

COST PER PERSON*

Twin Share	Twin	Single
Premium Economy upgrade	\$7,995	+ \$1905
Business Class Upgrade	+ \$2,143	
	+ \$4,767	

Early Booking Discount (if paid 01 December 2017)	\$150
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*This is a cash or cheque price. Credit cards will incur a 2% fee
*Itinerary and costs subject to change, airline and fuel charges and currency fluctuations prior to final payment

Inclusions

- Return Cathay Pacific economy air flights Auckland – Hong Kong – Tel Aviv
- 16 nights in comfortable accommodation
- All transfers as specified
- Coach travel as specified
- Hong Kong Airport accommodation
- Entrance fees as specified
- Meals as specified
- Patricia Parsons as tour escort

Exclusions

- Travel Insurance [please ask us for a quote]
- Items of a personal nature
- Gratuities
- Items not specified
- Airport and airline taxes [approx. NZD250]

Booking Conditions

- A non-refundable deposit of \$750 per person will secure a place on this trip
- Full payment is due no later than 23 February 2018

Cancellations and Refunds

- From the date of booking until 23 February 2018 – loss of deposit
- After 23 February 2018 – no refund

Documentation

- A current passport is required, valid six months beyond date of travel
- No visa is required for New Zealand passport holders to Israel
- A single-entry Visa required for Jordan – obtainable on arrival [JOD40 / NZD78]
- No visa for Hong Kong is required by NZ Passport holders
- All other passport holders please ask

Health

- A good standard of health is required, with the ability to walk on uneven surfaces and stand for long periods is necessary

Weather

May is the dry season in this part of the world, averaging less than 5 days rainfall in the month. Temperatures – Jerusalem 15°C – 25°C // Petra 20°C – 30°C // Hong Kong 24°C – 31°C



Rome Extension

May 2018

Thursday 17 Ashdod – Tel Aviv – Rome B

After breakfast, travel by coach to Tel Aviv Airport, say farewell to the group and take a mid-afternoon flight to Rome. On arrival, transfer to hotel for four-night stay.

Friday 18 Rome B

After breakfast a sightseeing tour of this historic city includes the Vatican State, visiting the museum, Sistine Chapel, St Peter's Basilica and Square with time explore on your own.

Saturday 19 Rome B

A day at leisure with the option of a day trip to Pompeii, the city destroyed by an eruption of Mt Vesuvius in 79AD. Cross the fertile valley of Mt Vesuvius, passing the villages of Ercolano, Torre del Greco and Torre Annunziata on the way. Experience the art, history and the way of life of the ancient Romans. An ideal place to explore.

Sunday 20 Rome B

Day at leisure.

Monday 21 Rome – Hong Kong B

Breakfast at leisure before transferring to the airport for a midday Cathay Pacific flight to Hong Kong.

Tuesday 22 Hong Kong – Auckland

Arrive Hong Kong – change planes

Wednesday 23 Auckland

Arrive Auckland mid-morning

Includes

- Economy Flights Tel Aviv – Rome // Rome – Hong Kong – Auckland
- Four nights' accommodation + Breakfast Rome
- Transfers
- English speaking guides
- Half-Day Private Vatican State tour with transfers, entrance fees, 'Skip the Line' passes, guided tour with headsets
- Full-Day Pompeii guided tour – hotel to hotel

