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September 25, 2023  
Month of Our Sorrowful Mother, Mary

My brother priests,

I invite you and your parishioners to join me and Bishop Joseph Espallat for a pilgrimage to the Dominican Republic to visit the *Shrine of Our Lady of Altagracia* in the town of Higüey.

The pilgrimage will take place from February 22 – February 25, 2024, and space is limited to 50 pilgrims. Please share the attached flyer and the following link <https://www.petersway.com/1088.html> with your parishioners and all who wish to join me.

I am looking forward to journeying to this beautiful country and pray for a grace-filled experience.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Fraternally in Christ,

+ T.M. Card. Dolan

†Timothy Michael Cardenal Dolan  
Arzobispo de Nueva York

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25 de septiembre del 2023  
Mes de Nuestra Madre Dolorosa, María

Mis hermanos sacerdotes,

Los invito a usted y a sus feligreses a acompañarme junto al Obispo Joseph Espaillat en una peregrinación a la República Dominicana para visitar el *Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Altagracia* en el pueblo de Higüey.

La peregrinación se llevará a cabo desde el 22 al 25 de febrero del 2024 y el espacio está limitado a 50 peregrinos. Por favor de compartir el folleto adjunto y el siguiente enlace <https://www.petersway.com/1088.html> con sus feligreses y todos los que deseen unirse a mí.

Espero poder viajar a este hermoso país y orar por una experiencia llena de gracia.

Con mejores deseos de oracion, suyo,

Fraternalmente en Cristo,

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# You are invited to join the Archdiocese of New York on a 4-day pilgrimage to the Dominican Republic

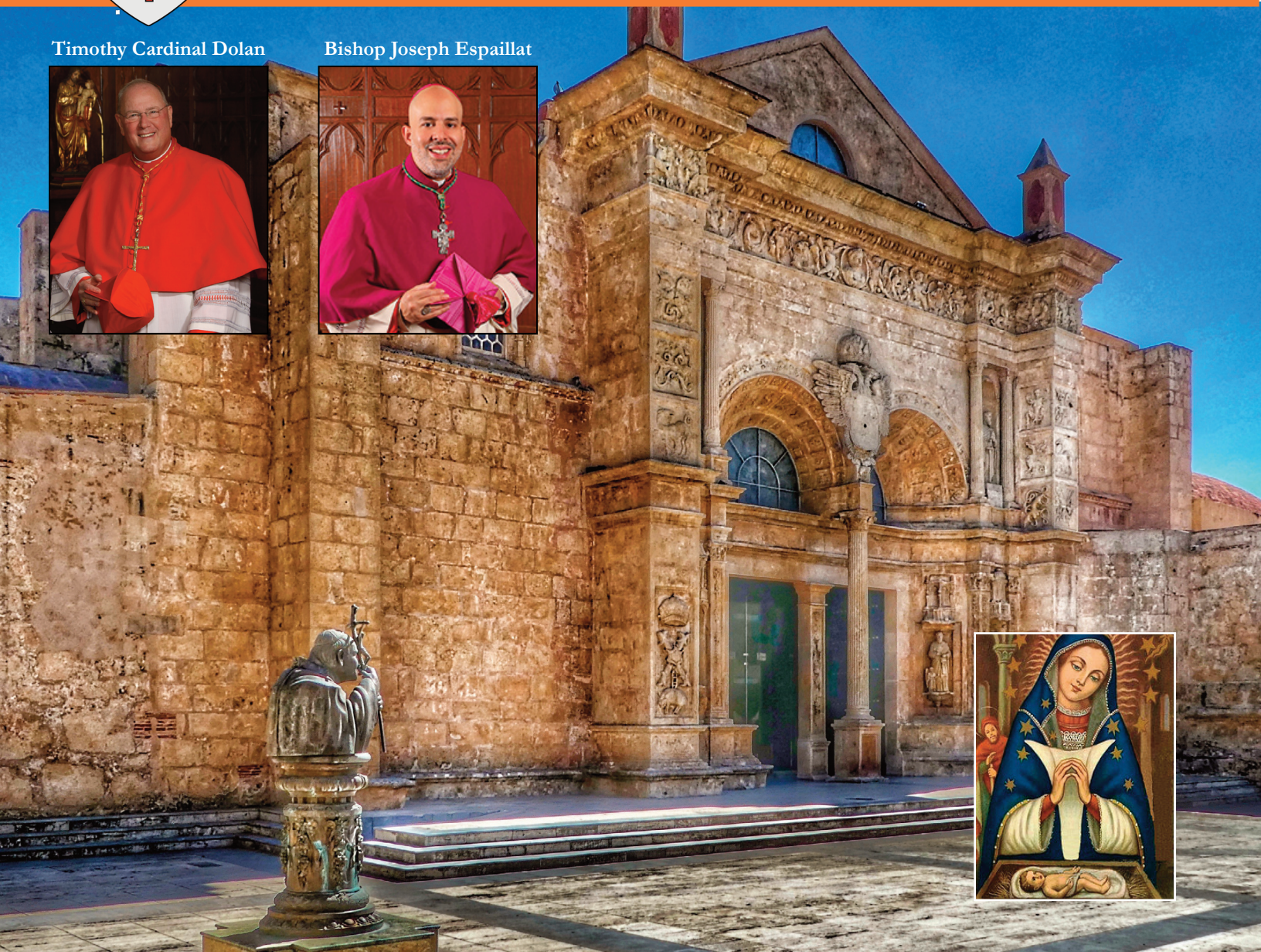
*Led by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York  
and Bishop Joseph Espaillat, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New York*

