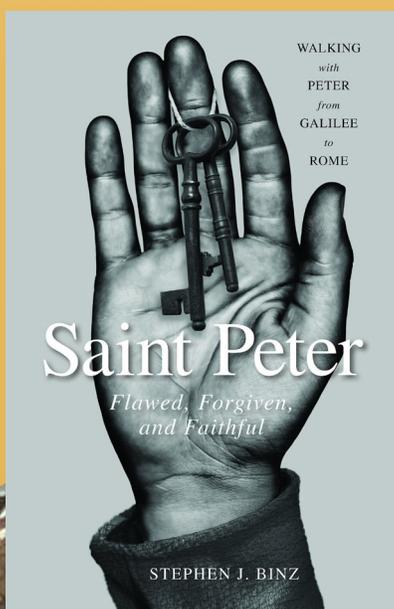


HOLY LAND

WITH STEPHEN J. BINZ

APRIL 24 - MAY 5, 2017

\$3,995.00 Land and Air from the New York Area



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Pilgrimage Leader: Stephen J. Binz

Stephen J. Binz is an award-winning author of over 40 books, biblical scholar, and popular speaker. Following graduate degrees at the Gregorian University and the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and Jerusalem, he has developed Bible studies in the church for three decades and has offered numerous study trips and pilgrimages to biblical lands. His books have earned awards from the Catholic Press Association and the Excellence in Publishing Awards of the Association of Catholic Publishers. He speaks frequently at churches and national conferences in the area of biblical studies, theology, and spirituality. He lives with his wife Pamela in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. To contact Stephen J. Binz and learn more about his publications visit www.Bridge-B.com.

Dear Friends,

I invite you to journey with me to my favorite place on earth. Imagine seeing the land of the Bible with a group of joyful pilgrims eager to learn and pray together. We will follow in the footsteps of Jesus and the apostles, throughout Galilee and Judea, spending lots of time in Jerusalem. Come along with us to enrich your understanding of Scripture and fill your memory with wonderful images for many years to come.

My new book entitled *Saint Peter: Flawed, Forgiven, and Faithful* (Loyola Press, 2015) would be ideal for reading before the trip. Peter is an ideal companion as we seek to follow in the way of Jesus and learn the way of missionary discipleship. You may also enjoy *Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Jesus* (Threshold Bible Study) as reflection before or during your trip.

Be assured that we will share an ideal combination of sightseeing, biblical commentary, quiet reflection, prayer, and certainly fun. We will be staying at excellent hotels and eat a wonderful variety of delicious meals.

Please help us spread the word about this pilgrimage by sending this link to your friends, email lists, and social media spreading. Space is limited to one bus, so please send your registration and deposit soon.

In the Joy of the Gospel,

Stephen J. Binz



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Monday – April 24: Day 1 – Depart USA from NYC area to Tel Aviv

Tuesday – April 25: Day 2 – Arrival Tel Aviv – Tiberias

Arriving in Tel Aviv, we meet our guide and board our deluxe motor coach to Galilee. Dinner and overnight at our deluxe rooms at Nof Ginnosar on the Sea of Galilee. (D)

Wednesday – April 26: Day 3 – Nazareth – Cana – Mt. Carmel

We celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation, pray at the Grotto where the angel appeared to Mary and see the Church of St. Joseph and its excavations. Other sites we will visit are Mary's Well, the Synagogue Church, St. Gabriel Church, and the Chapel of Mary's Fright. We then enjoy a one-hour multi-media presentation at Mary of Nazareth International Center. At the church at Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle, couples may renew their marriage vows. This afternoon travel to Haifa to see Mount Carmel, the Stella Maris Church dedicated to Our Lady Star of the Sea, and the Cave of Elijah. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Galilee. (B, D)

