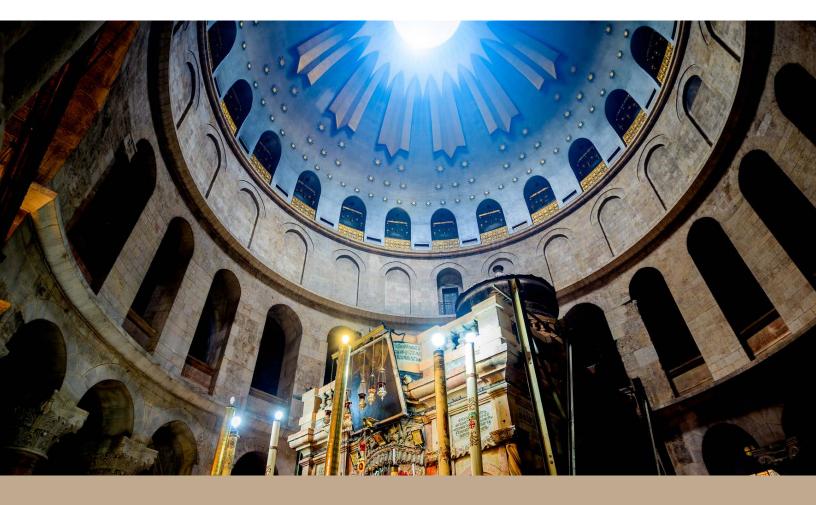
The Holy land

A PEACEMAKER'S PILGRIMAGE



# JANUARY 19 - FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Led by The Rev. Richard Blackburn





The Holy Land is rich in sacred history, a place where one can walk in the footsteps of the Prince of Peace; but it's also a land rife with conflict and injustice, a place where people are seeking to make Christ's message of peace, justice, and reconciliation a reality. The "Peacemaker's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land" will provide you with the opportunity to experience both the ancient stones of biblical history, as well as the "living stones" as embodied in the ministries of those working to promote Christ's vision of peace with justice.

As you visit sites associated with the life and ministry of Jesus, the scriptures will come alive for you in a new way. Corporate worship will be a central element of our experience as we visit the holy sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee, and more. Morning devotional reflections will highlight the iconography associated with the sites to be visited, as found in the great art of the past.

Interspersed with visits to the traditional pilgrimage sites will be an opportunity to connect with Palestinian Christians and various peacemaking ministries, including: Sabeel, Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center; Community Peacemaker Teams in Hebron; Diyar Consortium, the ministries founded by Rev. Mitri Raheb; Wi'am, the Palestinian Conflict Transformation Center.

We will also seek to hear from Israeli perspectives, including: peace organizations that oppose the military occupation; a representative of the settler movement; individuals who will help us engage with the Jewish experience.

Along with all of the above, there will be periodic teaching sessions on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, biblical peacemaking, conflict transformation, and church leadership from a family systems perspective. Such sessions will include consideration and critique of theological interpretations that relate to Christian Zionism, while also reflecting on the U.S. role in the region.

The pilgrimage is an opportunity to deepen your faith and further empower you as you seek to follow Christ in the way of discipleship, justice, and peacemaking. I hope that you will join us for this spiritually enriching journey.

Yours in Christ,

# Rev. Richard Blackburn

# TO SECURE YOUR PLACES ON THIS PILGRIMAGE

# COST \$5695, (SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT \$905)

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 **non-refundable deposit of \$500** per person. (Online booking & payment is also available. Go to **lightlinena.com** and find your pilgrimage under **Upcoming Pilgrimages**.)

Bookings with initial deposit payment must be received by **Monday**, July 31, and full payment by Sunday, October 15.

Itinerary

#### DAY 1: FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

We fly from Newark to Tel Aviv overnight, with an optional connection available from Chicago or from other cities.

## DAY 2: SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

We land at Tel Aviv airport in the morning, and transfer to the Ambassador Boutique Hotel adjacent to the Christian Quarter of the Old City, which will be our home for the next four nights. We spend our first afternoon visiting the Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls and the beautiful detailed model of Jerusalem based around the time of Jesus. We then continue to the Garden Tomb which provides a tranquil environment for prayer and reflection before we finally return to our Jerusalem hotel in good time to freshen up before dinner. Overnight stay in Jerusalem.





#### DAY 3: SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

This morning we will join the local Christian community at St. George's Episcopal Cathedral (arrangements can be made for people who would like to worship with other denominations). After coffee with the local congregation, we hope to have a talk from a member of the Israeli Committee against House Demolition before lunch. In the afternoon we will visit the Western Wall, a section of King Solomon's original Temple esplanade retaining wall, the holiest site in Judaism. The rest of the afternoon will be free to relax and to explore the old city. Dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem.

