



# Holy Hope. Holy Land.

AN ADVENT PILGRIMAGE



**DECEMBER 4-15, 2021**

*With an optional visit to the Kingdom of Jordan*

Led by the Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop of Missouri  
Coordinator - the Rev. Todd McDowell, Grace Episcopal Church



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*Advent is a season of expectation and hope, grounded in the incarnation of Emmanuel; God with us. Each year we turn our gaze eastward to look for the familiar people and places that make the incarnation of Christ come alive. How best to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child than to stand in the places where the events of Jesus' life and ministry took place.*

*Join us on our pilgrimage to the Holy Land as we see firsthand the places where Jesus walked, taught and preached. We will visit the Church of the Annunciation, where the angel Gabriel- announced the coming of the Savior. Journey to one of the oldest churches in Christendom in Bethlehem, and the place of Jesus' birth. See the many sites around and on the Sea of Galilee where Jesus spent most of his three years of ministry. We will go to the site of his Baptism at the River Jordan and renew our own Baptismal Covenant, and finally journey up to Jerusalem and walk the via Delarosa as we make our way to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Christianity's holiest church, where the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ took place.*

*Early in the 4th Century, C.E., the Empress Helena, mother of Constantine traveled from Western Europe to the Holy Land. Helena, like countless pilgrims after her, made the journey in order to find the place, to see and pray where events in the life of Christ took place. Her journey changed her life, that of her son, and the entire world. Since that time, millions of Christians have followed in the footsteps of Helena.*

*You are invited to join us on pilgrimage to stand for a time in Helena's shoes. Not only will you see the places where it all began, but you will see the "facts on the ground"—what it means to be a Christian in Israel and Palestine today. So do come join us. Bring your head and your heart but put your feet on the ground of the Holy Land.*

*The Holy Land is often described as the 5th Gospel for its power to bring scripture alive and inspire us all in our Christian faith. Join us this Advent for an adventure into Holy Hope. Holy Land, as we embark on an incredible adventure to discover anew the places of our faith.*

*+ Deon*

If you have questions about the pilgrimage, you are welcome either to contact Lightline directly, or the Rev Todd McDowell at Grace Church, Kirkwood (314) 821-1806 ext. 14, or [todd.mcdowell@GraceKirkwood.org](mailto:todd.mcdowell@GraceKirkwood.org)

## TO SECURE YOUR PLACES ON THIS PILGRIMAGE

**COST \$4995 (SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT \$795) *Optional Jordan Extention (see page 8)***

*Space on the tour is limited, and early booking is strongly advised. To reserve a place, please complete and send the enclosed booking form together with a **deposit of \$500** per person. (Online booking & payment is also available. Go to [lightlina.com](http://lightlina.com) and find your pilgrimage under **Upcoming Pilgrimages.**)*

*Bookings with initial deposit payment must be received by **Friday, June 18**, and full payment by **Friday, September 3**. We recognize there is still uncertainty about making travel plans because of the pandemic. To help you book with confidence, all deposits are fully refundable until **September 2**.*

# Itinerary

## **DAY 1: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4**

*(John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760)*

We meet at St Louis-Lambert Airport in the afternoon, to check in for our journey to Israel. After a short flight to Chicago, we change planes for our flight to Israel. Dinner will be served on the flight, and we hope to be able to sleep well as we head across the Atlantic to the Holy Land.

## **DAY 2: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**

*(Advent II - Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210)*

We land at Tel Aviv in the afternoon. After clearing Immigration and Customs formalities we will be met by the local Christians who will be our guide and driver throughout our journey and make our way to our beautiful pilgrim guest house on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee. We will arrive in time to freshen up before dinner and an early night!



## **DAY 3: MONDAY, DECEMBER 6**

*(Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342)*

We begin our pilgrimage with the celebration of the Eucharist at Dalmanutha on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. We will spend the rest of the day visiting the sites around the Sea of Galilee associated with Jesus' ministry of miracles and teaching set around the lake. We will have the chance to visit the Mount of Beatitudes, the ruins of Capernaum, the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes, and the Church of Peter's Primacy. We will have the chance to experience our own boat ride on the lake, as well as seeing the first century fishing boat discovered towards the end of the last century. We will also visit the recently excavated first century synagogue at Magdala, the birthplace of Mary Magdalene, before returning to our hotel in good time to freshen up before dinner. Overnight stay by the Sea of Galilee.





#### **DAY 4: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7**

*(Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397)*

This morning, leaving the hotel we drive in a westerly direction crossing the fertile Valley of Jezreel to visit the Basilica on the summit of Mount Tabor, believed by many to be the site of the Transfiguration. We will celebrate the Eucharist here before descending the mountain. After a break for lunch, we drive to Nazareth, the town where Jesus grew up, to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation and the Synagogue Church. We then continue to the nearby village of Cana, the site of Jesus' first "sign" according to St John, and the ruins of the city of Sepphoris, a major Roman and Byzantine city, before returning to our lakeside guest house in good time to relax before dinner. Overnight stay by the Sea of Galilee.



