



# DIALOGUE WITH THE BOOK, THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE: AN EASTER PILGRIMAGE

16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO  
1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2024

TOUR HOST  
MARK WALSH

17  
DAYS

ISRAEL  
PACKAGE  
PRICE  
PER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)

\$8,790\*

OPTIONAL  
SINGLE ROOM  
SUPPLEMENT

\$1,675

SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR INCREASE

FULLY  
ESCORTED

\*Price subject to change.  
Conditions apply.  
Price based on 12 paying  
participants.

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Mark is an experienced leader of pilgrimages to the Holy Land and spent three years living in Jerusalem studying and working with the Centre for Biblical

Formation at Ecce Homo. He works as Formation Leader for the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion, Australia Region and is involved in Jewish Christian dialogue nationally

*The Mission Team of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion is pleased to announce a remarkable opportunity for people to experience the Scriptures in the land that gave birth to them amongst Jews, Muslims and Christians who live there. Mark Walsh, and our experienced guide Gila Yudkin, will lead the pilgrimage, opening up a space for you to enter into dialogue with the Book, the Land, and the People, as we follow the gospel of Matthew and related texts from the First Testament from Bethlehem to Galilee and back to Jerusalem for Holy Week. Our pilgrimage culminates with the opportunity to celebrate the Easter Triduum in Jerusalem at Ecce Homo Basilica, walk the Via Dolorosa and spend time in the sites associated with his final days and resurrection. We will stay with the Sisters of Sion in Ein Kerem, at Ecce Homo in Jerusalem, and by the Sea of Galilee. Will you join us for this life-changing opportunity?*



## NEXT STEPS

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Sisters of Our Lady of Sion, Olive Tree Travel or by clicking [HERE](#).
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### **DAY 1 MAR 16 - SAT**

### **In flight**

Depart Melbourne today on flight EK407 at 2230.

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### **DAY 2 MAR 17 - SUN**

### **Notre Dame de Sion, Ein Kerem**

Arrive into Dubai at 0540.

Depart Dubai at 0815 on EK933.

Arrive into Tel Aviv at 0950.

Meet Gila Yudkin, our guide.

Drive to Ein Kerem.

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### **DAY 3 MAR 18 - MON**

### **Notre Dame de Sion, Ein Kerem**

Visitation Church (Luke 1:39-56), St John's Church (Lk 1:57-1:80).

Yad Vashem.

Guest speaker in evening on Interfaith Dialogue.

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### **DAY 4 MAR 19 - TUE**

### **Notre Dame de Sion, Ein Kerem**

Church of the Nativity & Grotto (Mt 1:18-25), St Catherine's Church: Jerome's Chapel, The visit of the Magi (Mt 2:1-12), Joseph's Chapel (Mt 2:16-18), Chapel of the Holy Innocents (Mt 2:16-18).

Lunch included at The Tent, Beit Sahour.

Beit Sahur: Shepherd's Field (Lk 2:8-20), the story of Ruth.

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### **DAY 5 MAR 20 - WED**

### **Nof Ginosar**

Kasr el Yahud (Baptism of Jesus, Mt 3:1-17), Jericho Cable car and visit Monastery of the Temptation (Mt 4:1-11).

Travel to Galilee and check in to accommodation.

Orientation and prayer by the Sea of Galilee (Mt 4:12-22) (before dinner).

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### **DAY 6 MAR 21 - THU**

### **Nof Ginosar**

Visit Capernaum (Jesus Heals, Mt 8:5-17); walk to Cove of the Parables (Mt 13), then Tabgha (Matt 14.13-21); Mt of Beatitudes (The Beatitudes Mt 5:1-12, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray, Mt 6:5-13, The Golden Rule, Mt 7:12).

Lunch included: St Peter's Fish.

Boat Ride on the Sea of Galilee (Jesus stills a storm, Mt 8:23-27).

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### **DAY 7 MAR 22 - FRI**

### **Nof Ginosar**

Cursi (Jesus heals two men, Mt 8:28-34), Caesarea Philippi (Mt 16:13-20) via Golan Heights.

Afternoon: Magdala (prayer in Ecumenical chapel).

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**DAY 8 MAR 23 - SAT****Ecce Homo Pilgrim House**

Nazareth (Annunciation, Lk 1:26-38; Holy Family come to Nazareth Mt 2:23; Jesus preaches in Nazareth, Mt 13:53-58); Sepphoris (Zippori).

Travel to Jerusalem and check in at Ecce Homo.

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**DAY 9 MAR 24 - SUN****Ecce Homo Pilgrim House**

Participation in Palm Sunday procession (Mt 21:1-10).

Overview of Jerusalem, Western Wall & Southern Excavations (The Temple Mt 21:12-16).

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**DAY 10 MAR 25 - MON****Ecce Homo Pilgrim House**

Orientation visit to Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Mount of Olives, Dominus Flevit (Mt 23:37-39), Gethsemane (Mt 26:36-46 & 26:47-56); St Peter in Gallicantu (Mt 26:69-75)

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**DAY 11 MAR 26 - TUE****Ecce Homo Pilgrim House**

Temple Mount / Haram al Sharif; walk through the Kidron Valley to Pool of Siloam, then walking the pilgrim steps; Bethany (Matt 26:6-13).

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**DAY 12 MAR 27 - WED****Ecce Homo Pilgrim House****Wilderness Experience**

Looking over Wadi Qelt (wilderness), Ein Gedi, Qumran, Dead Sea Swim.

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**DAY 13 MAR 28 - THU****Ecce Homo Pilgrim House**

Tomb of David, and Church of the Dormition, Church of St Mark (Syrian Orthodox, also associated with the Last Supper Mt 26:17-29).

**Easter Triduum:** Holy Thursday Liturgy in Ecce Homo Basilica.

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**DAY 14 MAR 29 - FRI****Ecce Homo Pilgrim House****Easter Retreat Day**

Prayerful walking of the Stations of the Cross before breakfast.

**Easter Triduum:** Good Friday liturgy (3 pm in Lithostrotos).

Experience of Western Wall on Shabbat

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**DAY 15 MAR 30 - SAT****Ecce Homo Pilgrim House**

Temple model, Israel Museum archaeology of the gospel period, Shrine of the Book; Free after return from Museum.

**Easter Triduum:** Vigil Mass in Ecce Homo Basilica.

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## DAY 16 MAR 31 - SUN

Morning: Morning prayer and reflection on Ecce Homo Terraces (Mt 28:1-10).

Afternoon: Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport (2 pm).

Evening: Depart Tel Aviv at 1935 on Emirates flight EK932.

Arrive into Dubai at 2345

## DAY 17 APR 1 - MON

Depart Dubai at 0300 on Emirates Flight EK408.

Arrive into Melbourne at 2320.

## PRICE INCLUSIONS

- Return economy class airfares with Emirates, Flights will be Melbourne – Dubai - Tel Aviv - Dubai - Melbourne.
- All current airport & departure taxes
- Porterage, tips & gratuities throughout
- 14 nights hotel accommodation in shared twin rooms.
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily, all meals at hotels unless otherwise specified.
- Headsets
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor coach.
- All guiding and entrance fees as per itinerary

## PRICE EXCLUDES

- Drinks
- Lunches
- Personal payments
- The services that are not mentioned in "Inclusions"
- Travel insurance

## PROPOSED HOTELS (or similar)

Notre Dame de Sion	Ein Karem	3 nights
Nof Ginosar	Sea of Galilee	3 nights
Ecce Homo	Jerusalem	8 nights



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