

Dear future pilgrims!

How often have you thought about the Holy Land and said: "One of these days I am going!" I believe that there is a time and a moment for each of us, set by God for



such an spiritual adventure... Why do Father Jacques and I feel so much about Israel? Mostly out of compassion. We lived there, him six years, I twelve. Both of us have been quenched there, in the depths of our soul.

Our pilgrimage will be in three parts. *In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.* I have noticed that often God the Father expresses Himself more in the desert; Jesus in Galilee, the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem. For this reason, we will scout the three regions. You will be led in the chronology of the Scriptures, and encounter God, as Abraham and the Patriarchs did in the Negev. In the second part Jesus will reach out to you in Galilee, the places where he lived, walked, ministered in, and the landscape he admired from his childhood to his public life. Finally, in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit may become a real Person for you, through the fire he will kindle in your heart. Each soul is unique and might not follow this

pattern exactly, but I know that each one of you invited to this pilgrimage will encounter the Father at some point, because this is His will, out of love for you.

Already you are in His Providence, which is why you are reading these words. Our journey is not designed to test your physical endurance but it will in itself. We will eat well, stay in good hotels, and travel in an air-conditioned bus; however, you do have to either be in shape or be willing to stay in the bus if you become tired as there will be hour-long walks every day.

May I tell you a story? Once I complained to the Lord: “why do I have to live in Exile from Jerusalem?” He replied within me: “If you weren’t abroad, out of Israel, who would tell my people to come to me?” May you be led in God’s wisdom to make a good choice of the how and when.

I must add I am deeply touched that Father Jacques has agreed to lead this spiritual journey. His trust, his respect for souls and his passion to guide them to union with Christ are very inspiring. Both Père Jacques and I consider it a joy and a duty to invite you. Know that we would be honored to be the ones to bring you ‘home’, to the Holy Land.

Yours in Christ, Sr. Magdalit