#### **DAY 5: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

Leaving the beauty and tranquility of the Galilee, we will journey through the heart of the West Bank to the major Palestinian city of Nablus. We will see the work of St Luke's Episcopal Hospital, providing significant medical care in the heart of the city, and visit Jacob's Well, which was already a place of pilgrimage in the time of Jesus. After lunch we come to the Jordan River to renew our Baptismal Covenant. From here we make our way to Jerusalem, stopping in the town of Bethany, where Jesus would stay in the home of his friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Finally, we will arrive at the Christian Quarter of the Old City and check into our hotel situated inside the city walls, which will be our home for the remainder of our pilgrimage.



#### **DAY 6: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9**

Today we head south after breakfast to visit the Old Testament city of Hebron, a city of crucial importance to the three Abrahamic faiths to visit the Tombs of the Patriarchs and see for ourselves the effects of the Occupation in the heart of the old city. From here we come to Bethlehem. In addition to visiting the Church of the Nativity, the oldest intact church in Christendom, and the nearby Shepherds Fields at Beit Sahour, we will also see the remarkable work of the St Vincent Creche/Orphanage. Run by the Daughters of Charity, this is the only facility of its kind in the West Bank, offering Christian love and compassion to over forty abandoned babies and small children. At the end of the day, we return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and our overnight stay.



### **DAY 7: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10**

This morning we begin the day with a visit to the Garden Tomb, which will give us a sense of how Golgotha might have looked at the time of Jesus. From here we drive to the Princess Basma Center, an Episcopal institution renowned for its remarkable work with disabled children. After a break for lunch, we will walk the traditional Palm Sunday route down the Mount of Olives, starting at Bethphage, and finishing in the Garden of Gethsemane. On the way we will stop at the Chapel of the Ascension, and the churches of Pater Noster and Dominus Fleuit, and finally the Church of All Nations.

### **DAY 8: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**

After an early breakfast we leave Jerusalem and drive down to the Dead Sea basin and continue south along the shoreline to Mount Masada. We ascend the summit by cable car to visit Herod's stepped palace complex, ancient water cisterns, massive grain silos and the remains of a Byzantine church. Afterwards we will have the opportunity to bathe in the unique mineral laden waters of the Dead Sea. We return north along the Dead Sea visiting Qumran on our way. It was here that the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered and led to the excavations of the nearby Essene Monastery where the scrolls may have originated. We plan to arrive back in Jerusalem in good time to freshen up before dinner. Overnight stay in Jerusalem.



### **DAY 9: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**

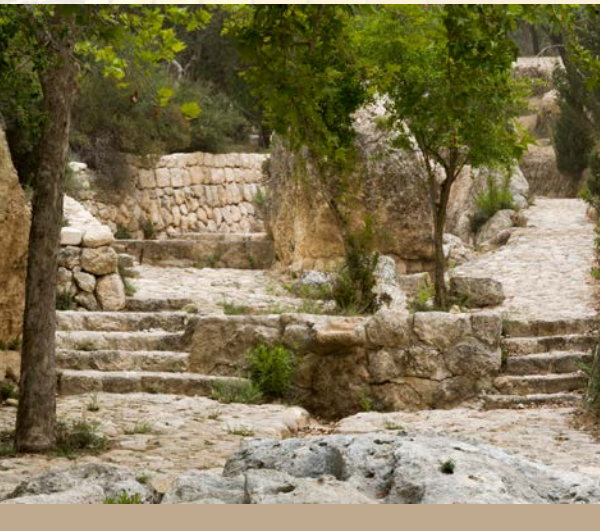
*(Advent III)*

We begin our day by attending the principal Sunday Eucharist at St George's Episcopal Cathedral. Late morning, we make our way to the Israel Museum to visit the Shrine of the Book exhibition about the Dead Sea Scrolls, and a beautiful, scaled model of ancient Jerusalem as it was at the time of Jesus. In the afternoon we drive to Mount Zion to visit sites associated with the Last Supper, the Day of Pentecost, the falling asleep of Mary, and the church of St Peter in Gallicantu, where Jesus was held by the Jewish authorities on the night before his death. We will finish the day in the village of Ein Karem, believed to be the home of Elizabeth and Zechariah, the parents of John the Baptist. Here we can sing 'Magnificat' where it was first sung, before returning to our hotel for dinner and our overnight stay.



### **DAY 10: MONDAY, DECEMBER 13**

This morning we start at the Dung Gate to ascend the Temple Mount (if permitted) to enjoy a close-up view of the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque. Exiting the Temple Mount, we visit the church of St Anne by the Pools of Bethesda, close to the start of the Via Dolorosa. From where we will prayerfully walk the Way of the Cross through the winding alleys of the "Via Dolorosa" until we come to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, built over what every generation has believed is the place of Jesus' crucifixion, burial and resurrection. After a break for lunch, we drive to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum and Garden. Later in the afternoon we return to the Dung Gate to visit the Western Wall plaza and make the extraordinary walk through the Western Wall Tunnels that take us underground through the heart of the Old City.



