

Summer Vacation Pilgrimage to the  
**HOLY LAND &  
 TURKEY**

**July 9-20, 2012**

Approximate Cost per person in twin from New York:

**\$3,395\*\***

\*\*Subject to Change—Final price will be published in September 2011.

**Led by:  
 Sister Yliana Hernandez  
 of Newburgh, New York**



*Church of Holy Wisdom (Hagia Sophia), Istanbul*

*Preliminary Save-the-Date Flyer*



*Holy Sepulchre Basilica, Jerusalem*

**Cost Includes:** Round trip air from New York; 10 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; air fuel charges.

*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); items of a personal nature, passport fees; Turkish visa fee (\$20 payable in cash on arrival); price subject to change due to airfare and fuel increases.

**Any Questions?**

**Contact Sister Yliana at Email: YliPBVM@aol.com Tel: 845-567-0708**

**BOOKING FORM**

Preliminary—GRP # 1211 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Turkey with Sister Hernandez: July 9-20, 2012—Preliminary  
 Enclosed is my (our) non refundable deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$100 per person) for \_\_\_ # of persons) due as soon as possible to reserve your place.  
 Updated payment details and tour information will be mailed to you in September 2011.

**Check payable to: GTA TOURS**

**Mail to:**

Sr. Yliana Hernandez c/o Pam Denisis  
 St. Patrick Church  
 55 Grand Street  
 Newburgh, NY 12550

ATT: HL & Turkey 2012

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

**Valid U.S. Passport is required on this trip,  
 must be valid until January 9, 2013 or beyond.**

# HOLY LAND & TURKEY PILGRIMAGE

## JULY 2012 PRELIMINARY ITINERARY

### JUL 9/MON - DEPART NEW YORK.

**JUL 10/TUE - ARRIVE TEL AVIV/GALILEE.** Meet English-speaking, Christian guide and transfer to **Mount of Beatitudes Guest House**, a delightful pilgrim home overlooking the Sea of Galilee, run by the Franciscan Sisters and renovated in 2008. (D)

**JUL 11/WED-GALILEE.** Sail across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, center of Jesus' ministry, with 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 visit the River Jordan to commemorate Our Lord's Baptism and ascend to the summit of Mount Tabor, where the Transfiguration of the Lord is commemorated. (B,D)

**JUL 12/THU-GALILEE (NAZARETH).** Travel to Nazareth to visit Annunciation Basilica, where the Word of God became Flesh! 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)

**JUL 13/FRI-GALILEE/BETHLEHEM/JERUSALEM.** In the morning descend along the River Jordan to Jericho, the oldest city on earth, through the Dead Sea Region and Judea to Bethlehem. See Nativity Basilica, St. Catherine Church and Shepherds' Field. Arrive at the unique Knight's Palace Hotel, in the Old City, next to the Latin Patriarchate (where the Roman Catholic bishop resides)! Walk to nearby Holy Sepulchre Basilica, site of Calvary and the Tomb. (B,D) [www.knightspalace.com](http://www.knightspalace.com)

**JUL 14/SAT-JERUSALEM.** Drive to the 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. Pray at Gethsemane, Church of All Nations. In the afternoon, make the Way of the Cross from the Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda to the Sisters of Zion, along the Via Dolorosa to Calvary and the Tomb. See Mount Zion and Dormition Abbey and travel to Ein Karem, where St. John the Baptist lived. (B,D)

**JUL 15/SUN - JERUSALEM/IZMIR (ANCIENT SMYRNA), TURKEY.** Visit the Western Wall and Temple Mount. Travel to Emmaus, where the Risen Christ was recognized in the breaking of the Bread. Transfer to the airport for brief flight to Istanbul and Izmir. Late arrival, meet your guide and transfer to **Hotel Konak** or similar. (B,D,Snack) [www.hotelkonakizmir.com](http://www.hotelkonakizmir.com)

**JUL 16/MON-EPHESUS.** In the morning, celebrate Mass at the house of the Virgin Mary, a site which traditionally is associated with Mary's Assumption. Next, tour the ancient Greek city of Ephesus, mentioned so often in Paul's epistles. It is a spectacularly preserved ruin of a once great and important city founded in the 10th century B.C. Continue to Hierapolis where Apostle Philip came to spread Christianity, and is believed to have lived and been martyred here. Hierapolis is mentioned in St. Paul's epistle to the Colossians (Colossian 4:13). Overnight in Izmir. (B,D)

**JUL 17/TUE-IZMIR/CANAKKALE.** Visit Bergama (ancient Pergamon (Rev 2:12-17)). Early Christian martyr Antipas was tortured to death here. See the monumental Basilica of St. John (The Red Church), dating from the 2nd century. Stop at Assos, where Aristoteles carried out his teachings for a period of time. On the way back from his third missionary journey, Paul walked by land from Alexandria Troas to Assos.(Acts 20:13-14). Visit the ruins of Troy, the legendary stage for Homer's Iliad. On his second missionary journey, St.Paul was in Troas when he had a vision of a man from Macedonia inviting him to Europe (Acts 16:8-12). Arrive in Canakkale, a lovely resort on the Aegean Coast. (B,D) **KOLIN HOTEL or similar** [www.kolinhotel.com](http://www.kolinhotel.com)

**JUL 18/WED-CANAKKALE/ISTANBUL.** Board coach to the pier for a ferry ride across the Straits of Dardanelles to Istanbul the largest city in Turkey. Until 1553 it was Constantinople, the capital of the Byzantine Empire. Enjoy a tour along the Golden Horn following the Theodosian City Walls to the Chora Museum to see the Church of St. Savior. visit the Grand Bazaar with more than 4,000 shops. (B,D) **TITANIC CITY HOTEL or similar** [www.titanic.com.tr](http://www.titanic.com.tr)

**JUL 19/THU-ISTANBUL.** Tour the Roman Hippodrome, 17th century Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia Church. Dating from the 5th century, it is a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture. Visit Topkapi Palace, residence of the Ottoman Sultans. (B,D)

### JUL 20/FRI-RETURN HOME. (B)

B-Breakfast; L-Lunch; Snack, 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 estimated fares in May 2011, subject to confirmation in September 2011.

**TARIFF & EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS:** Land prices herein are based on exchange rate in effect May 2011 and is subject to increase in the event the U.S. dollar is worth substantially less than this at tour 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 & Turkish visa.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Refunds will be handled promptly and will be made for cancellations received in writing up to 120 days prior to departure less **non-refundable \$100 fee.** After that period, additional cancellation fees must be assessed; 119-90 days prior: \$450; 89-45 days prior: \$1200 plus full cost of airline tickets if already issued; 44-10 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 26 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.

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