

Another Joyful Catholic Journeys Exclusive!
Rev. Price Oswalt & Rachel Fontanez
Women of the Holy Land Pilgrimage

October 29 - November 9, 2012 — 12 Days (9 nights land)

\$4,165 from Oklahoma City

includes RT flights OKC-Tel Aviv, current taxes*, fuel surcharges*, tips, 9 breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 8 Dinners

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Day 1 October 29, 2012 , Monday Depart USA

Day 2 ,October 30 , Tuesday ,Arrive to Israel

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, meet our excellent, supremely knowledgeable Christian guide George and our driver Hanna and transfer to the beautiful Intercontinental Hotel in Bethlehem, with its magnificent gardens and pools. This is our home for the next five nights. Tonight we meet for orientation and dinner. Overnight in Bethlehem (D)

Day 3, October 31 , Wednesday , BETHLEHEM

Start the day with a visit to **Shepherd's Field** and the **Grotto**, and to the **Church of the Nativity**. Enjoy a visit to the **Women's Museum**, where various handicrafts made by local women are displayed. We are treated to a presentation on the lives of the **Christian women of Palestine**. Next, we visit a non-profit organization that supports Palestinian **craft producers; women's groups, artisan cooperatives, and organizations for the disabled** from the West Bank and Gaza Strip. We see the infamous wall which surrounds Bethlehem and hear the stories of the women who are working for peace in the Holy Land. The day ends shopping at the Kando Store, owned by a local Christian family (which supports 60-70 local Christian families). Tonight we have a great time enjoying a **dinner with the locals**, accompanied by music and dancing. Overnight in Bethlehem (B, D)

Day 4 , November 1, Thursday : Mt of Olives, Mount Zion, Israeli Musuen, Light Show:

Drive to the top of the **Mt. of Olives**. From the top of the Mount there is a magnificent view over all of ancient and modern Jerusalem, the centre of the biblical world. Walk down the **"Palm Sunday Road"** visiting the **Chapel of Dominus Flevit** (Jesus wept) enroute to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and the **Church of All Nations** where Christ prayed on the night of his betrayal . Next we shall enter within the old Walled city of Jerusalem to visit the **Wailing Wall** and the **Temple Mount**, then we walk through the Jewish quarter onto **Mount Zion** where where we shall stop to see the **Upper Room, the Tomb**

of King David and the **Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu** which is built over the **Palace of Caiaphas**, the High Priest, who imprisoned Jesus and interrogated him before his trial before Pontius Pilate.then we drive to the new city to visit the **Israeli museum** see a model of Jerusalem, and visit the **Shrine of the Book** the museum which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. We drive back to the hotel to rest and have dinner , after dinner drive to the old city of Jerusalem to see the **Light Show** in the Tower of David .Overnight Bethlehem (B,D)

Day 5 , November 2, Friday , Old City Of Jerusalem

Enter the old city through the **St Stephen gate** to visit the **Pool of Bethesda** We sing at **St. Anne's Church**, known for its spectacular acoustics. Walk through the chaos of the **old marketplace along the Via Dolorosa, on the way to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. We see the **Ethiopian Monastic Village** for the story of Solomon and Sheba. We'll explore the underground **Chapel of St. Helen** and the **Chapel of the Wailing Women**. Then, we can bargain shop in the **Old Market**. Overnight Bethlehem (B,D)

Day 6, November 3,Saturday LOCAL FLAVOR

We will learn to cook a traditional meal during a **cooking class**, side by side with women of the Holy Land! In the afternoon we will visit the **Bet Jimal Monastery** and convent of the **Salesian Monks**, who produce wine and olive oil. Adjacent is the **Convent of the Assumption of the Virgin**, managed by the **Sisters of Bethlehem**, who are known for their exceptional folk pottery and olive oil. Then we drive to **Ein Karem**, the birthplace of John the Baptist, and walk through the pretty village to **Mary's Spring** and the beautiful **Sisters of Zion Garden** where we'll meet with the resident nun. Following dinner, an expert from **Bethlehem University** will give us a presentation about "Women of the Holy Land". (Overnight Bethlehem)(B,D)

Day 7, November 4, Sunday , WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE and DEAD SEA SWIM!