Thursday – April 27: Day 4 – Sea of Galilee Ministry – Banias

We board a boat for some reflective sailing on the Sea of Galilee, and then ascend to the Mount of Beatitudes to gain a panoramic vista of the area around the Sea. We travel to Capernaum to visit the ancient synagogue and the House of Peter. Here we celebrate Mass and reflect on the teachings and miracles of Jesus. We visit the nearby Greek Orthodox Church of the Twelve Apostles. Our next visits are to Tabgha, the Church of the Multiplication, where Jesus fed the multitudes, the Church of Peter's Primacy, where Jesus commissioned Peter to shepherd his church, and the Magdala Center, the home of Mary Magdalene. For lunch we enjoy a meal of the same kind of fish as caught by Peter, known here as St. Peter's Fish. This afternoon, take an excursion to Caesarea Philippi "Banias" where Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ. Return to Sea of Galilee Via the Golan Heights. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Galilee. (B, L, D)



Friday – April 28: Day 5 – Mt Tabor – Ein Karem – Jerusalem

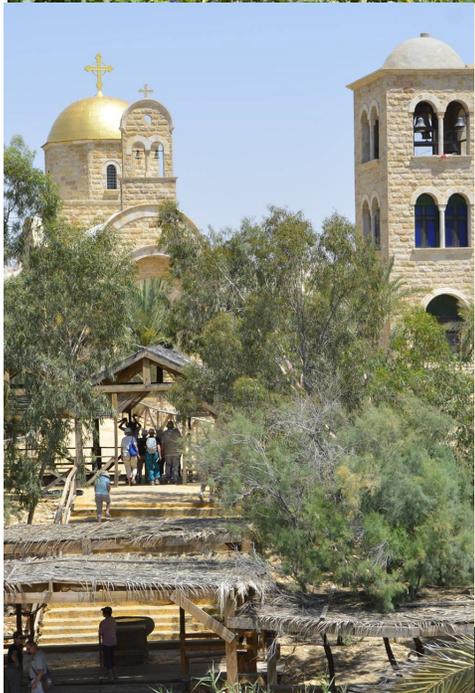
We drive the winding ascent to the top of Mount Tabor for a view of the Valley of Jezreel. Visit the Church of the Transfiguration with its radiant mosaic and chapels of Moses and Elijah. We then travel southward to Ein Karem in the hill country of Judea. Here we celebrate Mass at the Church of the Visitation and see the Church of John the Baptist. We also see St. John in the Desert Monastery. Transfer to Jerusalem to the Olive Tree Hotel for dinner and overnight (B, D)

Saturday – April 29: Day 6 – Bethlehem – Shepherd Field – Bethlehem University – Sharing the Bread Dinner with local Christians

We visit the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem and the grotto of Jesus' birth. We celebrate Mass at St. Catherine Church. Stop for a visit to the nearby Milk Grotto, and then travel to Beit Sahour and visit the chapel in Shepherd's Field. We learn about the social services and educational opportunities for Palestinians, visiting with students and professors of Bethlehem University. Overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem. This evening we enjoy sharing the bread with Christian families in Bethlehem. (B, Special dinner)

Sunday – April 30: Day 7 – Mt. of Olives – Mt. Zion – Upper Room

Our day starts at the top of the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem. We visit the Church at Bethpage, the Chapel of the Ascension and the Pater Noster Church. See the Dominus Fleuit Church, built on the spot where Jesus wept over the city. Walk down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane, the Basilica of the Agony, and the Orthodox Tomb of the Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of Agony. We then drive to Mount Zion to visit St. Peter in Gallicantu, the site of the High Priest's house and the crowing rooster, then to the Cenacle or Upper Room where Jesus shared the Last Supper with his



disciples and where Mary and the apostles experienced the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We visit the Tomb of King David. Return to the Olive Tree Hotel for dinner and overnight (B, D)

This evening we will host a dialogue with an Israeli woman who will speak to us about her work in cultivating healing, hospitality, and hope within the land

Monday – May 01 : Day 8 – Old City Jerusalem: Via Dolorosa – Holy Sepulcher – Bethany