## February 22–25, 2024

Timothy Cardinal Dolan



Bishop Joseph Espaillat



### Peter's Way Tours



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### Travel Package Inclusions

- Round-trip economy class airfare from New York.
- U.S. departure tax; Customs user fee; security tax and all airport taxes.
- Deluxe motor-coach transportation upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
- Three (3) nights' accommodations in twin rooms at hotels throughout.
- Breakfast daily plus two (2) lunches and three (3) dinners as per attached itinerary.
- Full-time tour manager throughout the entire tour, including arrival and departure transfers.
- Sightseeing with licensed, professional, English-speaking guides as outlined in the itinerary.
- Entrance fees to all sights as noted in the itinerary, and coordination of all liturgies.
- Porter service at hotels throughout your tour (one piece of luggage, per person).

*Please refer to Terms & Conditions for items or additional costs not included in the package price.*

Dear Friends,

We would like to invite you, your relatives, and friends to join the Archdiocese of New York on a special pilgrimage to the Dominican Republic! This journey will take us to Santo Domingo, the Capital of the Dominican Republic and one of the Caribbean's oldest cities. Its walled, cobblestoned historic core, the Zona Colonial, has buildings that dates to the 1500s, including the Cathedral of Santa Maria la Menor, which was the first built in the New World.

We'll venture to visit the Shrine of Our Lady de Altagracia, where, in 1502, two men brought a painting depicting the birth of Jesus into their home. It was said to have been painted in the late 15th century in Spain. The image of the Virgin mysteriously disappeared from their home and later reappeared in an orange bush. On that spot, the first church of Higüey was built. Now thousands of devoted visitors make the pilgrimage to pray to the Mother of Christ. The restored painting hangs in the Basilica in Higüey.

Best of all, we will be celebrating our faith, forming deeper bonds of friendship, and enjoying food and customs of another culture. There is nothing like sharing such experiences with friends and family in faith. Please consider joining us!

*Timothy Cardinal Dolan and Bishop Joseph Española*

This pilgrimage entails a lot of walking, stairs, hills, cobblestone roads, etc. Participants must be medically and physically fit for this type of travel. Package inclusions do not always meet the special needs of travelers with limited mobility or severe allergies. If you have concerns or health issues, please discuss with Peter's Way Tours before enrolling in the pilgrimage.