### **DAY 11: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

On our final day of pilgrimage, we will drive to one of the sites associated with biblical Emmaus to have a final act of worship together, stopping first at the Orthodox Monastery of the Cross, built at the site where it is believed the tree grew that provided the wood for Jesus' cross. Returning to Jerusalem, we will have the chance to enjoy some free time (lunch will not be provided today) until we depart mid-afternoon to the beautiful town of Jaffa on the Mediterranean coast for our final dinner in the Holy Land. From here we drive to Tel Aviv airport to begin our journey home, flying overnight to Newark.

### **DAY 12: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15**

Landing at Newark in the early morning, we clear U.S. immigration and Customs before flying onwards to Saint Louis, where we land around 8am, ready to tell our family and friends of all that we have learned in the Land of the Holy One.



*Please note this complex touring program may be subject to minor local amendments.*



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**PILGRIMAGE INCLUSIVE TOUR COST - \$4995 (SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT \$795)**

**+ Scheduled flights from St. Louis to Tel Aviv on United Airlines:**

<b>DEPARTURE</b>	December 4	UA3654	St. Louis / Chicago	3.15 pm	4.43 pm
		UA140	Chicago / Tel Aviv	6.30 pm	1.45 pm (Dec 5)
<b>RETURN</b>	December 14	UA91	Tel Aviv / Newark	11.10 pm	4.30 am (Dec 15)
	December 15	UA3697	Newark / St. Louis	6.35 am	8.15 am

*(Please note the above flights and times are subject to change.)*

**+ All airport departure & passenger taxes** (US & Israel).

**+ En Suite accommodation at Christian pilgrim hotels & guest houses**

Galilee - Pilgerhaus (*Benedictine guest house by the Sea of Galilee*)

Jerusalem - Gloria Hotel (*Situated within the Old City, by Jaffa Gate*)

**+ Full board throughout** (*breakfast, lunch & dinner daily*).

**+ All gratuities, entrance fees and local government taxes.**

**+ State licensed English speaking guides throughout the tour.**

**+ All touring in modern air-conditioned tour buses.**

***Absolutely no hidden costs. The only items NOT included in the tour price are:***

Single Room supplement \$795, Travel Insurance (*we suggest Allianz Global Assistance*)

Any items of a personal nature.

**HEALTH & FITNESS:**

This pilgrimage involves a considerable amount of walking, although it is not a hiking expedition. **Pilgrims will need to be able to get on and off a bus frequently, and, in the course of a day, walk one or two miles at a gentle pace, sometimes on uneven or hilly ground.** Much of the terrain is not suited to the use of wheelchairs or walkers, and people who depend on these for mobility would find their ability to participate fully in the pilgrimage extremely limited. **By signing up for this pilgrimage, you are agreeing that you have noted this advice, and that you are fit enough to undertake the trip.**

# Jordan Extension (OPTIONAL)

DECEMBER 1-5, 2021



## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1 *(Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637)*

We meet at St Louis-Lambert Airport in the early afternoon to start our journey to the Middle East, flying first to Chicago, and then onwards to Amman, Jordan. Dinner will be served on board and we hope to get a good night's sleep as we cross the Atlantic.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 *(Channing Moore Williams, Missionary Bishop in China and Japan, 1910)*

Landing in Amman at lunch time we will drive the short distance to Mount Nebo to start our pilgrimage at the place where Moses gazed across to the Promised Land, before visiting nearby Madaba to see the famous mosaic map that places Jerusalem at the center of the known world. After these visits we will drive south to Wadi Musa, to our hotel located by the entrance to the archaeological site of Petra, where we will spend two nights.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

We will spend the day in the ancient city of Petra, located in a spectacular setting deep inside a narrow desert gorge. From the main entrance we will travel on foot through the awesome 'Siq', an immense crack in the sandstone that winds its way between overhanging cliffs. At the end of the Siq is Petra's most famous monument, the Treasury, and various walks and climbs reveal literally hundreds of buildings, facades, tombs, baths, funerary halls, temples and a 3,000 seat Roman theatre.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 *(John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760)*

Leaving Petra after breakfast, we drive north to visit the Baptism Site and see the impressive excavations on the eastern side of the Jordan River. From here it is only a short drive to our hotel on the shore of the Dead Sea, where we will have the rest of the day to relax and enjoy its facilities.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 *(Advent II - Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210)*

After celebrating a Sunday Eucharist together, we will drive north out of the city to Salt, where we will see the remarkable work of the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf. After lunch we continue north to Um Qeis, believed to be biblical Gadara, and enjoy the breathtaking view over the Sea of Galilee. Finally we come to the Sheik Hussein border crossing, and on entering Israel will drive to our pilgrim hotel on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, where we will meet the rest of our pilgrim group.



