

Pilgrimage to the
HOLY LAND
plus an optional extension to Egypt
with Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

April 16-26, 2024

Egypt Extension: April 26-30, 2024



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WHAT'S THE COST?

Land Only

\$4595.00

Group Air*

\$1100.00

Total Trip Cost from
New York City Area **

\$5695.00

Solo Traveler
(Additional Cost)

\$1595.00

Optional Extension to Egypt

\$1345.00

Solo Traveler
(Additional Cost)

\$495.00

Prices are valid only if the deposit is
received no later than December 28, 2023

Final payment due February 16, 2024

*Must have 10 passengers for group air

** Prices are subject to change

Trip Code: 24JA04HLMD

Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Ph.D.
("Dr. Italy")



Known as "Dr. Italy" Marcellino is a NY Times best-selling author who has been a guest commentator on Fox News, EWTN, and Relevant Radio. Mentored by renowned Jesuit theologian Avery Cardinal Dulles, Marcellino is an expert in the Bible and Church history who has led over 25 pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Author of the ground-breaking study of Christ, filmed in the Holy Land, *Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life* (JesusWTL.info), Marcellino will be our principal guide on this pilgrimage. Learn more about him on DoctorItaly.com.

ITINERARY

✚ Tuesday, April 16, Day 1: DEPART ON AN OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO TEL AVIV

Depart on an overnight flight to Tel Aviv. Dinner and breakfast are served on the plane. Group air from DFW or NYC is available, and other cities may be added for groups of ten or more passengers traveling together. Individual add-on rates are available upon request from all major airports. Premium economy and business class upgrades are available upon request.

✚ Wednesday, April 17, Day 2: INTO THE LAND OF THE BIBLE

Shalom! We arrive at Tel Aviv Airport, and once we pass through passport control and customs, we are greeted by our English-speaking Christian guide, who will assist us with boarding our luxury motorcoach. We travel to the hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and a well-deserved night of rest. Overnight in Jerusalem. (D)

✚ Thursday, April 18, Day 3: OLD CITY "CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH SHRINES" – NEW CITY- MT. ZION

This morning we visit the Church of St. Anne, built on the site of the birthplace of Our Lady. Continue to the Pools of Bethesda, where Christ healed the paralytic. Visit the Temple area, the spot where the original temple was built, and was the scene of many episodes from the life of Christ, such as the expulsion of the money changers. We visit the Western Wall (aka the "Wailing Wall") of the Temple, the most sacred spot in the world for the Jews. In the afternoon, proceed to the National Museum, the Shrine of the Book. Continue to Mount Zion, visiting the room of the Last Supper and Church of the Dormition. We celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, built on the site of the house of Caiaphas, which encloses the dungeon where Christ was kept on Holy Thursday night and where Peter denied Christ thrice. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B,D)

✚ Friday, April 19, Day 4: JERUSALEM – SHARING THE BREAD DINNER

Today, we begin at Bethphage, where the procession of Palm Sunday started. Continue to the Mount of Olives and visit the Church of the Ascension, the spot where Christ ascended into Heaven; the Pater Noster Church commemorating Christ's teaching of Our Father to his disciples; Dominus Flevit, the place where Christ wept over Jerusalem, and onwards to Gethsemane to view the ancient Olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Church of All Nations which houses the Rock of the Agony of Christ on Holy Thursday; in this Church is a beautiful mosaic donated by the United States. Visit the Cave of the Betrayal of Jesus and the Tomb of Our Lady. In the afternoon, we visit Ein Karem, the place of the Visitation where Our Lady came to visit her cousin Elizabeth. View the plaques with the Magnificat in most languages of the world. We visit the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist and the Grotto of his birth. Here we celebrate Mass before we return to our hotel. Tonight we enjoy "Sharing the Bread" dinner as we are welcomed into the homes of the Christian Families of Bethlehem. Overnight in Jerusalem (B,Special dinner)