## Enrollment Form • Archdiocese of New York • February 22–25, 2024 • Tour Code: 1088

**Entry Requirements:** It is the passengers responsibility to make sure they meet all requirements for the country they are traveling to. Requirements can be found by visiting the embassy website of the country. Please note that requirements, including COVID-related travel restrictions, may change after you enroll on this tour. The Terms & Conditions apply regardless of unexpected changes to travel requirements or health advisories.

**Enrollment Deadline:** October 10, 2023  
(*\$500 non-refundable deposit due*)

**Final Payment Deadline:** November 10, 2023  
(*Non-refundable balance due*)

### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (See Traveler Health Advisory section under Terms and Conditions to determine if your health status will affect your ability to participate in this tour.)

Please print your name exactly as it appears on your passport. Title: ☐ Mr. ☐ Ms. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Rev. ☐ Bro. ☐ Sr. ☐ Deacon ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile/Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Citizenship (if other than USA) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ M / F

### TOUR COSTS AND PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT (Please select one.)

#### **All-Inclusive Package Pricing** (Includes round-trip airfare from New York)

- ☐ I am submitting all payments by check to receive the cash discounted package price of **\$2,795.00** per person, sharing a twin room  
☐ I am paying with a credit or debit card. The all-inclusive package price is **\$2,895.00** per person, sharing a twin room

#### **Land Only Package Pricing** (Does not include airfare or airport transfers)

- ☐ I am submitting all payments by check to receive the cash discounted package price of **\$1,895.00** per person, sharing a twin room  
☐ I am paying with a credit or debit card. The Land Only package price is **\$1,995.00** per person, sharing a twin room

### ROOM ASSIGNMENTS (Standard hotel rooms provide two twin beds. Married couples may request a double bed. Single rooms are subject to confirmation. Please select one below.)

- ☐ I have a traveling companion and would like to room with (name): \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ My spouse and I are requesting a double bed (Rooms with double beds are limited and are subject to confirmation.)  
☐ I am requesting a roommate. I understand a single room may be assigned (plus an additional **\$395.00**) if a roommate is not available.  
☐ I am requesting a single room. Single rooms are limited. If confirmed a single supplement of **\$395.00** will apply to total tour cost.

### DEPOSIT AND OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE (Please select one. See Terms & Conditions for Peter's Way Tours' cancellation policy and travel insurance details.)

**All tour deposits and insurance payments are non-refundable.** Insurance may be purchased up until the final payment deadline. However, pre-existing conditions are covered ONLY when the insurance premium is paid with the tour deposit.

- ☐ **Enclosed is my \$500 non-refundable deposit.** I am declining optional travel protection.  
☐ **Enclosed is \$728 (\$500 deposit + \$228 travel protection premium)** I am purchasing travel protection. View the plan terms and conditions by visiting:  
<https://www.petersway.com/docs/PetersWayProtectionPlan.pdf>

*\*Insurance premiums are based on your total tour costs (see Terms & Conditions). Premium adjustments may appear on your final invoice.*

### CREDIT/DEBIT CARD AUTHORIZATION (Please select one.) ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

By completing this credit card authorization section, you authorize Peter's Way Tours to initially charge the tour deposit (or full balance if you are enrolling past the final payment deadline) plus the total insurance cost to your credit/debit card.

I acknowledge that by enrolling with a credit card, **I am not eligible for the cash/check discounted price, even if I choose to submit subsequent payments by check.**

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

If the amount to be charged applies to more than one participant, please specify additional names.

**I have read and accept all Terms & Conditions as outlined on this brochure.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature is required for minors under 18 years of age.

Please sign and submit one completed enrollment form per person (with your deposit plus optional travel protection costs).  
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All package pricing is based on a minimum of 40 paying participants. If the group does not reach this number, price or programming may be adjusted. Your group leader is solely responsible for any adjustments to package pricing, itinerary, and inclusions. They act on behalf of the group to modify travel plans as needed.