## TUESDAY, 14 DECEMBER / WEDNESDAY, 15 DECEMBER

Pilgrims who started the pilgrimage in Jordan will also spend this one extra night at the hotel in Jerusalem, and will start their journey home after an early breakfast on Wednesday 15 December using the flights shown below.

**Flights for those who go to Jordan are not the same as those shown on the previous page, and are shown below.**

## JORDAN EXTENSION COST - \$1795 (SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT \$295)

**+ Scheduled flights from Amman to St. Louis on Royal Jordanian & American Airlines:** *(Please note the flights and times are subject to change.)*

<b>DEPARTURE</b> December 1	AA2629	St. Louis / Chicago	1.54 pm	3.17 pm
	RJ264	Chicago / Amman	6.00 pm	1.30 pm (Dec 2)
December 15	RJ343	Tel Aviv / Amman	7.35 am	8.20 am
	RJ263	Amman / Chicago	9.45 am	2.45 pm
	AA1062	Chicago / St. Louis	6.25 pm	7.44 pm

**+ All airport departure & passenger taxes** (US & Jordan).

### + Hotels in Jordan

Mövenpick Resort Petra *(One of the closest hotels to the entrance to Petra)*

Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea *(A luxury resort hotel by the Dead Sea)*

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Any items of a personal nature.





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Tour Ref: 81706

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## BOOKING FORM

To make a booking please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS** and sign this Booking Form. **Each pilgrim** must sign the Terms and Conditions Form and the Waiver Form, and return all documents to:

### LightLine Pilgrimages

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### LEAD PASSENGER

Title	Given names as appear on passport			Last Name	Name known by
Gender	Date of Birth	Nationality	Passport Number	Passport Issue Date	Passport Expiration Date
	mm/dd/yyyy		mm/dd/yyyy	mm/dd/yyyy	mm/dd/yyyy
KTN   TSA Number		Frequent Flyer Number		Seating Request	

### SECOND PASSENGER

Title	Given names as appear on passport			Last Name	Name known by
Gender	Date of Birth	Nationality	Passport Number	Passport Issue Date	Passport Expiration Date
	mm/dd/yyyy		mm/dd/yyyy	mm/dd/yyyy	mm/dd/yyyy
KTN   TSA Number		Frequent Flyer Number		Seating Request	

# BOOKING FORM *(Continued from previous page)*

Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Cell Phone	Other Phone	Email

## ACCOMMODATIONS *(Please select appropriate box)*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Shared Double Bed Room (one bed)	Remarks   Special Diets etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shared Twin Room (two beds)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single Room <i>(incurs a supplementary cost)</i>	

### JORDAN EXTENSION

I/we will participate in the optional Jordan extension.

### CHECK PAYMENT

Check box to pay by check. Make check payable to:  
*Lightline Pilgrimages NA LLC.*

### CREDIT CARD PAYMENT



Check box to pay by credit card. **DO NOT** put your credit card information here. Lightline will send you a secure email payment invoice to pay using your credit card.

**Deposit per person**  @ US \$500 =

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By signing and submitting this booking form and deposit you confirm that you and all of the travelers named on the booking form understand and are bound by Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC's terms and conditions, waiver of liability and assumption of risk and indemnity agreement ("waiver of liability"), and custom itineraries and invoices pertaining to the trip (collectively, "booking documents"). You all understand that each traveler must submit a signed waiver of liability by the date specified on the confirmation invoice to participate on the trip. We recommend that you submit the documents for yourself and each traveler at the time of booking by mail or email at the address below. You agree that you and all of the travelers named above have read and are bound by the booking documents whether or not you have signed them. You certify that you are not aware of any circumstances which are likely to lead to cancellation or the curtailment of the pilgrimage by any person. You confirm that you would like all correspondence sent to your address.

<b>Signature of participant:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Signature of participant:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

**\*PLEASE CONTINUE onto pages 11-12 to read and sign the Acceptance of Waiver.**



*Each pilgrim must sign a copy of this document and return to Lightline NA.*

## RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

**Read this Agreement carefully as it is a legally binding contract. Both parents/legal guardian must sign for minors under 18 years of age.**

In consideration for my acceptance as a participant in the trip arranged for me by Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC ("Lightline Pilgrimages," "we," or "us"), and the services to be provided to me by Lightline Pilgrimages, I acknowledge and agree as follows:

**Responsibility:** I understand that Lightline Pilgrimages NA LLC uses reasonable care in the selection of its suppliers, who to its knowledge are reputable and competent based on information that is reasonably available to it. I understand that Lightline Pilgrimages NA LLC acts only as an intermediary for its suppliers and, as such, assumes no responsibility and cannot be held liable for any negligent or willful act or omission of any supplier, or of any other person or entity. A supplier's services are subject to the supplier's own terms and conditions and its local laws, regulations and treaties where applicable.

