Israel 2026 In the Footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land April 28 - May 05, 2026 Father Gregory White DVHL-Travel Code: 702226





Israel and Palestine as we know it today is the homeland of Jesus. Here he was born. Here he lived in the midst of religious, social and political conflicts that have shaped the land over the millennia until today. This is the Land that was chosen to be the place where Salvation History was to take place.



This land at the crossroads of three continents has been the focus of competing ancient and contemporary world powers over the millennia: Egyptian pharaohs, Hittites, Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, Crusaders. Islamic dynasties, Ottomans and the English have all left their traces here. The Middle East conflict continues to shape the region to this very day. However, it remains the Holy Land since Man-God has walked here and thus it will remain forever protected and unique.

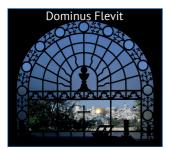


It is the land of the miracles and parables of Jesus. Here he proclaimed the Kingdom of God. Here is the place of Jesus' passion and his death, resurrection and ascension. Here the Risen Lord revealed himself to his disciples. The history of the young Church also began here known as Pentecost and, consequently, the mission of the apostles, especially Peter and Paul, occurred on this ground. That is why we call this land the "Holy Land" and refer to Jerusalem as the "Holy City.



This journey in the footsteps of Jesus can provide powerful and touching insights into Bible History as we read and reflect, meditate, ponder and marvel on these events at the very spots where they actually took place. It can be a live-enriching experience in the places where Scritpures come to life.

Join Fr. Gregory White on this very uniqe opportunity to journey on the path of our Christian Heritance and to experience history, but also this amazing country of today, in which all three Monotheistic Faiths are based and where the Orient culture mingles with the Occident like nowhere else.







Day 1: Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Travel Day

Flight from Dusseldorf to Tel Aviv. Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Israel, meet your local Tour Leader. Transfer to the Lake of Galillee in the north of Israel. Check-in for 3 nights at the DVHL-Pilgrim-Guesthouse Tabgha situated on the lake shore with direct beach access.

Day 2: Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Around the Lake of Gaillee

Transfer to the Dalmanutha lakeside altar with the possibility for LIturgy celebration with view lake view. A short walk brings us to the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish, for a visit in the miracle Church. Transfer to the Mount of Beatitudes, place of the "Sermon of the Mount" recorded in Matthew 5-7, featuring beautiful panoramic views over the lake and the Golan. Walk through the fields until the chapel of Peter's Primacy. Our next visit will be to Cafarnaum, the city of Jesus, and place of many miracles featuring a 4th century synagogue and the House of Peter. Lunch break with the possibility to taste the famous St. Peters Fish from the Lake. We conclude the day with a Boatride on a "Jesus-Boat" on the Lake of Galilee pondering on all the historical biblical events that happend there.

Day 3: Thursday, April 30, 2026

Nazareth - Mt. Precipice - Mt. Tabor

Transfer to visit Kafr Cana, the site with the Church of the First Miracle. We continue to Nazareth and visit St. Gabriels Greek-Orthodox Church featuring Marys Well. A short walk through the Bazar of the town brings us to the Church of the Annunciation and the House of the Holy Family. Here, the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary announcing that she would give birth to Jesus. At the site of the "Nazareth Village" museum that reconstructs and reenacts village life in Galilee in the time of Jesus, there is a possibility to enjoy a "Biblical meal. Transfer to the Mount Precipice, where, according to in Lk 4,29-30, Jesus was rejected by the people of his own town and attempted to throw him off the cliff. Our final visit of the dasy is Mt. Tabor. Here, Christian tradition commemorates the Transfiguration of Jesus. Return to the Guest House on the Lake.

Day 4: Friday, May 01, 2026

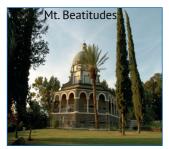
Wadi Oelt - Dead Sea - Jerusalem

Today we say Goodbye to the idyllic atmosphere on the Lake of Galilee. We drive through the Jordan Rift Valley along the border of Israel and Jordan. On the way we visit the Baptismal site of Jesus in the River Jordan. After this, we are invited to a unique bath in the Dead Sea nearby. If possible we visit Jericho, the city associated with the Old Testament's land-grabbing narratives as well as with the ministry of Jesus (temptation in the desert; Zacchaeus the tax collector; and healing of blind Bartimaeus. Cable car ride up the Mount of Temptation to visit the impressive Greek Orthodox monastery. Lunch with panoramic views until neighboring Jordan. Our next stop is the platform for a look into the Wadi Qelt desert featuring the Roman Road of the "Good Samarithan". A short drive brings us to Jerusalem. Check-in for 4 nights at the Paulus-Guest House of DVHL situated opposite to the historic old city walls. Dinner at the Guest House.