Before breakfast, we walk the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa. After breakfast the group will enter old City through St. Stephen's Gate, visit Ecce Homo and follow to the Holy Sepulchre Church. Celebrate the Mass of Resurrection at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We will again visit Calvary, the empty Tomb of Jesus, other sites in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and the Church of St. Mark. We then travel to Bethany to visit the Church of Martha and Mary and the Tomb of Lazarus. We then descend to the Jordan Valley and stop at the Qasr el Yehud Baptismal Site at the Jordan River to renew our baptism. We then stop at Jericho and view the Mount of Temptation and the Sycamore Tree of Zachaeus. We journey to the Dead Sea and see the caves at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Tuesday – May 02: Day 9 – Wailing Wall – Temple Mt – St Ann's – Western Wall Tunnels

Begin the day visiting to pray at the Western Wall then on to Temple Mount. We then visit St. Ann Church to see the medieval Crusader church which honors the parents of Mary, Sts. Joachim and Ann, and the place of Mary's birth. We then visit the Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic and share a healing service. Mass will be celebrated. We have some free time in the afternoon for shopping or at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. This evening explore the recently excavated Western Wall Tunnel. (B, D)

Wednesday – May 03: Day 10 – Western Wall excavations – Pool of Siloam – Israeli Museum – Afternoon at leisure

This morning we visit the Western wall excavations where we see the Pinnacle stone from where the Trumpet would be sounded at time of Christ, the immense stone ruins of the temple walls, 2000 years old streets of Jerusalem, the southern steps known as the Rabbinical steps where Rabbis often met at the entrance of the Temple and surely a natural spot for numerous of Jesus teachings while visiting the temple. We recall Peter's Sermon after Pentecost on these steps. We then visit the Pool of Siloam, where Jesus sent the blind man to wash and most likely a place of Baptism for early Christians. Proceed to the Israeli museum for a visit of the Model city and Shrine of the Book. Mass will be celebrated. Lunch on your own with afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Jerusalem. (B, D)

Thursday – May 04: Day 11 – September 11 Memorial – Emmaus Abu Gosh – Jaffa

Morning at leisure to explore the Old City on your own. Noon check out of our hotel. We then journey to the September 11 Memorial at Ramot, then to Emmaus at Abu Gosh where we celebrate Mass. We stop at the Church of Our Lady Ark of the Covenant in ancient Kiriathjearim, where the Ark of the Covenant was kept before its transfer to Jerusalem. Our last stop is Joppa to see the Church of St. Peter. We enjoy a Farewell Dinner in Jaffa on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea before our late evening transfer to Tel Aviv Airport for the flight home. (B, Special dinner)

Friday – May 5: Day 12 – Arriving in the U.S.A.

Your Desired & Comprehensive Tour Includes

- Round trip non-stop airfare from Newark or (JFK)/Tel Aviv
- Airport tax and fuel surcharges (at time of the quote, adjusted based on rates at the time of final invoice)
- Accommodations in hotel Nof Ginnosar (deluxe rooms) and Olive Tree Hotel
- Open hot buffet breakfast daily
- Dinners as per itinerary
- Two special dinners: Sharing the Bread and Farewell dinner
- One lunch
- Beverages are not included with hotel dinners or lunch
- Private Air-conditioned bus
- English speaking Christian guide
- All admission charges as per the itinerary
- Baggage handling for one suitcase per person only included at the hotels
- Parking fees for buses
- Local hotel taxes
- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Confirmation of daily Mass.

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Trip cancellation and medical insurance are optional and highly recommended
- Any items not specifically mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Gratuities for the guide(s), driver and hotel staff (please refer to the suggestions we will make available to you). At lunch, we recommend a tip of \$1.00 per person per day. For extra luggage, please tip \$1.00 per person per bag.
- Church donations

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Stephen Binz

Deposits and final payment: A deposit of \$500.00 per person by check should accompany the registration form along with your optional insurance payment and a copy of your passport picture page by **January 13, 2017. Final payment is due by February 23, 2017.** Please mail your payment to: **Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822 ATT: Susan Prendergast 800-842-4842, susan@select-intl.com.**

Your passport must be valid at least six month after the date of the trip return. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies.