**Flight Schedule on Delta Air Lines  
from New York JFK International Airport**

Date	Airline/Flight #	Departure City/Time	Arrival City/ Time
Feb. 22	Delta #1917	New York JFK/8:30 am	Santo Domingo/1:27 pm
Feb. 25	Delta #1942	Santo Domingo/8:00 am	New York JFK/10:56 am

*Flight itinerary subject to change without notice.*

**Day 1 Thursday, February 22: Depart for Santo Domingo**

Depart New York JFK International Airport via Delta Air Lines for our pilgrimage to Santo Domingo.

Arrive at Santo Domingo International Airport, proceed through Passport Control, and meet our Peter's Way tour manager/guide upon exiting from Customs. Board our private motor coach and we will be on our way to Santo Domingo, the Capital of the Dominican Republic and one of the Caribbean's oldest cities. Its walled, cobblestoned historic core, the Zona Colonial, has buildings that dates to the 1500s, including the Cathedral, which was the first built in the New World. **Celebrate Mass at the Basilica of Santa Maria la Menor.** After Mass, we'll meet with local parishioners. Check-in at our hotel.

Welcome dinner and overnight at our hotel in Santo Domingo. (B,D)

**Day 2 Friday, February 23: Santo Domingo**

Breakfast at our hotel. **Begin our day with Mass at the Cathedral of Santa Maria la Menor.** After Mass, we'll have a walking tour to visit important monuments of the colonial zone, a UNESCO World Heritage site. We will include an entry admission to the Alcázar de Colón and Museo de la Casas Reales, and visit important places such as the Pantheon and the ruins of the Monastery of San Francisco, considered the oldest in America. We'll see the ruins of San Nicolás de Bari Hospital, built at the beginning of the 16th century and recognized by the UNESCO as the oldest hospital in America. Lunch at a local restaurant.

We will take a bus to visit the modern part of Santo Domingo, with free time to visit Caritas Internacional in Santo Domingo.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Santo Domingo. (B,L,D)

**Day 3 Saturday, February 24: Shrine of Our Lady de Altagracia**

Breakfast at our hotel. Today we'll leave Santo Domingo to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Altagracia (2.5-hour drive). The story of Our Lady de Altagracia dates back to when Spain first colonized the island of Hispaniola. Two men, Alonso y Antonio de Trejo, brought a painting of the Virgin to Hispaniola from their home in Placencia in 1502. The painting, which depicts the birth of Jesus, is said to have been painted in the late 15th century in Spain. It was mysteriously delivered by a shrouded old man who dropped the painting and disappeared. The legend states that the image of the Virgin mysteriously disappeared from the house of the brothers. The painting later reappeared in an orange bush. The location of this bush is where the first church of Higüey was built. Now thousands of devoted visitors make the trek here to deposit offerings and to ask favors of the Mother of Christ. Dominicans pray to her for miracles and cures and for intercession for whatever troubles them. Las Noches de Vela (the Nights of Prayer) are celebrated the night before Altagracia Day. The painting, now completely restored, hangs in the Basilica in Higüey in a frame made from Dominican gold and inlaid with fine enamels, precious stones, and jewels. The painting and prayers to the Virgin Mary are credited with many miracles, including the Dominican victory over the French in the 1691 battle in La Limonade, near Cap-Hatien in northern Haiti. **Celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Altagracia.** Lunch at a local restaurant.

Return to Santo Domingo and visit the Dominican Convent.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Santo Domingo. (B,L,D)

**Day 4 Sunday, February 25: Santo Domingo | New York**

Breakfast at our hotel. This morning we will be transferred to Santo Domingo Airport for our return flight to New York. (B)



**Acceptance of these Terms & Conditions, with signature on enrollment form, is required for participation in this tour.**

**PAYMENT:** All payments will be accepted in the form of check, money order, or debit/credit card. **Peter's Way Tours (PWT)** reserves the right to increase the package price or reduce services should there be an escalation in the Dominican Peso valuation over the U.S. Dollar in excess of 3% from print date. If a final payment is not received by the balance deadline, PWT reserves the right to cancel your reservation. A \$50.00 late fee and possible increase in airfare may apply for late payments. Personal checks will not be accepted within 30 days of departure. If the bank returns a personal check, a \$50.00 processing fee will apply and subsequent payments must be made in the form of money order, certified bank check, or debit/credit card. PWT collects funds on travelers' behalf and remits those funds to suppliers. PWT has no liability for suppliers' acts or omissions. By signing this enrollment form, you agree you will not initiate a chargeback against PWT for any supplier's failure to refund or provide credit due to a forced cancellation of services.

**CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS:** The \$500.00 tour deposit is non-refundable upon receipt. If you cancel from 100 days prior to departure up to the day of departure, all payments are non-refundable, including departure taxes & fuel surcharges, single supplement, deviation fees, travel insurance payments, or other costs. Travel insurance is recommended as protection for cancellations due to medical reasons (illness or injury). Travel insurance payments are non-refundable. Tour participation is non-transferable. Names cannot be changed on tour roster or airline tickets. All refund requests are subject to cancellation terms set forth above. Costs for tour services that are not utilized are non-refundable. We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance in order to protect your tour package investment. Please read all details very carefully under TRAVEL INSURANCE.

**LATE RESERVATIONS:** Enrollments received after the deposit deadline are subject to confirmation. Late fees and a possible increase in airfare may apply.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** Each traveler is solely responsible for carrying a valid passport and ascertaining knowledge of current entry/exit requirements for all countries on this itinerary. **U.S. Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months after the return date.** Special entry requirements for non-U.S. citizens may apply. Please consult the appropriate Consulate for current international travel requirements. Each traveler is solely responsible for ensuring that all required travel documents are complete and current. PWT will not be held responsible for a passenger's lack of current and valid entry documents (ie., passport, proof of vaccine, any required test results).

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** This travel package includes round-trip economy class airfare from New York. Flight itinerary and carrier may be subject to change. Estimated departure taxes & fuel surcharges are subject to increase prior to ticketing. If you purchase independent connecting flights, PWT will not be held responsible for the cost(s) if you cancel participation for any reason. **It is important that you do not purchase airline tickets until the group has been confirmed for travel by PWT.**

**AIRLINE SEATING:** Under group contracts, seat selection is not permitted. Requests for seat preferences (window or aisle) may be made when you check in for the flight. There is no guarantee that requests will be honored. PWT cannot submit special seat requests on behalf of any passenger. Group reservations may not be accessed online for advance check-in/boarding passes/seat assignments. If seat selection is a condition that affects your decision to travel, it is suggested that you purchase the land only package in order to book your airline arrangements according to your specific needs.

**LAND ONLY PASSENGERS:** The Land Only package price is \$1,995.00 per person sharing a twin room (\$100 cash discount will be applied if all payments are made by check). The Land Only package does not include any portion of the group airfare. It is the traveler's responsibility to book all segments independently. Any tour participant may change their status to "Land Only" by notifying PWT in writing, up to 100 days prior to departure. Passenger(s) opting for the Land Only package, or deviating from the group itinerary, are responsible for their own transfers to/from the hotel/airport. However, if your flights coordinate with the group flight arrangements, you are welcome to utilize the group transfer(s). **If you purchase your own airline transportation and the group does not materialize or you cancel for any reason, PWT will not be held responsible for the cost of your airfare.**

**DEVIATIONS & ITINERARY CHANGES:** PWT is pleased to assist clients with special requests. Deviation requests must be submitted in writing at least 100 days prior to departure. A deviation fee of \$150.00 plus any increase in airfare or additional fees may also apply. Not all carriers permit routing changes and/or deviations from the group itinerary. Please contact PWT for more information.

**TRANSFERS AND PORTERAGE:** Overseas round-trip airport transfers are included for passengers who purchase the full air and land package for the group tour dates. Portage of one piece of luggage at hotels throughout your tour is included. Peter's Way Tours cannot be held liable for any misplaced or lost luggage. It is the passenger's responsibility to make sure their luggage travels with them the entirety of the trip.

