

# THE HOLY LAND

10 Days: January 29 - February 7, 2019

*visiting*

Tiberias • Nazareth • Bethlehem • Jerusalem

*hosted by*

Fr. Leonardo A. Asuncion

\$3499 from San Francisco

(Air/land tour price is \$2799 plus \$700 government taxes/airline surcharges.)







Dear Friends,

*Have you ever dreamt of walking the road where our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ walked? You can visit the place where through the mystery of Incarnation our Lord became flesh born of the Virgin Mary.*

*Take a dip and feel the inebriating water at the Jordan River where He was baptized and maybe renew your baptismal promises. Take a stroll along the shore of the Sea of Galilee where he invited His apostles to follow Him. Be moved as you follow the path where He carried His cross and stand, meditate or pray at the place where he was crucified for the salvation of the whole world. Then marvel at the location where He resurrected from the dead imagining the sound of glorious Hallelujah thus affirming that He is the Son of God. These and many more will soon become a reality. I invite you therefore to join me for a journey you will never forget for the rest of your life. Whether this is your first pilgrimage to the Holy Land or you had been there before, the experience is mesmerizing and faith strengthening. For ten (10) days we'll thread the roads where Jesus thread, recite prayers and sing psalms and hymns of praise and thanksgiving. Indeed, the accounts you've read or heard from the Bible will gradually unfold before your eyes.*

*The pilgrimage includes a round trip ticket starting from San Francisco, California, accommodations at first class hotels, daily Israeli breakfast and dinner, comprehensive sightseeing throughout and all entrance fees per the itinerary. I am privileged to host the trip, and I hope through the journey we can forge a lasting friendship. So join the group and invite family members and friends to join us as we experience together the awesome, educational and faith filled sights of the Holy Land. Attached is your invitation to reserve a place. Don't hesitate; make a commitment now and make this as a significant part of your Christian life pilgrimage. As the Lord says, "Leave your cares behind and, come follow me."*

*Sincerely in the Lord,*

*Fr. Leonardo Alban Asuncion*

## TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip airfare from San Francisco.
- \$700 Government taxes/airline surcharges.
- Accommodations at First Class/Select hotels, based on two persons sharing in twin-bedded rooms with private bath.
- Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Comprehensive sightseeing throughout.
- All admission fees, portorage, hotel taxes and service charges are included.
- \$100,000 automatic flight insurance\*

\*Subject to policy terms and limitations.

## YOUR DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### TUE, JAN 29 – SAN FRANCISCO/ ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Begin your exciting journey as you depart San Francisco today and connect with your overnight transatlantic flight to the Holy Land.

### WED, JAN 30 – ARRIVE TEL AVIV

Arrive Tel Aviv today where you will be met and escorted to your waiting motorcoach for the transfer to your hotel in the Tel Aviv area. Your exciting journey to the Land of the Bible begins. (D)

### THU, JAN 31 – TEL AVIV/CAESAREA/HAIFA/ ACRE/TIBERIAS

Drive north today to Caesarea to view the ruins of the Crusader's fortress and moat and sit in the great Roman amphitheatre. Continuing along the coast, you will see the aqueduct that carried water from Mt. Carmel to Caesarea. On to Megiddo located on the Plain of Esdraelon. Visit the museum, ruins of the city and Solomon's Stables. Continue to Haifa where you will ascend Mt. Carmel for a magnificent view of the sea and harbor. See the Carmelite Monastery and Elijah's Cave as well as the Bahai Temple with its lovely Persian Gardens. Proceed to Tiberias for the night. (B,D)

### FRI, FEB 1 – TIBERIAS

Today, cross the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, center of Jesus' Ministry in the Galilee. Visit the ruins of the Second Century Synagogue. Continue to Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Then on to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the famous Sermon on the Mount and chose the Twelve Apostles. Return to Tiberias for the night. (B,D)





**SAT, FEB 2 - TIBERIAS/CANA/  
NAZARETH/JERUSALEM**

Depart today via Tabgha and Magdala to Cana, site of Jesus' first miracle of turning water into wine. Proceed to Mt. Tabor, traditional site of the Transfiguration. Continue to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. Here you will visit the Church of the Annunciation and the winding streets of the old city. Proceed via the Jordan Valley and Beit Shean to Jerusalem and your hotel. (B,D)

