

# *"Following in the Footsteps of Jesus"*

A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND SPONSORED BY  
THE WISDOM SCHOOL AT ST. MARK'S CATHEDRAL



**MARCH 3-13, 2023**

Led by The Very Rev. Steve Thomason, Dean of St Mark's Cathedral, Seattle &  
The Rev. Katherine Sedwick, Rector of St Michael and All Angels Church, Issaquah



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*Our Christian tradition holds dear the practice of making pilgrimages as holy experiences of learning, conversion, and transformation, and none is more significant than walking the ways of Jesus. Both of us have found that pilgrimage experiences have profoundly shaped our ministries and our understanding of what it means to follow Christ. We are excited by this opportunity to lead a pilgrimage together, with approximately 30 members of our congregations, in the middle of next Lent.*

*This is designed to be different than a tour or vacation; a pilgrimage offers a very particular opportunity to engage our sacred Scriptures contextually, and to learn more about the foundational stories of our faith. The shape of this 11-day trip is contemplative and communal, drawing on the ancient wisdom of generations of Christians who have held the rhythms of worship, prayer, and life in community in this Holy Land. Those who make the trip will have a keen sense of taking their place in the long lineage of pilgrims who have traveled to the same holy sites for two thousand years. The spirits of these faithful forebears will buoy our spirits as we make our way.*

*We also will engage people who call this special place home while exploring the realities of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. We will worship with our sisters and brothers in Christ in Nazareth and Jerusalem at Episcopal churches, and we will celebrate the Eucharist at holy sites that bear witness to Jesus' ministry in those same places.*

*To the first disciples in Galilee who were curious, or even longing for something more in their lives, Jesus says, "Come and see," and we receive the same invitation even today, as followers of Christ. Come and see.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Stere Thomason+*

*Dean of St. Mark's Cathedral*

*Katherine Sedwick+*

*Rector, St. Michael's, Issaquah*

## TO SECURE YOUR PLACES ON THIS PILGRIMAGE

### COST \$5295 (SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT \$795)

*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 **[lightlinena.com](http://lightlinena.com)** and find your pilgrimage under **Upcoming Pilgrimages.**)*

*Bookings with initial deposit payment must be received by **Monday, August 1**, and full payment by **Monday, November 28**.*



# Itinerary

## **DAY 1: FRIDAY, MARCH 3**

We meet in the late afternoon at Seattle Airport for our evening flight to Istanbul. Dinner will be served on board, and we hope to get a good night's sleep as we cross the Atlantic.

## **DAY 2: SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

We land in Istanbul the following afternoon, and have a brief layover before our short flight on to Tel Aviv. On arrival, we will drive to our beautiful pilgrim guest house on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee, which will be our home for the next three nights.



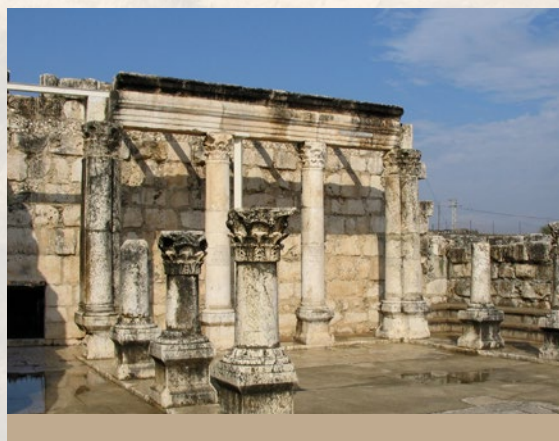
## **DAY 3: SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

Our pilgrimage begins in the town in which the Good News itself began – Nazareth. We will join the local Episcopal community for its Sunday Eucharist, before visiting the Basilica of the Annunciation. After a break for lunch we will visit nearby Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first sign and changed water into wine at the wedding feast. Our day will end with a visit to Mount Tabor, believed by many to be the site of the Transfiguration. We will return to the Pilgerhaus in good time to rest and freshen up before dinner.



## **DAY 4: MONDAY, MARCH 6**

Today we will devote ourselves to the events of Jesus' ministry of healing and teaching around the home he chose in Capernaum, on the Sea of Galilee. We will visit Capernaum itself, as well as sites associated with the Beatitudes, the commissioning of Peter, and the feeding of the Five Thousand. We will go out in a boat on the lake, and we will visit the newly-excavated First Century synagogue in Magdala, the home town of 'the apostle to the apostles', Mary Magdalene.







#### **DAY 5: TUESDAY, MARCH 7**

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 specialist 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, before coming to the 'little town' of Bethlehem, situated behind the 27 foot high Separation Wall, where we will sleep for the next two nights.

#### **DAY 6: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**

During the morning we will visit the Church of the Nativity, the oldest church in Christendom, and the nearby Shepherds Fields at Beit Sahour. We will spend the afternoon visiting two remarkable Christian institutions endeavouring to bring something of the abundant life promised in the gospel to those living under the restrictions of the Occupation. We hope to visit the St Vincent Creche/ Orphanage - the only facility of its kind in the West Bank, offering Christian love and compassion to over forty abandoned babies and small children and Bethlehem University, the first university established in the West Bank.