Day 5: Saturday, May 2, 2026

Jerusalem - Mt. of Olives - Old City

Transfer to the Mount of Olives which features already in the Old Testament as the place of the eschatological salvation. We visit the Ascension chapel, where Jesus is said to have ascended to Heaven; We continue to the Pater Noster Church where Jesus taught the Our Father. We walk along the Palm Sunday path with magnificent panoramic views over the city and reach the Do-







minus Flevit Chapel, known as the place where Jesus wept over Jerusalem (Lk 19:41). Passing the Jewish cementary and the Russian Orthodox Church of St. Mary Magdalene, we arrive at the Garden of Gethsemane with the Church of the Agony of Christ and the Grotto of the Betrayal. Entering the Old City through the Lions Gate, we visit St. Anne's Church, know as the birthplace of the Virgin Mary with the Pools of Bethesda. Our walk continues along the Via Dolorosa featuring the Stations of the Cross, the Flagellation and Ecce Homo with the "Lithostrodos", the original Roman pavement in Pilate's courtyard. We reach the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre to visit the place of Jesus's crucifixion and resurrection with with its Golgotha Rock and the Holy Tomb. Through the Old City Bazaar we reach Damascus Gate and return to our Guest House for dinner.

Day 6: Sunday, May 3, 2026

Jerusalem - Mt. Sion - New City

A short walk takes us to Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center for Sunday Llitury at 9 am with the local English speaking community. We continue to the Western Wall, the only remaining remnant of the Herodian Temple, which Jesus also entered and called "my Father's house". Our next stop will be the Temple Mount, the initial site of the Solomonic- and the Herodian Temple built on the foundation of Mount Moriah, which was the sacrificial altar of Abraham (Genesis 22: 1-19). Here, Jesus was "Presented in the temple"; here, was found at the age of 12 and here he taught in parables. Today, this is the holy place to Islam featuring the Dom of the Rock and the Al-Aksa Mosque. We continue through the Jewish Quarter with the Cardo Maximus, once the main north-south avenue built by the Romans. It provides an illustration of how the main street of Jerusalem looked at the time of Jesus. We reach to Mount Zion, home of the early Christian community, where Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples and where Christian tradition locates the event of Pentecost. We visit the Last Supper Room and the Dormitio Abbey featuring the Dormition of Our Lady. On the Rampart's Walk with panoramic views we continue from Zions Gate to Jaffa Gate. After a lunch break, Transfer to the Governmental district of the New City with the Knesset (Parlament) and the Israel Museum in which we see the Jerusalem Model, a 50:50 reconstruction of Jerusalem as in the time of Jesus. Transfer to visit the Yad Vashem Memoraial Museum featuring the Jewish History during World War II. After this, transfer to the Machane Yehuda Market, the new cities main marketplace for a stroll along today's life in the city of Jerusalem followed by a walk on Jaffa Street, Downtowns pedestrian area with its Town Hall and back to our Guest House for dinner.

Day 7: Monday, May 04, 2026

Ein Karem - Bethlehem

Today we visit Ein Karem, birth place of St. John the Baptist and the site of the Visitation of Mary to Elisabeth. We continue to Bethlehem and visit the Shepherds Field (Lk 2), where the Angels announced to Shepherds the birth of Jesus on Christmas Night. Finally we reach the Nativity Church with the Birth place of Jesus. Optional: On the Way back to Jerusalem stop at the Banksy Hotel featuring his famous paintings. Dinner at the Guest House.

Day 8: Tuesday, May 05, 2026

Jaffa-Tel Aviv - Airport

On the way to the Airport, we visit Jaffa-Tel Aviv. According to the Acts 9+10, Peter worked great miracles there. Transfer to Ben-Gurion-Airport for the flight back to Frankfurt.

Flight Details:

28.04.2026	Lufthansa LH 2001	Dusseldorf	Munich	08:30 - 09:40 h
28.04.2026	Lufthansa LH 680	Munich	Tel Aviv	11:15 - 16:00 h
05.05.2026	LH 687	Tel Aviv	Frankfurt	16:30 - 20:05
05.05.2026	LH 078	Frankfurt	Dusseldorf	21:10 - 22:00h

Package Price: 2.360,00 Euro a Person in a double room. Minimum number of Participants: 30 If the minimum number of participants in not reached, package price will increase slightly. Single room surcharge: 450,00 Euro (limited availability)

Within package price Included sercives

- Lufthansa-Group R/T Flight from Dusseldorf to Tel Aviv
- Airport, security, aviation and landing fees
- Private Bus and Driver as part of the programm
- 7 nigths in Christian Guesthouses of DVHL
 - All rooms including ensuite bath or shower/restrooms
 - 4x DVHL- Paulus-House in Jerusalem
 - 3x Pilgerhouse Tabgha, Lake of Galilee
- Half board from arrival day to the day of departure (dinner, breakfast)
- 1 Lunch in Jericho including Cable Car to Mount of Temptations
- All entrance fees within the program
- English speaking local guide throughout the tour
- Tip package for guide, bus driver and hotel staff
- Reservation for Church services and Masses
- Meet & Greet at Ben Gurion Airport, Israel

Not included serivces in package price:

- Transport from and to the airport upon departure and arrival in Germany
- Travel incurances (health, cancelation, interruption)
- All services not explicitly mentioned under "Included services"

Closing date for registration: November 24,2025

Passport required, which must be valid for at least 6 month over the return date.

Enclosed, please find the registration form and the General travel conditions by DVHL-Holy-Land-Travel Ltd. (DVHL).

The completed **Registration form** must be sent to the address of the tour operator here below (via Email or postal mail) until the registration deadline upon which you will receive the booking confirmation. With this, a deposit of 20% of the total package price will be required. Remaining payment is requested one month before journey begins. Payment is decisive for participation. Regarding possible instalment-payments please consult the tour operator. We will be pleased to asist, if possible.

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