Today is devoted to having a meaningful wilderness experience in the "off the beaten track" areas. We will start with a drive through the Judean wilderness to the desert city of **Herodion**. We stop at **Zin**, the perfect place to remember the important roles of Sarah and Hagar, our desert mothers, and to consider Miriam's leadership of the Israelites. We take time for meditation and prayer in an isolated quiet spot. A **special lunch cooked in the desert** will be provided, along with a possible visit to a Bedouin home. We end the day with a leisurely **swim/float in the Dead Sea** and visit **the Ahava** factory and shop for Dead Sea products. Overnight Dead Sea (B,L, D)

DAY 8, November 5, Monday, GALILEE

We drive through Samaria to **Jacob's Well** and remember the story of the Samaritan woman. We continue toward Jesus' hometown of **Nazareth**. We visit **Mt. Tabor**, and recall the story of Deborah, the Prophetess, Barak, and Yael where a woman was credited with the victory! We'll explore **Mary's Well** and the **Church of Annunciation**, believed to be built over Mary's home. Tonight we stay at a **Kibbutz** where there will be an opportunity to see how life is organized there. Overnight in Kibbutz

Day 9, November 6, Tuesday SEA OF GALILEE

Our day begins with a drive through **Magdala**, the hometown of Mary Magdalene, and then to the **Mount of Beatitudes**. We continue to Tabgha, site of the **Church of the Loaves and Fishes**. We'll visit **Capernaum**, the town of Jesus, and enjoy a taste of St. Peter's Fish during lunch. Rejoice, have Mass, and dance during the peaceful ride on **the Sea of Galilee**, as we remember His Ministry! We enjoy the next two nights at Mitzpe Hayamim Hotel and Spa (B,L,D)

Day 10, November 7, Wednesday RESTORATION

Today is a day to relax, to restore our bodies and souls at **Mitzpe Hayamim, a beautiful organic farm and spa**. Covering 37 acres, the resort contains fruit groves, walking paths, herb and vegetable gardens, an animal farm, pools and streams. The spa offers a range of health and cosmetic treatments using ethereal oils, herbs, and hydrotherapy. The hotel art gallery provides guests with an opportunity to observe **artists at work**, making pottery, jewelry, sculptures, and paintings. Over Night Mizpe Hayamim (B, D)

Day 11: November 8, Thursday, TEL AVIV/USA

This morning we stop at a **Druze village** to meet the locals, visit a local marketplace and learn about the lives of the women in this ancient village. We stop at **Mt. Carmel** to see the Monastery and **Caesarea**, the ancient port, and **Jaffa** with its hip stores and cafes where we are going to have free time to shop. Following dinner, we transfer to the airport for our flight home (B, D)

Day 12: November 9 Friday Arrive USA

Arrive home this morning refreshed and restored both spiritually and physically!

Accommodations:

Inter Continental Bethlehem (5 nights)
Le Meridian Dead Sea (1 night)
Magaan Kibbutz or Nof Ginnosar (1 night)
Mizpe Hayamim (2 nights)

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- Airfare Oklahoma City to Tel Aviv
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges of \$ 635.00 (subject to change)
- Hotels on HB basis
- Buffet breakfast and dinner daily (no beverages)
- Two lunches
- Two restaurant Dinners (Bethlehem and Jaffa)
- Air conditioned deluxe motor coach
- English speaking guide
- Meet and assist at airport
- Entrance fees: Boat Ride / Taxi Mt. Tabor Capernaum/Israeli Museum/Light Show/Lunch at Bedouin Tent/Herodian/Caesarea/Cooking Class Including Lunch/ St. Ann's Church/ St. Peter in Gallicantu/ Farewell Dinner in Jaffa.
- Porterage at all hotels for one suitcase
- Transfers as per program
- Opportunity to attend daily Mass
- Tips of \$140.00 for guides/drivers, waitstaff, porters

Rates do not include:

- Personal expenses
- **Trip cancellation and medical insurance**
- Anything not mentioned in above inclusions (spa treatments, laundry, souvenirs, etc.)
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Excess baggage charges(www.continental.com)
- **Suggested \$10 donation** for each church where we have Mass

PAYMENT and CANCELLATION TERMS

- **April 27, 2012:** Individual \$ 500.00 per person deposit due, along with copy of passport picture page only and trip cancellation insurance. **Save \$50 per person if we receive your deposit before March 1, 2012!**
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Sept. 21, 2012: Tickets issued. Name changes are not permitted.
- **Sept. 28, 2012 :** Documents mailed out

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: Accommodations are in a 4*hotel and 3 1/2* kibbutzim based on double occupancy with private bath. **Single Room supplement of \$526.00** will be charged where requested and if available. If you do not have a roommate and we are unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

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TIPS/GRATUITIES: Tour managers/drivers/guides/porters/hotel waitstaff are dependent upon gratuities for their livelihood. For this reason, we have included the payment of gratuities & tips in the cost of the tour. For tips at restaurants for meals "on your own" the usual rate is 15% - 20%.

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Mobility: Participants **must** be able to traverse rough, uneven pavements uphill and downhill, and ascend stairways which are often steep. Wear comfortable shoes! Those requiring mobility assistance must have a travel companion to assist them.

We Hope You Will Join Us for this Unique Women's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land!



Very Rev. Price Oswalt

Very Rev. M Price Oswalt, KCHS, is the Rector of the National Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague in Prague, OK and pastor of St. Wenceslaus Parish in Prague and St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Meeker, OK. He has been a priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City for more than 15 years, serving in various pastoral assignments across the Archdiocese. He serves as the spiritual director for the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasters, and as a chaplain for the Oklahoma City Police Department. He does spiritual direction and gives retreats to various groups. He has led many pilgrimages to sights across Europe and the Holy Land, to which he has been a pilgrim three times. Father is a priest-knight with the rank of Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and has received the prestigious "pilgrim shell" from the Order. Twice he has been invited to serve as "canon" for liturgical celebrations during Holy Week to the bishops of the Patriarchate of the Holy Land. He was also invited to be a principle concelebrant during Holy Thursday Mass with the Apostolic Nuncio of Palestine, in the presence of their Catholic Majesties, the King and Queen of Spain, in 2009.



Rachel Fontanez

Rachel Fontanez is a passionate Catholic convert with a flair for retreat ministry. At the ripe age of 14 she found the Catholic faith and has been in love ever since. A graduate of Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI majoring in Theology with a minor in Communications. Awarded the St Dominic award for being a living model of the faith she was very involved in the campus ministry programs. After college Rachel joined the Vincentian Service Corps in St Louis, MO and worked as a full time volunteer at Covenant House Missouri with 17-21 year old "at-risk" youth. This kindled her fire for justice and service even further. Following the year of service Rachel was hired as a Youth Minister in Spokane, WA. She is now the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at St Charles Borromeo in Oklahoma City, OK. In her spare time she travels the nation performing retreats with Willy Putty Ministries. She is also currently earning her Masters of Science degree for Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling.

Jerusalem native **George Stephan** was born on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to a Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox family in the Old City of

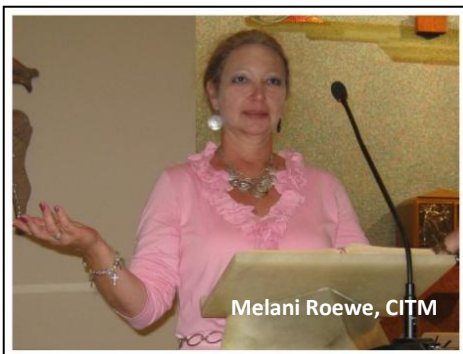
Jerusalem. He attended the LaSalle Christian Brothers College at New Gate, and earned his Diploma in Travel Agency Management from Bethlehem University. He has lived his entire life among the places where the Lord walked and preached, and daily walked the same streets that witnessed our Lord's sufferings, death, and resurrection. As a child, George was well aware of the contradictive atmosphere of Jerusalem where multiple religions and their various denominations and sects abound:

"Sometimes I used to sneak to the Protestant church next door to our home, just a step away. All these circumstances made me interested in differences of people, religious, and denominations."



George A. Stephan
Our Christian Guide

George deeply pursued studies in history, archaeology, and theology. Of the more than 9,000 licensed guides in Israel, George stands apart as one of the few truly great Christian guides. His degrees in tourism, archaeology, history, and theology combine with a warm personality and gentle humor enabling him to pass the Good News to pilgrims visiting the Holy Land in a way that inspires, touches their hearts, and immerses them in the pilgrimage experience. He is fluent in Arabic, Hebrew, Greek, French, and English.



Melani Roewe, CITM

Tour Escort **Melani Roewe** was born into a US military family often stationed overseas and naturally enjoys interacting with people of all cultures. Born Methodist and reared Lutheran, she entered the Catholic church in 1986. A Catholic educator for 16 years, Melani has presented workshops and seminars for the Diocese of Dallas, the Southwest Liturgical Conference Study Week, and the National Catholic Educators Association's national conventions on *Children and the Liturgy* and *Music and Youth in Catholic*

Worship, and was a charter member of the Responsible for Music Ministry subcommittee of the National Pastoral Musicians Association. She holds a Masters in Education and is a Certified International Tour Manager from the International Guide Academy. Aside from arranging Catholic pilgrimages, she is Co-Director of Music Ministry and Choir Director for St. Monica Catholic parish in Edmond, OK where she has held every office on the parish Liturgy Committee and is the founder of an ecumenical youth summer music camp which is now in its 17th year. She has directed the Archdiocesan Youth Chorale and directed backup vocals for John Michael Talbot. She speaks French, Spanish and is currently studying Arabic. She has experienced life in 22 countries and 48 states. This will be her fourth *Joyful Catholic Journey* escorting a group pilgrimage to Israel.



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