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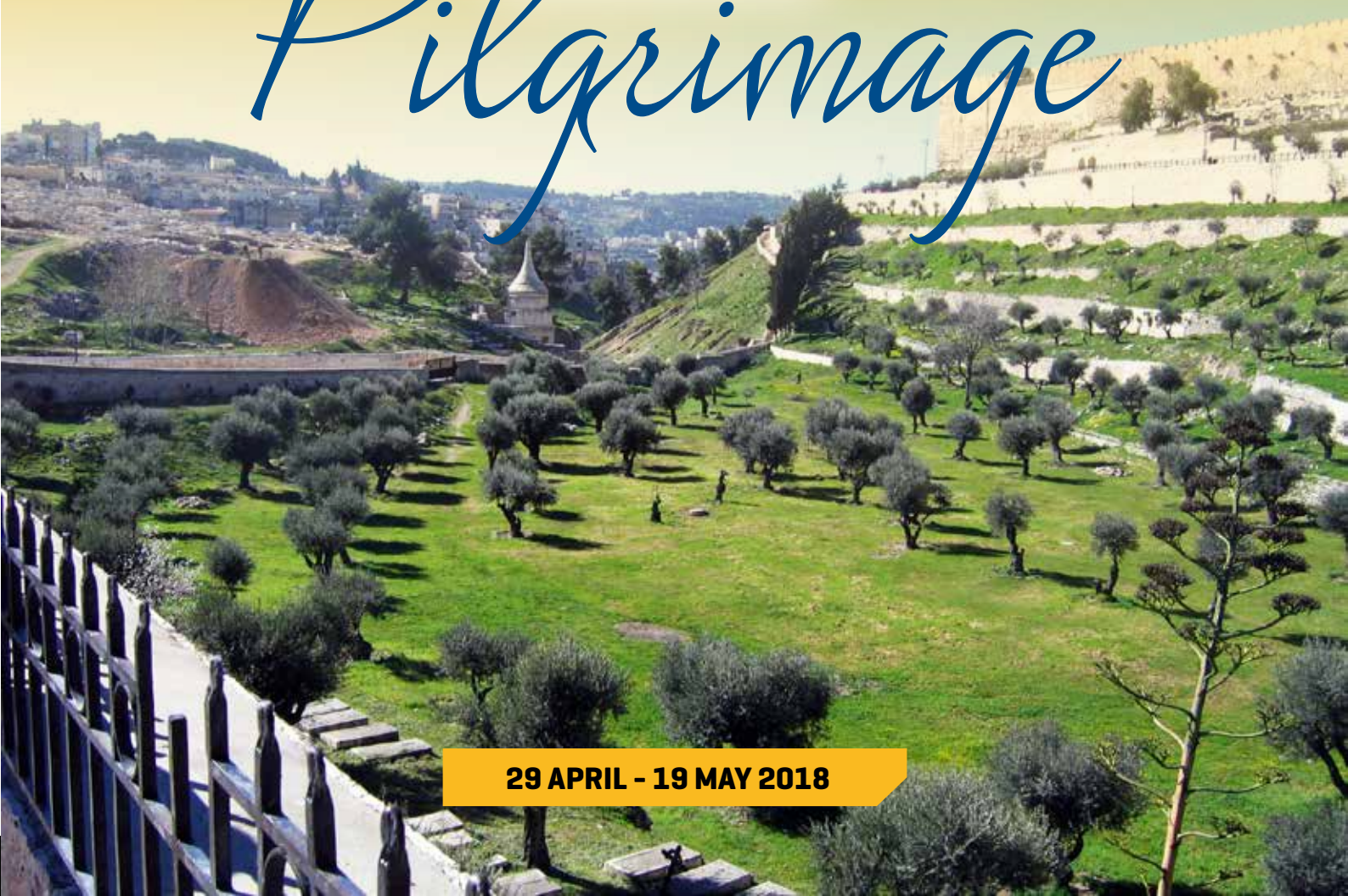
Twin share	\$1,560
Single	\$1,921

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29 APRIL - 19 MAY 2018



View from Nebo

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Your Guide
Patricia Parsons

Patricia Parsons began leading faith-based pilgrimages to European holy sites and shrines in 2002.

After experiencing pilgrimage several times herself, Patricia was inspired to create New Zealand-led pilgrimages for others wanting to experience a completely different alternative to normal tourist trails, which are now becoming an increasingly popular travel option.