**SUN, FEB 3 - JERUSALEM**

This morning drive to Bethany to visit Lazarus' Tomb and the village of Mary and Martha. Then on to Biblical Jericho, believed to be the oldest city in the world. View Elisha's Spring and the Mount of Temptations. Continue to the Dead Sea, 1288 feet below sea level, site of ancient Sodom and Gomorrah. Stop at the Caves of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered and visit the excavations. On the east side of the Dead Sea are the Moab Mountains and Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land. Return to Jerusalem. (B,D)

**MON, FEB 4 - JERUSALEM**

Drive to the top of the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Visit the Chapel of the Ascension and the Church of Pater Noster. Descend the Mt. of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane and walk along the ancient olive trees, viewing the Kidron Valley. Visit the Church of All Nations on the Rock of Agony. Ascend Mount Zion to see the Upper Room, traditional site of the Last Supper. Drive to Bethlehem. Visit the Church of the Nativity. See the Manger where Jesus was born and Shepherd's Field. Time to shop for wood carvings before returning to Jerusalem. (B,D)

**TUE, FEB 5 - JERUSALEM**

This morning enjoy a walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem. Enter St. Stephen's Gate. Visit St. Anne's Church and the

Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed the crippled man. Continue to the Temple Area. See the Dome of the Rock, the El Aqsa Mosque and the Wailing Wall. Exit via the Dung Gate to St. Peter's in Gallicantu. View the Valley of Gehenna and the Pool of Siloam.

This afternoon enter Herod's Gate to the Roman Praetorium, beneath the Sisters of Zion Convent, and the Ecce Homo Arch. Follow in the footsteps of Jesus as you walk the Via Dolorosa, the traditional way of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Leave the Old City through the Damascus Gate. (B,D)

**WED, FEB 6 - JERUSALEM/TEL AVIV/U.S.A.**

Late morning check out from your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure for shopping and exploring the city on your own. Following dinner, transfer to the airport for your overnight flight back to the U.S.A. (B,D)

**THU, FEB 7 - ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO**

Early morning arrival in the United States where you will connect with your return flight to San Francisco, arriving early this afternoon.

*B=Breakfast D=Dinner*



**A word about NAWAS . . .**

**NAWAS INTERNATIONAL** has pioneered Christian Tours to the far corners of the world for over 69 years. We offer you the essential ingredients for a successful tour.

**EXPERIENCE:** There is no substitute for 69 years of planning tours. Our contacts, guides, knowledge of the area, and background guarantee you the highest quality service at affordable prices.

**RELIABILITY:** For more than 69 years, we have won an international reputation for reliability. We deliver what we promise. And that is essential for a successful trip.



# GENERAL CONDITIONS

## RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT:

Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit of \$500 per person. No reservation is considered firm until deposit has been received. Your initial deposit payment shall be deemed to be an acceptance of all the terms of our General Conditions. Space is limited and offered on a first-come basis. Final payment is due at Nawas Travel 100 days prior to departure date.

Nawas accepts Visa, Mastercard and American Express for balance/final payments only. Credit cards are not accepted for deposits. The price of the tour already includes a built-in discount of 3% for payments made by cash or check. There is no discount on credit card sales. Credit cards will only be accepted prior to the final payment due date. Credit card charges cannot be accepted over the telephone. Tour members who want to use a credit card for final payment should contact Nawas at the time final payment is due for further information.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: A U.S.A. passport valid for at least 6 months after the return date of the trip is required to travel.** It is the sole responsibility of the traveler to check their passport's expiration date. U.S.A. and non-U.S.A. citizens may require visas in addition to a valid passport. It is the sole responsibility of non-U.S.A. citizens (including green card holders) to ensure they have the required visas/travel documents for each country to be visited on their tour and for re-entry into the U.S.A. Visa fees (if any) are not included in the tour price.

## THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** By any IATA/ARC air carrier or other scheduled jet carrier in standard economy class. Flights and air routings are at the discretion of air carriers and are subject to change without notice. Air arrangements are based on non-refundable bulk group fares and cannot be upgraded. Cancellations made after air tickets have been issued are subject to full cancellation penalties as imposed by the airlines. Per TSA regulations, airline tickets must bear your first, middle, and last name as it appears on your passport and passengers are responsible to bear any name-change fees should they not provide Nawas with accurate passport information.