#### **DAY 7: THURSDAY, MARCH 9**

We rise early for breakfast and to check out of our hotel in Bethlehem, to head to one of the most famous sites in the world – the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, where we will view the outsides of the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque. From here we will head onwards to the Mount of Olives visiting the churches which celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry on Palm Sunday, the giving of the Lord's Prayer and Jesus weeping over Jerusalem. Finally we come to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of the Agony, where we recall Jesus' betrayal and arrest. After a break for lunch, we visit Mount Zion, to see the Dormition Abbey and the Cenacle, before picking up the story of Jesus' arrest at the poignant church of St Peter in Gallicantu, where it is believed he was held in prison for the last night of his life.







#### **DAY 8: FRIDAY, MARCH 10**

We begin our day with a visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in West Jerusalem, after which we visit the nearby Israel Museum, which boasts a vast model of Jerusalem as it was at the time of Jesus. We will also be able to visit the adjacent Shrine of the Book, which is a fascinating display about the Dead Sea Scrolls. After lunch, we return to the Old City, to walk the Way of the Cross through the winding streets of the souk which constitute the Via Dolorosa.

#### **DAY 9: SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

Our day begins with a visit to one of the possible sites of the village of Emmaus, located seven miles west of Jerusalem. After celebrating the resurrection here, we descend to the Dead Sea Basin, where, after a stop for lunch, we will visit Qumran and see the place where the Scrolls were discovered by a Bedouin shepherd. Our day concludes with the opportunity to float in the unique, mineral-laden waters of the Dead Sea.



#### **DAY 10: SUNDAY, MARCH 12**

Celebrating the first day of the week, we start our morning at St George's Episcopal Cathedral, where we will join our sister and brother Episcoplians at worship. We also hope to spend some time with the Archbishop and/or Dean to learn about their ministries, before we have lunch. In the afternoon we will visit the synagogue of the Hadassah Hospital, to see its breathtaking windows by Marc Chagall that depict the twelve sons of Jacob. Our day draws to a close at Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist, where we will can sing 'Magnificat' in the place where Mary first sang her great hymn of thanksgiving.



### **DAY 11: MONDAY, MARCH 13**

We leave Jerusalem after an early breakfast for our mid-morning flight to Istanbul. We will have the chance to purchase lunch in the airport and in the afternoon we will board our flight onwards to Seattle, where we land in the early evening, ready to tell those around us of all we have learned and experienced in the Land of the Holy One.



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





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## A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

PILGRIMAGE INCLUSIVE TOUR COST - \$5295 (SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT \$795)

**+ Scheduled flights from Seattle to Tel Aviv on Turkish Airlines:**

<b>DEPARTURE</b>	March 3	TK204	Seattle/ Istanbul	6.35 pm	5.20 pm (Mar 4)
		TK864	Istanbul / Tel Aviv	8.30 pm	9.40 pm
<b>RETURN</b>	March 13	TK785	Tel Aviv / Istanbul	10.20 am	1.40 am
		TK203	Istanbul / Seattle	3.40 pm	6.05 pm

Turkish Airlines is part of Star Alliance, and if you have a United Airlines frequent flier account, you can receive credit for these flights.

**Upgrade offer:** We have a limited number of business class seats available for a round-trip upgrade price of \$3,195 per person. If you would like to upgrade, please indicate this in the **Remarks** section on this form or the online form.

**+ 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)  
 Bethlehem - Sunrise (A recently opened hotel a short walk from Manger Square)  
 Jerusalem - Gloria Hotel (Situated within the Old City, by Jaffa Gate)

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

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

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

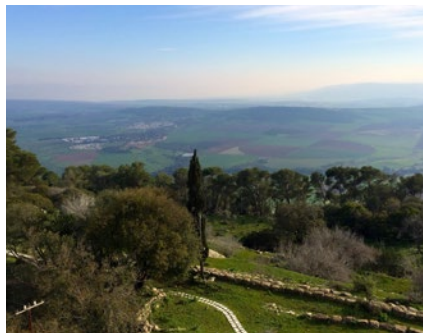
**+ All touring in modern air-conditioned tour buses.**

**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 walkers or strollers, or to people who depend on wheelchairs for mobility. 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.



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# FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

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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:

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### LEAD PASSENGER

Title	Given names as appears 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 appears 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

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## BOOKING FORM *(Continued from previous page)*

Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Cell Phone	Other Phone	Email

### ACCOMMODATIONS *(Please select appropriate box)*

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

#### ☐ CHECK PAYMENT

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

Deposit per person		@ US \$500 =	
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#### ☐ 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 non-refundable 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.

Signature of participant:	Date:
Signature of participant:	Date:

**\*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>

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**\*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**.

*Read this agreement thoroughly and carefully before booking a trip with us. It is a legally binding contract which all passengers must sign.*

## 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 **non-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	Deposit Only
90- 45 days before departure	75%
Within 45 days of 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.

**Signature of Participant:**

**Printed name:**

**Date:**

**Signature of Participant:**

**Printed name:**

**Date:**

**\*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 2?**
- 3. Has EACH pilgrim signed the Acceptance of Terms and Conditions above? (page 8)**

#### **HEALTH & FITNESS:**

In order to participate properly in this pilgrimage, a certain amount of basic fitness is required. **Pilgrims must be able to walk at least half a mile without any physical concerns, and be able to walk with ease up at least three flights of stairs.** While it is our desire to make our pilgrimages as inclusive as possible, the terrain on Iona and in Durham city center is not suited to the use of a wheelchair.