#### DAY 4: MONDAY, JANUARY 22

In the morning we will visit one or two of the Israeli settlements in the block of settlements south of Jerusalem, to meet some of the residents, and hear their perspective on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict and situation. We then return to Jerusalem and break for lunch. In the afternoon we drive to the summit of the Mount of Olives where we will stop for a breathtaking view of the Old City and its beautiful surrounding medieval walls. Our afternoon will be spent tracing the traditional Palm Sunday route from the church of Bethphage down the Mount to the Garden of Gethsemane, stopping en route at the churches of the Pater Noster and Dominus Flevit. Dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem.



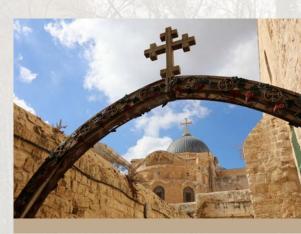
# DAY 5: TUESDAY, JANUARY 23



After breakfast we drive around the partition wall to visit Bethany on the Eastern slopes of the Mount of Olives, the village where Jesus chose to stay with his friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus, on those occasions he visited Jerusalem. We will worship at the church associated with their home, and with the raising of Lazarus before continuing down Qasr Al Yehud on the banks of the Jordan River, near to the very place where it is believed Jesus was baptized by John. After renewing our own baptism we will stop briefly for a view of the Mount of Temptation before continuing to the oasis city of Jericho, the city of palms to visit the excavations of Tel Jericho. After a break for lunch in Jericho we return to Jerusalem to visit sites associated with the Last Supper, the Day of Pentecost and the Dormition of Mary, before finishing our day at the church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. Here we recall not only Jesus' incarceration over the last night of his life, but also Peter's threefold denial of Jesus. Dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem.

## DAY 6: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

We check out of our hotel and drive to the Old City's Dung Gate to visit the Temple Mount (if permitted) to view close up the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa mosque. Exiting the Temple Area we visit the church of St. Anne by the Pools of Bethesda, close to the start of the Via Dolorosa. From here we will prayerfully walk the Way of the Cross through the winding alleys of the souk, 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, drive to West Jerusalem to visit Yad Vashem, the moving Holocaust Memorial Museum and pay our respects to the millions that perished under Nazi occupation. Leaving Yad Vashem we visit the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center to learn about their peace work and theological pursuits. We continue our drive on to Bethlehem and procced through the checkpoint in the 27 foot high separation wall into the city of Bethlehem and check-in to our hotel which will be our home for the next 3 nights, arriving in good time to unpack before dinner and overnight stay.





DAY 7: THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

This morning we head south to Hebron – a city of crucial importance to the three Abrahamic faiths. We will see the occupied and highly conflicted H2 zone in the city center, visiting the Tombs of the Patriarchs, and seeing for ourselves the effects of the Occupation. If possible we will have time with the Community Peacemaker Teams present in the city. When we leave Hebron, we will make our way back to Bethlehem to visit a refugee camp and hear some of the residents tell their stories. After this we will visit a Christian-run co-operative store, where we will have the chance to buy olive wood products and other souvenirs to remind us of our time in the Holy Land, confident that our purchases will help sustain a good number of Christian families in the area. We return to our hotel in central Bethlehem in time for dinner.



# DAY 8: FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

In the morning, we will visit both the Church of the Nativity and the Shepherds' Fields, recalling the stories of Christ's birth as told by Luke and Matthew. We will have lunch at the International Center of Bethlehem, founded by Lutheran pastor Dr. Mitri Raheb, and learn something of its work in the fields of culture, health and education, before going to visit the Wi'Am Conflict Transformation Center. Dinner and overnight stay in Bethlehem.

## DAY 9: SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Today we journey north, leaving behind Bethlehem and Jerusalem as we head towards the Galilee. Our journey will take us through the heart of the occupied West Bank, and we will stop at the major city of Nablus. Here we will visit Jacob's Well (a center of pilgrimage in Jesus' own day), and have the chance to taste of the 'living water' it contains, and also visit the Episcopal parish in the center of the Old City to learn of its interfaith work and ministry. Leaving Nablus, we stop at the ancient city of Sebastia for lunch. It was destroyed by Alexander the Great, rebuilt by Pompey, and Augustus bestowed it upon Herod the Great in 27 BC. It was here that John the Baptist's decapitated body was buried. After visiting the Roman and Byzantine ruins in the archaeological site, we travel to our hotel on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee, to be our home for our final four nights of pilgrimage. Dinner and overnight stay by the Sea of Galilee.