**AIRLINE SEATING:** Nawas contracts non-refundable bulk group fares in standard economy class. Airlines no longer provide seat assignments for groups and Nawas does not guarantee specific seat assignments. Seat assignments for groups are made at the discretion of the airline and are typically allocated by automated airline computer systems in alphabetical order. Seat assignments will not be advised until check in at the airport. Nawas cannot request and does not guarantee specific seat assignments.

**TAXES/AIRLINE SURCHARGES:** U.S. departure taxes, overseas airport taxes, overseas local government taxes, airline security fees and airline imposed international surcharges are included (taxes/surcharges current estimate as of May 11, 2018 is \$700 per person). Future price increases may be applied due to additional costs as imposed by a supplier or governments.

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION:** By deluxe motorcoach.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Accommodations at first class/select hotels based on two persons sharing a twin bedded room with private bath. Nawas cannot guarantee roommates. A person taking a single room (subject to availability) must pay a supplement of \$900. Single rooms are limited and may be small.

**MEALS:** Breakfast and dinner daily.

**SIGHTSEEING:** As specified in the itinerary using motorcoach transportation or other conveyances as required. Entrance fees and the services of local English speaking guides or tour managers are included.

**TRANSFERS:** Assistance and transfers from airports to hotels and vice versa in private motorcoach.

**SERVICE CHARGES, TAXES AND PORTERAGE:** Service charges and taxes normally included in bills, government taxes on hotel bills in effect on May 11, 2018, taxes on sightseeing and excursion trips and porterage at hotels of one normal size suitcase (maximum weight 50 lbs.) are included in the tour price. Recovering VAT taxes is the sole responsibility of the passenger/purchaser. Future price increases may be applied due to additional costs as imposed by a supplier or governments.

**FLIGHT INSURANCE:** Automatic one hundred thousand dollars flight insurance policy for each Nawas-ticketed passenger, subject to policy terms and limitations.

**LAND ONLY/DEVIATIONS:** Passengers wishing to do their own air arrangements or wishing to deviate from the group itinerary must advise Nawas in writing no later than 110 days prior to departure. For air deviations, a \$100 non-

refundable fee per person will be charged on all deviations in addition to any extra airfare that may be incurred. Air deviations are subject to availability and restrictions as imposed by the airlines.

**BAGGAGE:** Airlines may now charge baggage fees for checked luggage on international/domestic flights based on the policy of each carrier. The maximum number of pieces of luggage, the weight allowance and baggage dimensions may also vary by airline from the U.S.A. to overseas/domestic destinations and beyond. Many carriers require that checked luggage in economy class not exceed 50 lbs. with a combined length, width and height of 62 inches. Regulations vary for business/first class passengers. Airline policies regarding baggage are subject to change at any time without prior notice. It is the responsibility of each passenger to check with their airline prior to departure for baggage information, regulations and compliance. Please refer to your electronic airline ticket receipt once received with the final tour documents. Nawas is not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers regarding baggage. Due to space limitations on Nawas motorcoaches, Nawas can only allow one piece of luggage per person plus a carry-on bag with total dimensions of 45 inches which fits in the overhead bin or underneath the seat in front of you. Wheeled carry-on bags are not permitted due to limited motorcoach capacity. Nawas Travel accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to the tour members' baggage or personal belongings at any time. Baggage insurance is recommended and is available upon written request.

**TRAVELERS REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE:** Disabled travelers requiring special attention or care must advise NAWAS in writing at the time of reservation. A physically able companion must accompany any person who needs special assistance. Tour directors, guides, drivers or other tour, hotel or ship personnel are not able to provide such assistance. NAWAS is not responsible for any denial of services to the disabled participant by air carriers, cruise ships, hotels, restaurants or other independent suppliers. Certain countries/destinations involve extensive walking. Be aware that outside the U.S. the Americans with Disabilities Act is not applicable and facilities for disabled individuals are limited. NAWAS is not responsible for any passenger requiring special medical equipment.

## THE TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Passport fees, visa fees (if any), hotel tourist taxes (to be paid locally), phone calls, valet/laundry service, wines, liquors, mineral water, after dinner coffee or tea, tips to escort, guides, drivers and waiters, sightseeing, meals and other services not specifically mentioned, excess baggage and all other items of a purely personal nature.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Written cancellations received by Nawas Travel up to October 1, 2018, refunds will be made less a \$200 per person cancellation fee. From October 2, 2018 to 90 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a \$500 per person cancellation fee. From 89 to 41 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a cancellation fee of 50% of the total tour price per person. From 40 days up to and including the day of departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a 100% cancellation fee of the total tour price per person. No shows are subject to a 100% cancellation fee and reservations will be cancelled. Nawas reserves the right to cancel your tour reservation and retain your deposit if final payment is not received by the due date. Airline tickets are not refundable once issued. No refunds will be given for any unused services while on tour.

