient persons are not secured for a particular tour, we reserve the right to cancel said tour, and a refund of monies paid will release the company of any further obligation. All arrangements for accommodations, transportation and sightseeing are made by the tour operator and/or their agents. The passage contract in use by companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchase of these tours and/or passage by the airlines concerned and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance.