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Holy Land Pilgrimage: January 2017

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Dear Pilgrims:

I am pleased to announce that I will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in conjunction with Albina Tours Ltd (go to <http://www.albinatours.com/>) from January 23 through February 1, 2017. Attached is the preliminary itinerary for the pilgrimage and it includes most, if not all, of the holy sites that are dearest to the heart of any Orthodox Christian pilgrim. Of course, some parts of the itinerary may be subject to change based on the time available and our preferences as a group. We may, for instance, schedule a Divine Liturgy or two on one of the days when there is no Liturgy scheduled on the itinerary...so let us be flexible and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us!

The land price will be \$1400.00 per person, sharing a double room. If we have enough pilgrims (25 or more), that price can be reduced and we can apply some of these funds to tips, etc. (see below for breakdown of prices). There is an additional \$450.00 charge for anyone requesting a single room. Also, this price does not include airfare. We will book that separately a little bit later.

We will be staying two nights in Bethlehem, three nights in Jerusalem and three nights in Tiberias. If there is anything missing from the proposed itinerary, please let me know and we might be able to work it in.

No deposits or applications are required at this point. Simply let me know if you are planning to join us for this Pilgrimage of a Lifetime and make sure that your passport is current and does not expire in 2017 or sooner. Once I receive your message stating that you will be joining us (and the number in your party, please), I will inform you about what to submit to confirm your spot. We will also be offering travel insurance from the group (although everyone is invited to purchase travel protection insurance on their own if they prefer).

Finally, do not hesitate to email me with any questions that you might have at this point. The next step is to commit to the trip so that I can begin to get an idea of just how big this group will be.

Price breakdown is below.

Looking Forward to Leading You on this Incredible Journey!!!

Fr. Gregory Horton
Bonners Ferry, Idaho

The Land rates (not airfare) include: Meeting and assistance upon arrival and departure; accommodation at the hotels for 8 nights; breakfast and dinner daily at the hotels; Eight lunches at restaurants while on tour; transfers and tours by modern A/C coach; entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the itinerary; professional English speaking guide on touring days (from the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem); porters at hotels.

Rates do NOT include: Tips to the hotels, guide or driver (but we may be able to apply some of the cost of the trip to those fees if we have enough pilgrims, as mentioned above); Beverages of any kind; Personal Expenses; Travel Insurance, Airfare, Anything not mentioned above or in the itinerary.

Recommended Tips: Some groups give more and some groups give less. Some groups collect the tip money on arrival at the airport and some collect additional tip money if they feel that they want to give more to the guide and driver. I will make every effort to inform everyone about how much they have on account if any discounts apply due to the number of pilgrims that register.

Per Person/Per Day: Guides - \$4 - \$7; Drivers - \$3 - \$6; Hotels - \$1 - \$3; Restaurants - \$1 - \$2



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