**INSURANCE:** Nawas strongly recommends trip insurance. Insurance for trip cancellation, medical evacuation, medical emergencies, baggage, etc. is available for purchase. A detailed insurance pamphlet/application will be sent upon written request. Please refer to insurance policy for complete details.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The airfare used is based on non-refundable bulk group fares in effect on May 11, 2018. Airlines reserve the right to increase fares without prior notice. Tour members will be required to pay any airfare increases and international surcharges as imposed by the airlines prior to departure. Airlines require a minimum of 12 persons departing from the same gateway city.

Land costs are based on estimated 2019 tariffs, overseas government taxes and rates of exchange in effect on May 11, 2018 and a minimum of 32 or more participants. While we have made the best possible estimates of what we expect costs to be in 2019, we cannot guarantee actual prices, exchange rates and airfares. Any increases in land costs or airfares that may occur will be collected from each passenger prior to departure. We reserve the right to increase the cost of the tour consistent with normal increases should the group fall below 32 persons, and/or

in the event of fluctuations in exchange rates. All prices are based on rates of exchange listed above and while every effort will be made to hold them firm, they are subject to change.

Please note that healthcare/medical costs outside the U.S.A. are not covered by Medicare and many private medical insurance plans. Please consult with your health insurance supplier to obtain the necessary health/medical coverage for overseas travel.

**STATE DEPARTMENT/GOV'T AGENCIES:** On occasion, a U.S. or foreign government agency, such as the U.S. State Department ([www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)), Center for Disease Control ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)), etc., may issue a travel advisory, warning or alert for a destination or surrounding area you may be visiting while on tour. Nawas encourages you to refer to these agencies to obtain the most current and up-to-date information. The terms and conditions of your tour program, including cancellation policies, cannot be altered based on any occurrence whatsoever and/or any travel advisory, warning or alert issued in the U.S. or foreign countries where your tour is scheduled to visit, including but not limited to war/terrorism, disease, or natural disasters. Cancellation penalties remain in full effect and no exceptions can be made.

**RESPONSIBILITY: NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE, INC. (NAWAS),** and their agents act only in the capacity of agents in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and transportation, whether by railroad, motor bus, motor car, cruise vessel, boat, air or any other means. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, NAWAS is not liable for any damage, loss (including but not limited to personal injury, loss of enjoyment, distress, death and property loss), expense or inconvenience caused by any act, omission or default of any supplier providing tour services or by any other person or reason whatsoever or by any delays or changes in the itinerary, or the acts and omissions of the tour leader/host or travel agent. NAWAS assumes no liability or responsibility for any injuries, inconveniences, illness, irregularity or incidental damages occasioned by circumstances beyond the control of the tour operator, or by any person or reason whatsoever, including but not limited to events such as strikes, revolts, wars, terrorism, disease, natural disasters, closures of airports, hotels, or included sites, default or omission of any common or private carrier. NAWAS reserves the right to cancel the tour at any time, to operate the tour with a substitute tour leader at any time, to decline or not retain any person as a member of the tour for any cause at any time. Nawas reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary if needed including deleting and adding cities and changing the sequence of the itinerary, or whenever in Nawas' sole judgment as conditions warrant, or if Nawas deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchasers of this tour and/or passengers. The services of any IATA/ARC air carrier may be used in connection with this tour.

**\*California Residents:** Please read the enclosed disclosure required by the Sellers of Travel Act before booking.

**Exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any and all disputes arising under, in connection with, or related to these General Conditions or the provision of services by NAWAS shall be in the state court sitting in San Mateo County, California, and you expressly agree not to challenge the jurisdiction or venue of such court or to assert that such court is not a convenient forum. All disputes arising under, in connection with, or related to these General Conditions or the provision of services by NAWAS shall be governed by the internal laws of the State of California, without regard to its conflicts of law provisions. Payment of deposits by tour participants indicates acceptance of the above terms and General Conditions. The venue for any dispute is San Mateo County, California. The laws of the state of California will apply.**

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