✚ Saturday, April 20, Day 5: BETHLEHEM – SHEPHERDS' FIELD

This morning, we depart for Bethlehem to visit the Basilica of the Nativity, built over the site of the birthplace of Christ. We see the cave where Christ was born and enjoy the occasion of singing traditional Christmas Hymns. The nearby Church of St. Catherine is the venue for the midnight Mass broadcast all over the World from Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. We visit St. Jerome's Grotto, The cave where he lived for many years while translating the Bible into Latin. A meeting is scheduled with the orphanage at the French Hospital. Continue to Shepherds' Field, recalling the "great throng of the heavenly hosts" who appeared to the shepherds and told them of the birth of the Savior. We celebrate Mass before returning to Jerusalem to visit the Museum of the Shroud. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B, D)

✚ Sunday, April 21, Day 6: VIA DOLOROSA AND JERICHO

We start the day early by praying the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa, ending with celebrating Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We visit Calvary and the Tomb of Our Lord before continuing with a tour of the Old City of Jerusalem, visiting the Chapel of Flagellation, the Chapel of Condemnation, and the Lithostrotos, the site of the Antonia Fortress where Julius Caesar resided at the time of Christ and where Christ was tried and condemned to death. In the afternoon, we drive through the Judean Wilderness to Jericho. Visit Elisha's Fountain and the ancient city of Jericho. See the Mount of Temptation in the distance, where Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights. Visit Tel El Sultan before we continue to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. Our final stop of the day is the Dead Sea, where we have time to relax and float (Don't forget to pack a bathing suit) before heading back to Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B,L,D)

✚ Monday, April 22, Day 7: JERUSALEM TO GALILEE

This morning we drive north from Jerusalem to visit Mt. Tabor. We leave the bus and transfer to taxis for the ascent to the top. We visit the site of the Transfiguration and celebrate Mass. Continue to Magdala, the village of Mary Magdalene, before check-in. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias. (B,D)

✠ Tuesday, April 23, Day 8: NAZARETH – CANA – RIVER JORDAN

This morning, we visit Nazareth. We start with a visit to the Basilica of the Annunciation, enclosing the remains of the house where the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary to announce that she was to become the mother of God. We celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation before continuing to Nazareth Village to learn more about daily life in the times of Jesus. Following lunch on our own, we drive to the Wedding Church at Cana, where Christ performed his first miracle, and married couples can renew their marriage vows. We then proceed to the River Jordan, where we will renew our Baptismal vows before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Tiberias. (B.D)

✠ Wednesday, April 24, Day 9: THE SEA OF GALILEE

This morning, we take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. Our next stop is Capernaum, now in ruins but once a thriving town where Peter lived and where much of the public ministry of Christ took place. See the Church of the Primacy of Peter, where Christ confirmed Peter as Head of the Church. We continue to Mount of Beatitudes, where Christ taught the Eight Beatitudes to His Disciples to celebrate Mass. Following lunch on our own, we proceed to Tabgha, the place of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fish. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Tiberias. (B.L.D)

✠ Thursday, April 25, Day 10: MOUNT CARMEL – CAESAREA MARITIMA – JAFFA

We depart from Tiberias, traveling to Haifa to visit Mount Carmel. We celebrate Mass at the Church of Our Lady and Star of the Sea. We visit the cave of the Prophet Elijah before proceeding along the shores of the Mediterranean to Caesarea Maritime, on the Plains of Sharon, to visit the ruins of the Crusader's City, surrounded by a moat and a city wall enclosing the ruins of the Roman city. Visit the Roman Theater and Aqueduct. Tonight is our farewell dinner. Overnight in Netanya or departure to the airport depending on flight times. (B.Special dinner)

✠ Friday, April 26, Day 11: ARRIVAL IN THE USA

Optional extension to the Monastery of St. Catherine and Cairo, Egypt

✠ Friday, April 26, Day 11: BORDER CROSSING ISRAEL – EGYPT

This morning we depart Netanya driving to the border with Israel and Egypt. We overnight near Mt. Sinai and St. Catherine's Monastery in the Desert. Mass will be celebrated. Overnight near Mt. Sinai. (B.L.D)