**Assumption of Risk:** I am voluntarily participating in this trip with the knowledge of the numerous risks and dangers involved, which include but are not limited to: accommodations, roads, trails, vehicles, boats or aircraft, or other means of conveyance which may not be maintained or operated to standards common in my country; dangers and risks inherent in the activities set forth in my itinerary; dangers and risks inherent in walking and hiking in outdoor settings (e.g., cultural sites, dirt and rocky paths and rural roads), including falling or tripping on uneven surfaces or debris; food-borne illnesses from eating local or other foods; emotional trauma; personal injury; disfigurement; temporary or permanent disability (including paralysis); death; acts of God and force majeure; the hazards of traveling in unsafe or politically unstable areas or under unsafe conditions; road blocks; civil disturbances, social or labor unrest, terrorist activities, and war; physical exertion for which I am not prepared; environmental conditions/hazards (e.g., slippery roads due to rain, mudslides); transportation failures or the failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, whether by bus, van, car, bike, boat, horseback or other animal, by foot, or by any other conveyance; equipment failures or deficiencies; contact with wildlife, marine life, pests and insects, including bites and stings; accident or illness in remote or rural places without access to medical facilities, transportation, or means of evacuation and assistance; the adequacy of medical attention; medical or dietary restrictions; mechanical or construction failures or difficulties; diseases, epidemics or the threat thereof; stolen, lost or misplaced luggage or property; theft or break-ins into vehicles, lodging or elsewhere; local laws; climactic conditions; abnormal conditions or developments; or any other actions, omissions, or conditions outside of our control that are not specified in this agreement.

**I expressly agree to be responsible for my own welfare and fully assume all of the above risks, as well as all other risks set forth in this agreement, both known and unknown, voluntarily and knowingly,** to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**Waiver of Liability, Release, Indemnification, and Covenant Not to Sue:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, I on behalf of myself, my heirs, legal and personal representatives, next of kin, including my spouse, successors and assigns (collectively, "Releasers") expressly **RELEASE,**

**WAIVE, FOREVER DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE** Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC, its owners, officers, employees, managers, shareholders, affiliates, agents, representatives, officers, directors, volunteers, successors and assigns (collectively, "Releasees"), from and against any and all liability, claims, causes of action, demands, costs, damages, losses or suits of any and every kind which I now have or may later have against Releasees arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the travel services arranged through or provided by Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC, whether arising from Releasees' negligence or otherwise. I further agree that if any such cause of action is brought against Releasee(s) and I am found responsible for injury or damages to any person, including myself, as a consequence of my own actions or inactions, I shall fully **DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS** Releasee(s) in that cause of action.

**I AGREE THAT THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL SERVE AS A COMPLETE RELEASE AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK** for myself, all members of my family and all minors traveling with me, my and their heirs, next of kin, successors, assigns, and legal and personal representatives. It is my intention to fully assume all risks associated with this trip and to release Lightline Pilgrimages NA LLC from any and all liability to the maximum extent permitted by law.

**APPLICABLE LAW, CHOICE OF FORUM AND SEVERABILITY:** This agreement will be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Illinois, USA. Jurisdiction over any dispute arising out of, in connection with, or relating to this agreement and/or the transactions and relationships among the parties contemplated by this agreement shall be filed exclusively in state, local or federal courts in Chicago, Illinois. You agree to personal jurisdiction in the specified forum.

**KNOWING AND VOLUNTARY EXECUTION:** By signing this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, I certify that I have read this agreement, fully understand all of its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and voluntarily agree to be bound by its terms. My signature applies to all pages of this agreement. These representations are true whether I am signing on my own behalf or on behalf a minor.

I understand that in calculating the cost of the trip, Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC has relied on my consent to these terms and their enforceability. Without this agreement, the trip cost would have been higher or, alternatively, Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC would not be able to offer these services.

I agree that execution of a facsimile counterpart or electronic transmission of this agreement shall be deemed execution of the original agreement. I agree that facsimile or electronic transmission of an executed copy of this agreement shall constitute acceptance of this agreement.

<b>Signature of Participant:</b>	
<b>Printed name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Signature of Participant:</b>	
<b>Printed name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

**\*STOP!** Do not mail this until you have done the following:

1. Is the **Booking Form** complete with all the details requested?
2. Has **EACH** pilgrim signed the **Acceptance of the Waiver** above? (page 12)
3. Has **EACH** pilgrim signed the **Acceptance of Terms and Conditions** on page 16?