#### DAY 10: SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

This morning we will have a church service by the Sea of Galilee before exploring in detail the area in which we have been staying, to visit those sites around the Lake associated with particular stories from Jesus' ministry in the Galilee. We will visit the Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes, and the Church of Peter's Primacy. We will also have the chance to ride on a boat on the Lake of similar design to the fishing boats of the First Century. Afterward we will visit the newly-excavated First Century synagogue in Magdala, the home town of 'the apostle to the apostles', Mary Magdalene." Dinner and overnight stay by the Sea of Galilee.

# DAY 11: MONDAY, JANUARY 29

This morning we journey to Nazareth to see where the Good News began. We will visit the Basilica of the Annunciation and the Synagogue Church, and will have lunch at Nazareth Village, learning more about the town at the time of Jesus. In the afternoon we will visit the village of Cana, the site of Jesus' first sign, before returning to the Sea of Galilee and our hotel. Dinner and overnight stay by the Sea of Galilee.





# DAY 12: TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

After breakfast we leave Tabgha and drive across Jezreel Valley, the plains of Armageddon and ascend to the summit of Mount Tabor, believed to be the site of the Transfiguration, and reflect on the glimpse of Jesus' glory experienced by Peter, James and John. We return to our lakeside hotel to spend a free afternoon in this beautiful setting. Dinner and overnight stay by the Sea of Galilee.

#### DAY 13: MONDAY, JANUARY 31

After an early breakfast we bid farewell to Galilee and travel toward the airport. We will stop at the Benedictine Abbey at Abu Ghosh, the site of the biblical Emmaus, where we will have a chance to recall Luke's Resurrection story. From here we drive to the coast to visit the ruins of the once great city of Caesarea Maritima. After a lunch by the shore of the Mediterranean, we will explore this site and remember the inspiring stories from Acts of when Peter visits Cornelius and of Paul speaking to the Governor Festus before being sent to Rome. With these heroic stories from Acts ringing in our ears, we come finally to Jaffa for a final dinner together as a pilgrim group, before making our way to the airport ready to fly back to the U.S.



# DAY 14: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

We land at Newark early in the morning to change planes and continue our onward journey in the Lord's service.

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

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# PILGRIMAGE INCLUSIVE TOUR COST - \$5695 (SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT \$905)

# + Scheduled flights economy class from Newark to Tel Aviv on United Airlines:

DEPARTURE	January 19	UA84	Newark / Tel Aviv	3.55 pm	9.20 am (Jan 20)
RETURN	January 31	UA91	Tel Aviv/ Newark	11.10 pm	4.25 am (Feb 1)

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

Connections can be arranged from any airport served by United, and should be arranged through Lightline to ensure your travel is all on one ticket (to protect against delays or missed connections). Please indicate on the booking form your preferred departure airport, and we will let you know a price for the connecting flights.

- + All airport departure & passenger taxes (US & Israel).
- + En Suite accommodation at Christian pilgrim hotels & guest houses
  Ambassador Boutique Hotel, Jerusalem (A recently renovated hotel in East Jerusalem)
  Manger Square Hotel, Bethlehem (A modern hotel with an excellent location by Manger Square)
  The Pilgerhaus, Tabgha (An exquisite Benedictine pilgrim house)
- + 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 \$905.
- \* A travel/trip insurance policy is required for participation in this pilgrimage. This must cover you for cancelation before departure, and for medical and emergency transportation requirements while on the pilgrimage. Lightline is an agent for *Allianz Global Assistance* and we will give you a quotation for a policy when you book for the pilgrimage.
- \* 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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# **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 appears on passport			Last Name	Name known by
Gender	Date of Birth	Nationality	Passport Number	Passport Issue Date	Passport Expiration Date
KTN   TSA Number Frequent		Frequent Flye	er Number	Seating Request	

# **SECOND PASSENGER**

Title	Given names as appears on passport			Last Name	Name known by
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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*)

Twin   Double Bed Room		Remarks   Special Diets etc.		
Shared Twin F	Room			
Single Room (	(incurs a supplementary cost)			
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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, "Releasors") 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 voluntary 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.

Signature of Participant:	
Printed name:	Date:
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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 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 at the cost indicated on page two of the brochure. In this instance a separate invoice will be sent to you before departure.

# 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 with "Cancellation" in the subject line or postal mail at Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC, 2751 NE 15th St., Apt. 302, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304-1656 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, a trip insurance policy that covers trip cancelation is required for all pilgrims. We reserve the right to cancel bookings of pilgrims who attempt to travel with us without such a policy. Bookings canceled on this basis will not be eligible for any refund.

# 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@lightlinena.com with "Change Request" in the subject line or postal mail at Lightline Pilgrimages NA, LLC, 12751 NE 15th St., Apt. 302, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304-1656 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 traveling 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 rise abroad, including serious illness and repatriation costs in the event of death. We require 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. If we are aware that a pilgrim intends to travel without such insurance, their booking will be canceled 7 days prior to departure and no refund given.

# **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 contract, 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:**

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.