The Old and New Testaments will come alive as you journey on this pilgrimage through Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and Galilee and into Jordan. As you travel, you develop an understanding of biblical history through the millenniums and how it is all interwoven to the present day.

and the pavement where he was tried and scourged. Drive to Rachel's tomb at the entrance to Bethlehem before entering Manger Square, the Basilica and the cave of the Nativity. We visit the Shepherds Field, Herod's palace and tomb at Herodium.

Saturday 05 Sightseeing (Wailing Wall, Temple Mount Steps, Jewish Quarter, Mount Zion) B D

An extensive tour of the Old City of Jerusalem and the Wailing Wall. Continue our walk through the excavated Rabbinical Tunnel to see a massive Herodian stone wall and street from the time of Jesus.

At the Archaeological Park we see a film [original 2nd Temple stones and southern steps that Jesus walked on]. At the Jewish Quarter, see the gold Menorah built for the next [3rd] Temple, the Burnt House and the Roman Cardo. The rest of the day is at Mt Zion, David's Tomb and citadel for views of Old Jerusalem.



24 Carat Golden Menorah

Sunday 06 Sightseeing (Mount of Olives, Kidron Valley, Hinnom Valley) B D

The final day in Jerusalem begins with an ascent to the top of the Mount of Olives to visit the chapel of the Ascension and the Church of the Pater Noster.

We descend to the church where Jesus wept over Jerusalem and then tour the Garden of Gethsemane where he was arrested. Continue across the Kidron Valley to ancient tombs and go to the Temple Mount and high Pinnacle Wall where Satan tempted Jesus when he began his ministry.

Continue to the Church of St Peter where Peter denied knowing Jesus. We overlook the Hinnom Valley and the Potter's Field where Judas was buried.

Monday 07 Jerusalem – Ein Bokek (Beth Shemesh, Elah Valley, Philistia, Negev Desert, Dead Sea) B D

Leaving Jerusalem, drive to Ein Kerem the tradition birthplace of John the Baptist. Visit

the Church of the Visitation, then travel west through mountains and the Sorek Valley to Beth Shemesh. The next stop is Tel Azekah and the Valley of Elah where David defeated Goliath. Continue through the land of the Philistines, passing the city of Gath and on to Beersheba [Abraham's Well]. Travel east through the Negev Desert with stops at the traditional locations of biblical Arad, Zoar, Sodom and the salt stone of Lot's wife.

Finish the day with the opportunity of a relaxing swim in the Dead Sea.

Tuesday 08 Ein Bokek –Tiberias (Masada, Engedi, Qumran, Jordan River) B D

A film about the historical siege of Masada is followed by a cable car visit to this ancient fortress. After digesting its history and viewing ancient Gomorrah, drive to the oasis of Engedi where David hid from King Sul and on to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.

Further north, stop at the baptismal site at Bethany, continue through the Jordan Valley and Samaria with a visit to the Jordan River Baptismal Site before arriving at the Sea of Galilee city of Tiberias for a four night stay.

Wednesday 09 Sightseeing (Northern Galilee, Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Mt Hermon, Golan Heights.) B D

The journey north today is through the Hula Valley of mud brick ruins from Canaanite times, stone structures built by King Solomon and a huge water well built by King Ahab.

At the headwaters of the Jordan River, see the ancient Israelite city of Dan.

Visit Caesarea Philippi where Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ then up Mt Hermon, Israel's highest mountain, to tour Nimrod's Castle / Fortress – a mountain top stronghold spanning back to the 13th century with a beautiful view of the Hula Valley and much of the Golan. At Lake Ram and Mt Bental, view Lebanon and Syria. The day ends by driving through the Golan Heights to stop at a high observation point for a complete panoramic view of the Sea of Galilee. Tonight see a film about Galilee's biblical history.

Thursday 10 Sightseeing (Sea of Galilee, the primary places of Jesus' ministry) B D

Today, starts with a quiet cruise on the Sea of Galilee in the Jesus Boat, including a tour of the Boat Museum. Visit Magdala, the Mount of the Beatitudes, Tabgha [the Loaves and Fishes], Capernaum, Chorazin, Bethsaida 'the miracle feeding of the multitudes,' Kursi, Hippos, Gadara and finish circling the lake back at Tiberias.

Friday 11 Sightseeing (Beth Shan, Mt Gilboa, Harod Springs, Jezreel Valley, Nazareth, Cana, Mt Arbel) B D

Visit the extensive Roman ruins of the ancient city of Beth Shan, Mt Gilboa where King Saul was killed and onto Harod Springs where Gideon downsized his army to 300 continue through the Jezreel Valley on to Mt Precipice with a view of Nazareth. Visit the Church of the Annunciation before a drive through Cana where Jesus worked his first public miracle.

Finally, Mt Arbel for spectacular views of the Sea of Galilee.

Saturday 12 Tiberias – Netanya (Mt Tabor, Armageddon, Mt Carmel, Caesarea) B D

Today we pass through the biblical places of Kadesh, Mt Moreh, Mt Tabor, Endor and Nain then to the ancient Tel Megiddo overlooking southern Armageddon. Continue to Elijah's Mt Carmel where he duelled with the 450 prophets of Baal, the ancient seaport and Roman capital of biblical Caesarea where Pontius Pilate resided, Peter preached to the Roman Centurion Cornelius and where Paul was put on trial.

Sunday 13 Netanya – Dead Sea (Jordan) (Pella, Gadara, Jerash, Amman, Dead Sea) B D

An early departure to the Border at Sheikh Hussein Bridge, where we enter the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Visit Pella where the Jerusalem Church fled to in 65 A.D. Continue to the ancient ruins of Gadara and from there to Jerash [Gerasa of Roman times], one of the best-preserved and most complete provincial Roman cities. Well-known monuments include the colonnaded street, the Temple of Zeus, the theatre, the forum and Hadrian's Arch. The journey continues through an area once settled by the ancient Ammonite and Amorites to our hotel by the Dead Sea.



Roman Amphitheatre - Jerash

Monday 14 Dead Sea (Jordan) – Petra (Mt Nebo, Medeba, Arnon River) B D

Begin with a visit to Bethany beyond the Jordan River. It was in this vicinity that the prophets Elijah and Elisha were located and where Joshua and the Israelites crossed into the Promised Land through the parted Jordan River. A visit to Mount Nebo affords a

spectacular view of Jericho, the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. This is where it is believed Moses saw the Promised Land. At Madaba, [biblical Medeba] is the well preserved ancient mosaic map of the Holy Land. Travel south on the biblical King's Highway for a short stop at the nearby mountain palace of Herod Antipas where tradition says St John 'The Baptist' was beheaded.



Al Siq – the entrance to Petra

Tuesday 15 Petra – Aqaba B D

This morning, walk or take optional carriages and horses through the sandstone canyon [Al Siq] to the famed carved into pink sandstone cliffs city of ancient Petra. Take the option to climb the 852 steps to the Monastery. A stop at Mount Hor, the ancient biblical area of Midian where tradition says Aaron, Moses brother, is buried. The next two nights are at the Gulf of Aqaba on the Red Sea.

Wednesday 16 Aqaba – Wadi Rum – Arava – Ashdod B D

Today is Wadi Rum Desert [Lawrence of Arabia Fame] day and we travel by 4 X 4 drive vehicles into the Wadi. Later cross the Arava Border and travel to Eilat through the Negev to Be'er-sheva and on to Ashdod for a one night stay. Wadi Rum is a protected desert wilderness featuring dramatic sandstone mountains, deep canyons and ancient inscriptions.

Thursday 17 Ashdod – Tel Aviv B D
Travel by coach to Tel Aviv airport for mid-afternoon departure on Cathay Pacific.

Note: An optional extension to Rome is available

Catholic Mass will be worked into the programme each day.

Friday 18 Hong Kong

Arrive Hong Kong early morning and transfer to airport hotel. Late afternoon depart on Cathay Pacific for onward home flight.

Saturday 19 Auckland
Arrive at Auckland mid-morning



Mount of Transfiguration