**\*PLEASE CONTINUE** onto pages 13-16 to read and sign the **Acceptance of Terms and Conditions**.



**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR YOUR LIGHTLINE PILGRIMAGE TRIP**

The terms and conditions set forth in this agreement (“Terms and Conditions” or “agreement”) constitute the entire understanding and agreement between you the trip participant (“Participant”) and Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC (“Lightline Pilgrimages,” “we,” or “us”) with respect to any and all bookings, tours or transactions made with Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC. By signing this agreement, you accept all of the terms in this agreement and direct us to perform services on your behalf. All trips that we offer are subject to these terms and conditions, our waiver of liability and assumption of risk and indemnity agreement, and the custom itineraries and invoices pertaining to the trip.

**BOOKING AND PAYMENT**

When you make your booking, you must sign this agreement on behalf of yourself and all persons named in your booking, submit a completed booking form, and pay a **refundable deposit of \$500 per person**. If a booking is made within 12 weeks of departure, the full amount of the tour must be sent along with the completed booking form and signed Terms and Conditions. **The balance of the amount is payable by the deadline in your custom invoice**. A booking is not accepted until we provide written confirmation. The booking is accepted on the date shown on the written confirmation. If a booking is not accepted, we will notify you in writing and refund the deposit. **Medical insurance is not included in the trip price but is a condition of booking.**

**ROOM SHARING ARRANGEMENTS**

All prices are quoted on the basis of two persons to a room. Single room accommodation is limited and may not always be available. If you are traveling alone but wish to share, notify us at booking and we shall endeavor to find a suitable traveling companion. If we are unable to find someone, we will allocate you a single room and charge you only half the applicable single room supplement stated in the brochure. In this instance, a separate invoice will be issued 14 days before departure with the single room supplement fee.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

Lightline Pilgrimages takes reasonable care in selecting competent, reliable and qualified suppliers based on information that is reasonably available to us. That said, Lightline Pilgrimages acts only as an intermediary for the various independent suppliers that provide lodging, meals, transportation, sightseeing, activities or other goods and services connected with your tour (“Supplier” or “Suppliers”). You acknowledge that you are aware and clearly understand that these Suppliers are independent contractors, are not managed by Lightline Pilgrimages, and are not agents or employees of Lightline Pilgrimages. A Supplier’s services are subject to the Supplier’s own terms and conditions and any applicable local laws, regulations and treaties of the relevant country. Any flight scheduled or otherwise forming part of the arrangements will be subject to the Conditions of Carriage of that airline. Some of these will limit or even exclude liability and conditions are the subject of international agreements between countries. Lightline Pilgrimages will not provide any refund for a Supplier’s delay, cancellation, overbooking, or strike.

**TRIP MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

Unless specified otherwise, the minimum number of persons required for most tours to take place is 15 persons. If this is not achieved, we reserve the right to continue to operate (with Driver/Guide), or to cancel the tour no later than 4 weeks prior to departure. If we cancel under this paragraph, all monies paid to us for the tour will be refunded.

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

To cancel your booking, you must submit your request to us in writing by email at [info@lightlinena.com](mailto:info@lightlinena.com) with “Cancellation” in the subject line or postal mail at Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC, 1829 North Cleveland Ave, Unit B, Chicago, IL 60614-8015 USA. Cancellation fees will be applied per person according to the following schedule, based on the date we receive your written notification, not when you send it or notify us by phone:

PERIOD	CANCELLATION FEE (% of total trip cost)
Over 90 days before departure	no fee payable - payments will be refunded
90-61 days	deposit will be forfeit
60-46 days	65%
45 days or fewer before departure	100%

**NOTE:** If the reason for cancellation is covered under the terms of your insurance policy, consult with your insurance provider to see if you can reclaim these cancellation charges, less excesses and insurance premiums.

No refunds will be provided for any unused portion of a tour once the tour begins, including if you leave a tour for any reason, miss the tour's departure date, or have to be removed from a tour. There are no exceptions to this cancellation policy, including for reasons related to weather, terrorism, civil strife, personal, family or medical emergencies or any other circumstances beyond our control. **For this reason, we strongly recommend that all Participants purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance prior to travel.**

### **CHANGES WE MAKE AND FLEXIBILITY**

We plan our trips many months and sometimes years in advance. Sometimes, although not often, we have to change or cancel portions of the itinerary, lodging and other details of a trip. As such, we cannot guarantee that every part of the itinerary advertised in the brochure will be followed or that the duration of each visit along the route will be as advised. While we strive to operate all tours as advertised, we reserve the right to modify or cancel any flight, schedule, accommodation or other details of your trip at any time and without notice except as provided in this section. Most changes are minor, but where they are significant, we will inform you of an existing change when you book, or if you have already booked, prior to your departure provided that we have sufficient time to do so. You then have the following choices:

- a. Accept the changed arrangements as notified to you,
- b. Purchase another available tour from us, or
- c. Cancel your tour. If in these particular circumstances you cancel, all monies paid to us will be refund to you less any non-refundable deposits.

In the event that the significant change is our cancellation of the tour, we will return to you all money that you have paid us or will offer you an alternative available tour to purchase of comparable standard.