✠ Saturday, April 27, Day 12: MT SINAI – ST. CATHERINE MONASTERY – CAIRO

For those who wish to climb Mt. Sinai, we wake up around midnight and travel to Moses Mountain, where a Bedouin guide accompanies us to climb the sacred mountain where Moses received the Ten Commandments. From the summit of the mountain, we can see the sunrise. Then descend and return to our hotel for breakfast and check out. Next, we visit St. Catherine Monastery, an ancient Orthodox Christian monastic complex considered one of the most famous religious sites in the world. The monastery was dedicated to St. Catherine, who was tortured to death for the sake of her new faith. Afterward, we depart for Cairo. Mass will be celebrated. Arriving in the early evening, we settle into our hotel for dinner and a well-deserved night of rest. Overnight in Cairo. (B.L.D)

✠ Sunday, April 28, Day 13: ANCIENT CAIRO – DINNER CRUISE ON THE NILE

Today we travel back to ancient Egypt with a full day of touring the wonders of the ancient world, some of which date back to 1000+ years before Abraham. We explore Old Cairo to visit the Hanging Church – the most famous Coptic Church in Cairo – named so, as the Nile River built it over the Roman Gate of Babylon. During a walking tour of the old city, our guide will point out the route taken by Abraham, Joseph, Moses, and the family of Jesus – an inspiring thought. We stop at the Coptic Museum to better understand Christianity in Egypt and the Coptic Cathedral, where we see the relics of St. Mark. We celebrate Mass and have time to shop in the local Bazaar, which dates back to the 14th century. In the evening, we take a dinner cruise on the Nile River. Overnight in Cairo. (B.L.Special dinner)

✠ Monday, April 29, Day 14: ANCIENT CAIRO – THE PYRAMIDS & LIGHT AND SOUND SHOW

Following breakfast, another fascinating day awaits us as we visit the Great Pyramids of Giza, consisting of 3 million tons of granite and 150 meters high. Nearby is the Sphinx, carved almost entirely from one block of limestone. It remains a charismatic figure, standing 22 meters high and 50 meters long, representing a man with the body of a lion. Mass will be celebrated. Tonight, we return to the Pyramids to see the fascinating Light and Sound Show. Dinner and overnight in Cairo. (B.L.D)

✠ Tuesday, April 30, DAY 15: RETURN TO USA

Today our fascinating tour comes to an end. Transfer to Cairo airport for our return flights.

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Dr. Italy's teaching materials and lectures
- Roundtrip airfare from NYC
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges (TBC)
- First-class hotels
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Buffet breakfast daily
- 7 hotel dinners at the hotels (standard 3-course menu, beverages available at an additional cost)
- Farewell dinner with wine
- Sharing the Bread Christian Dinner
- 2 lunches
- All transfers with a private A/C motor coach as per itinerary
- Professional English-speaking tour director throughout
- Sightseeing tours as per itinerary
- Entrance fees included to sites specifically listed
- Luggage handling at hotels
- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Confirmation of daily Mass
- Whisper sets

EGYPT EXTENSION INCLUSIONS:

- Return airfare from Cairo to the USA
- Simple accommodations with private baths Mt. Sinai for 1 night
- Four Star hotel in Cairo for 3 nights
- Transportation to Mt. Sinai and to Cairo
- Private bus transportation in Cairo
- English-speaking guide throughout
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily
- Dinner cruise on the Nile River
- Light and Sound show at the Pyramids
- Entrance fees and sightseeing as listed- the Pyramids at Giza Memphis, Sakkarah, Old Cairo, Coptic Museum,
- Taba border tax and Sinai Tax
- Entry visa to Egypt

TIPPING

- **For the convenience of the pilgrims a tip fund of \$220.00 for the main trip and \$80.00 for the Egypt Extension will be invoiced and collected in advance. Tip fund covers gratuities for the guide, driver, baggage handling, and restaurants for included meals**

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Medical Insurance
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Church donations

BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:

- Baggage handling at train stations, and airports. *Check with your airline for baggage fees and restrictions
- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or portage charges

This active program covers a good amount of ground each day. You need to be able to walk for 60 minutes straight and on uneven surfaces. Some stairs will be encountered.



DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT: This is an exclusive, by invitation-only, pilgrimage hosted by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, who reserves the right to approve all requests to participate in the tour. A **deposit of \$500.00** per person by check should accompany the enrollment form and a copy of your passport picture page by **December 28, 2023**. **Final payment is due by February 16, 2024**. A late payment fee of \$100 will be charged per person for all payments received after the final payment date. Please mail your payment to: Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822 Attn: Jane Allison, 800-842-4842, jane@select-intl.com.

Your passport must be valid through October 30, 2024. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies. Prices quoted are based on payments by check. Prices: **\$4,595.00** for land only (air not included); **\$1,100.00** for group air; **\$5,695.00** for land and air; **\$1,595.00** for solo traveler, additional cost, (in room by yourself); **1,345.00** for Egypt Extension; **495.00** for Egypt solo traveler, additional cost. For credit card prices add 4%

PILGRIMAGE PRICES: Prices are based on minimum 30 passengers. Prices may be adjusted in the event of fewer than 30 passengers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Prices are in US dollars.

SOLO TRAVEL: A limited number of single rooms are available. Prices are based on two people per room. We do not guarantee roommates but will do our best to connect you with a someone willing to share.

LAND ONLY OPTION: Land only services start and end at the hotels and do not include any airfare. You are welcome to transfer from the airport with the group if you arrive at the same time, otherwise, transfers are not included.

TOUR CANCELLATION POLICY: Individual deposits are refundable except for a \$350.00 per person handling fee for cancellations made 90 days or more before departure. A \$500.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if the reservation is canceled between 90 and 60 days prior to departure. Within 60 days of departure all payments are non-refundable regardless of reason for cancellations. All airline tickets are non-refundable once issued. All cancellations must be in writing. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. If a roommate cancels, the cost of a solo supplement will be added to your invoice. You may be eligible for a refund through your travel protection. Refer to the U.S. Policy by State on our website.

TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION: We strongly encourage you to purchase a **Travel Protection Plan**, for the protection of your travel investment. Please consider purchasing this plan at the time of initial deposit in order to be covered for pre-existing conditions.

Visit www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=47406&p=SEL21 or call **844-440-8133** for details and costs for the Select International Travel Protection Plan with optional Cancel for any reason (CFAR). Please note that CFAR is not available in NY State. The plans contain insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. The plans also contain non-insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization.

AIRLINE, SEATING AND SPECIAL REQUESTS: To best accommodate our pilgrims, we often utilize Group Air Reservations. These allow more predictable

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WALKING: Our trips require daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, steps, and uneven terrain. We recommend preparing oneself, by walking before the trip. Anyone needing assistance is required to be accompanied by a qualified and physically-able travel companion. We are not responsible for any medical condition that occurs prior, during or after the trip.

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RESPONSIBILITY: By accepting this confirmation, you agree that the Group Leaders and Select International Tours, Inc. have no responsibility for any acts or omission of the travel suppliers in your itinerary and during your trip. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial conditions of the suppliers, unsafe travel conditions, health hazards, or weather hazards at locations traveled. We are not responsible for flight delays or cancellations or any charges incurred due to unforeseen circumstances. Unused portions of the trip are non-refundable. For information about destination climate, risks, and safety please consult the appropriate on-line resources. For health information consult the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. You are responsible for checking passport, visa, vaccination, or other entry requirements of your destinations. Itineraries are subject to change. We are not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen articles. We are not responsible for any sickness, injury, or death during or after the trip. Travel documents will be mailed out approximately three (3) weeks before departure. Please review them carefully for any errors.

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

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We understand that some people are not comfortable with technology and prefer to register via mail-in paper registration, regardless of the many benefits of registering online. To make that easy, we have created a generic registration form on our website at <https://selectinternationaltours.com/register-online/>. You may download and print the form, fill it out and mail it with your check to Select International Tours. However, before you choose to register by mail, please know that we cannot communicate with people who do not register online as frequently and seamlessly. And you may miss some important communication regarding balances and trip preparation, as well as communication from your group leaders. We want you to be in charge and be comfortable with the registration process; our job is to inform you so you can choose the best system for you.

To learn how easy it is to register online, please view THIS SHORT 6-minute VIDEO that explains the process at <https://selectinternationaltours.com/register-online/>.

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