Prices quoted are based on cash payments. Cash prices \$3,995.00 for the complete package, \$2,995.00 land only (air not included), \$795.00 single supplement (in room by yourself) Credit card payments are: 4,195.00 for the complete package, \$3,145.00 for land only, \$835.00 single supplement

Airline, seating and special requests: The seats are assigned by the airlines. We do not reserve specific seats. You may change your seat, provide mileage program information and passenger contact information directly with the airlines once the ticket numbers are received. (approximately three weeks prior to departure). All special needs and requests due to medical or dietary restrictions must be requested in writing at least 60 days prior to departure. Business class and premium coach seats are available upon request as are add-ons from your hometown airport.

Single supplement: A limited number of single rooms are available at an additional cost of \$795.00 per person cash payment. Prices are based on two people per room. We do not guarantee room mates but will do our best to connect you with a possible share.

Land Only Option: \$2,995.00 per person cash price. Land only services start and end at the hotels, unless you are able to meet the group at the airport, and do not include airfare.

Baggage: Each participant is permitted to check (1) suitcase weighing no more than 50 lbs., and one small carry-on bag on the plane. Airline baggage fees are not included. Please check the specific baggage fees on the airline website.

Tour Cancellation Policy: \$300.00 non-refundable. 90-60 days before departure a total of \$500.00 is non-refundable. Within 60 days of departure all payments are non-refundable regardless of reason for cancellations. All cancellations must be in writing. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. We strongly urge you to purchase **Trip Cancellation/Travel Insurance** at an additional \$242.00 per person for **Deluxe Basic Coverage** policy, which provides protection if you need to cancel due to illness or job loss only or **Cancel for Any Reason policy**, which we recommend at \$363.00 per person, based on trip cost of \$3,995.00. Additional details and policy information may be found on our website at: www.selectinternationaltours.com, home page under the useful information tab-insurance. The insurance premium must be received with the deposit.

Pricing: Prices are based on a minimum of 20 passengers traveling & payment by cash or check. Deposits must be paid by check. Fuel surcharge and taxes are subject to change at time of final invoicing.

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Shipping & Handling: \$15.00 per person - not included in package price will be added to each invoice. Your invoice will confirm the trip registration.

REGISTRATION/CONSENT FORM:

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Stephen Binz April 24 - May 5, 2017 (Attn: Susan)

Please complete this form and mail it to Select International Tours, along with your deposit, insurance premium, and a copy of your passport picture page.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Land only : _____ Need help with flights from _____

Medical/Dietary Needs _____
(Starts/ends at hotel, no airfare)

Updates about your trip will be sent by email only. Please be sure that your settings allow for electronic communication originating from susan@select-intl.com

Room: (check one) Single (1 Bed) _____ Double (1 Bed, 2 People) _____ Twin (2 Beds, 2 People) _____ Triple (3 Beds) _____

Name of Roomate(s): _____

Emergency Contact (Name and Phone): _____

Enclosed is a check/money order in the amount of \$ _____ for my initial deposit.

I am purchasing trip cancellation/travel insurance: _____ Yes _____ No, I decline*. Enclosed is \$ _____

_____ Deluxe Policy or _____ Cancel For Any Reason Policy (Insurance available only to people residing in the U.S.)
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By signing below I consent to any necessary itinerary changes and agree with all Select International Tours & Cruises' TERMS AND CONDITIONS as outlined on this page and on the company website: www.selectinternationaltours.com. I also understand that (SITC) highly recommends purchase of travel insurance for my protection and that any fees associated with this trip cannot be waived for any reason. By declining to purchase travel insurance I assume all financial losses associated with this trip which otherwise would be covered by the travel insurance.

Signature : _____ Date: _____

Not responsible for changes in group air.