### **CHANGE REQUESTS THAT YOU MAKE**

To change your booking, you must submit your request to us in writing by email at [info@lightlina.com](mailto:info@lightlina.com) with "Change Request" in the subject line or postal mail at Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC, 1829 North Cleveland Ave, Unit B, Chicago, IL 60614-8015 USA. If you request to change your tour dates or alter your itinerary after we confirm your booking, we will do our best to accommodate your request. If we are able to make such changes, a change fee will be imposed. The type and scope of change dictates the amount of the change fee. Our outside suppliers, including hotels, often impose additional fees or penalties for changes and cancellations. These are included in the change fee and can be substantial.

We will forward any alteration that you request after your tour has commenced to our independent suppliers. We will Work with our suppliers to try and accommodate reasonable requests but cannot guarantee that any changes will be possible after your tour has commenced. Changes while a tour is in progress can cause severe complications and are often not possible.

In the event you request a change, you will be liable for any cancellation charges and change fees that may be levied for the booking of revised arrangements and for all costs associated with the arrangements themselves

### **FORCE MAJEURE**

Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC will not be deemed in breach of this agreement or otherwise liable to you, by reason of delay in performance or nonperformance of any of its obligations under this agreement to the extent that any such delay or nonperformance is due to any Force Majeure. "Force Majeure" means any circumstances beyond our reasonable control, including without limitation acts of God, terrorist activities, insurrection, explosion, flood, tempest, forceful wind, fire or accident, war or threat of war declared or undeclared, sabotage, civil disturbance, labor strikes, requisition, sickness, quarantine, government intervention, weather conditions, and unforeseen circumstances. If we and any of our suppliers are affected by Force Majeure, we and our suppliers shall be entitled to, and may in our sole discretion, vary or cancel any itinerary or arrangement in relation to the tour. Regarding civil unrest, once we have investigated the prevailing situation, as we deem fit, it shall remain in our sole and absolute discretion whether to proceed with the tour.

### **TRIP PRICE ADJUSTMENTS**

The prices quoted for these tours are based on known costs and exchange rates when tours are planned. We reserve the right to levy a surcharge in the event of any material variation in such costs and rates such as transportation costs and fuel; dues, taxes or fees; or exchange rates applied to particular purchases. Even in such cases, we will absorb an amount equivalent to 2% of the tour price (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges). Only amounts in excess of this 2% will be surcharged. If this means paying more than 10% of the tour price, you will be entitled to cancel the tour with a full refund of all monies paid. Should you decide to cancel because of this, you must do so within 14 days from the issue date printed on the invoice that contains the surcharge, otherwise your cancellation will be subject to our cancellation policy and fees. Since we have to absorb increased costs equivalent to 2% of the tour price, there will be no reduction in the price of the tour in the event of a favorable variation in costs or exchange rates. Prices will not be increased within 14 days of departure.

### **LOST/DAMAGED LUGGAGE**

You are responsible for your baggage and personal effects throughout the tour. It is important that you keep track of your belongings while travel-

ing just as you would at home. All costs incurred for lost, misplaced, damaged or delayed baggage are at the owner's expense. Any valuable items should be insured accordingly.

### **NO REFUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES**

You will not be reimbursed for any personal expenses such as airfare, hotel or other travel expenses due to changes in itineraries or tour cancellations.

### **COMPLAINT PROCEDURE**

If you have a complaint during your tour, you must promptly report it to either your tour leader or our local representative, so that action can be taken to remedy the problem. Failure to do so while you are on the tour will extinguish or reduce your ability to claim any compensation from Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC, in the event that prompt reporting would have allowed us to fully or partially resolve the complaint at that time. Further, if you attempt to address the issue on your own without using this notice procedure, you assume responsibility for any added costs you may incur and forfeit and potential refunds. If you are not satisfied after using this notice procedure, you must submit your complaint in writing to us within 30 days of the tour's end date. Any complaints received after this date will not be accepted.

### **PASSPORTS AND VISAS**

You are responsible for ensuring that all necessary travel documents are valid and effective and in your possession for the entire tour. Passports are required for all citizens traveling abroad and should be valid for **at least seven (7) months** after your date of return. **It is important that the first name and surname on the air ticket matches those on the passport, otherwise the passenger may not be able to travel and any applicable travel insurance may be ineffective.** We suggest you apply for or renew a passport early. Other required documents may include visas, permits, and vaccination certificates. You assume complete and full responsibility for checking and verifying any and all passport, visa, vaccination, or other entry requirements. You are also solely responsible for any adverse consequences resulting from incomplete or defective documentation.

Holders of passports other than U.S., British or Irish should contact Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC for advice on whether or not a Visa is required. Other nationals should ensure they comply with formalities.

For information concerning possible dangers at an international destination, contact the government office in your country that is responsible for issuing travel advisories. In the U.S., contact the Travel Advisory Section of the U.S. State Department, 1-888-407-4747, <http://www.travel.state.gov/>. U.S. citizens may register for the U.S. government's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, a free service, at <https://step.state.gov/step/>.

While we may provide information or advice on matters such as visas, vaccinations, climate, clothing, baggage, and special equipment in good faith as a courtesy to you, we are not responsible for any errors or omissions as to the information provided.

### **TRAVEL INSURANCE/PROTECTION**

The tour price does not include travel insurance. All Participants are required to have medical insurance to cover any medical problems that might arise abroad, including serious illness and repatriation costs in the event of death. We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance, covering trip interruption and cancellation, baggage and other expenses which might arise as a result of loss, damage, injury, delay or inconvenience occurring to you.

### **PRE-DEPARTURE DOCUMENTATION**

It is important that you carefully read all trip-related documents that you receive from us as soon as you receive them. It is your responsibility to contact us if any information is incorrect. We cannot accept any liability if you do not notify us of any inaccuracies within seven (7) days of receipt. All Participants must sign this agreement and our release and waiver of liability and assumption of risk and indemnity agreement in order to participate in our trips. Both parents and/or the legal guardian must sign for minor Participants under 18 years of age. If you fail to submit these and other necessary documentation prior to departure, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you and impose the cancellation fees described in this agreement.

### **TOUR DEPARTURE DATE**

It is your responsibility to be ready to embark on the tour as specified in the itinerary. We are not responsible for any losses due to cancelled or missed flights, changed flight itineraries, late arrivals, or early departures.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL LAWS AND TOUR ETIQUETTE**

You must strictly comply with all local laws, respect local customs and culture, accurately assess your abilities, respect other trip members' privacy, and follow the suggestions and advice of any assigned guide. The decision of the local guide or local supplier is final on all matters that may threaten the safety or interfere with the well-being of others. During the tour, Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC or the local guide/supplier has the right in its sole discretion to remove anyone who it determines to detract from others' enjoyment of the tour.

### **LIMITATION OF REMEDIES**

To the maximum extent permitted under applicable law, Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC shall not be liable for any special, consequential, indirect, incidental or other damages arising out of or in any way connected to this agreement, including lost profits, whether such damages arise in con-

tract, negligence, tort, under statute, in equity, at law, or otherwise, even if Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC has been advised of the possibility of such damages. You expressly waive any right you may have to recover such damages. Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC's maximum liability in the event of default will be limited to the amount paid to Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC's for its services.

**SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this agreement shall be unenforceable or invalid under any applicable law, such unenforceability or invalidity shall not render the agreement unenforceable or invalid as a whole. Such unenforceable provision will be replaced with one that is valid and enforceable and which achieves, to the extent possible, the original objectives and intent of the original provisions.

**SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC and the Participant and their respective heirs, legal and personal representatives, successors and assigns.

**UPDATING OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Lightline Pilgrimages reserves the right to update and/or alter these terms and conditions at any time. It is your responsibility to be familiar with these terms and conditions. The latest terms and conditions can be found on the Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC website <http://www.lightlinena.com/>.

**APPLICABLE LAW, CHOICE OF FORUM AND SEVERABILITY**

This agreement will be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Illinois, USA. Jurisdiction over any dispute arising out of, in connection with, or relating to this agreement and/or the transactions and relationships among the parties contemplated by this agreement shall be filed exclusively in state, local or federal courts in Chicago, Illinois. You agree to personal jurisdiction in the specified forum.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

If any portion of this agreement is determined by a court to be null and void, the remaining portions of this agreement shall nevertheless remain valid and binding upon the parties. You also agree that this agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted under applicable law. You agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**MERGER**

This agreement is the final, complete and exclusive statement of the parties' agreement on the matters contained in this agreement. It supersedes all previous negotiations and agreements.

I have read this entire agreement, and I am signing it freely. I understand that this is a legally binding contract. No other representations concerning the legal effect of this document have been made to me. My signature applies to all pages of this agreement.

<b>Signature of Participant:</b>	
<b>Printed name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Signature of Participant:</b>	
<b>Printed name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

**\*STOP! Do not mail this until you have done the following:**

- 1. Is the Booking Form complete with all the details requested?**
- 2. Has EACH pilgrim signed the Acceptance of the Waiver on page 12?**
- 3. Has EACH pilgrim signed the Acceptance of Terms and Conditions above? (page 16)**

**HEALTH & FITNESS:**

This pilgrimage involves a considerable amount of walking, although it is not a hiking expedition. **Pilgrims will need to be able to get on and off a bus frequently, and, in the course of a day, walk one or two miles at a gentle pace, sometimes on uneven or hilly ground.** Much of the terrain is not suited to the use of wheelchairs or walkers, and people who depend on these for mobility would find their ability to participate fully in the pilgrimage extremely limited. **By signing up for this pilgrimage, you are agreeing that you have noted this advice, and that you are fit enough to undertake the trip.**