**ACCOMMODATIONS/SINGLE TRAVELERS:** The package price is based on double occupancy (two twin beds). Married couples may request a double bed which is subject to availability. Triple rooms (two twin beds plus rollaway) may be requested; with no discount for triple occupancy. Single rooms may be requested at time of booking. Single rooms are limited, subject to confirmation, may be smaller, and located apart from the room block. **If a single room is confirmed, an additional charge of \$395.00 will apply.** We cannot guarantee roommate requests but will make every effort to pair you with another traveler, if double occupancy is requested. If a single room must be assigned due to lack of a traveler to pair you with, a roommate's cancellation, incompatibility, or any other reason (at the last moment or while on tour), you will be charged the single supplement.

**MEALS:** Breakfast daily plus two (2) lunches and three (3) dinners.

**GRATUITIES & SERVICE CHARGES:** Gratuities are not included in your tour package. Although voluntary, for good work we recommend the equivalent of \$8.00

per person per day for your tour manager and \$4.00 per person per day for your bus driver. Tips for your tour manager and bus driver are normally given as a group at the end of the tour. All service charges and local taxes as imposed by hotels are included in the program rate. Although service charges are included, it is customary to leave the equivalent of \$1.00 per person for the wait staff after each meal and \$1.00 per person per day for housekeeping.

**TRAVELER HEALTH ADVISORY:** Passengers must be medically and physically fit for travel and ensure that such traveling will not endanger themselves or others. Most pilgrimages entail a lot of walking, stairs, hills, cobblestone roads, etc. Tour buses are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. A traveler who requires special assistance must notify PWT and must be accompanied by a travel companion who will provide proper help. PWT shall not be held responsible if we are unable to accommodate passengers with special needs. PWT is not responsible for the denial of services to any passenger by any carrier, hotel, restaurant, or other independent suppliers.

**PHOTO RELEASE:** I grant PWT permission to use photos and/or video, taken on this tour, in which I appear. I understand such images may be used in print/online publications, presentations, websites, and social media platforms. I consent and waive all claims for compensation for use, or for damages.

**DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY:** PWT is only acting as intermediary and agent for the suppliers identified on this, or any accompanying documents, in selling services, or in accepting reservations or bookings for services that are not directly supplied by PWT (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruises, etc.). PWT shall not be responsible for breach of contract, bankruptcy, or any intentional or careless actions or omissions on the part of such suppliers, which result in any loss, damage, delay, or injury to any traveler, travel companions, or group member. PWT shall not be held responsible for any changes made in the schedule of liturgies throughout the pilgrimage. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically written on the ticket, invoice, or reservation itinerary, PWT does not guarantee any supplier's rates, bookings, or reservations. PWT shall not be responsible for any injuries, damages, or losses caused to any traveler in connection with terrorist activities, social or labor unrest, airline strikes, mechanical or construction difficulties, diseases, pandemics, quarantines, local laws, climatic conditions, abnormal conditions or developments, or any other actions, omissions, or conditions outside of PWT control. By embarking on this trip, the traveler voluntarily assumes all risks involved with such travel, whether expected or unexpected. The traveler is hereby warned of such risks and is advised to obtain appropriate insurance coverage for them. PWT does not accept responsibility or liability for minors traveling on the tour.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** It is strongly recommended that all participants purchase insurance when they travel since the tour operator is not responsible for non-refundable payments, damaged luggage, or trip interruption. PWT offers an optional Passenger Travel Protection Plan. These benefits and services help ensure the well-being of the passenger while traveling worldwide. The insurance premium is based on total package price, including taxes, fuel surcharges, single supplements, deviation fees, late charges, etc (see chart below). **If the insurance premium is included with your deposit, the passenger will be covered for pre-existing conditions.** The insurance plan can be purchased at any time thereafter, excluding coverage for pre-existing conditions, until final payment has been made. **Plan payments will not be accepted after final payment has been made. All plan payments are non-refundable.** If you choose to extend your stay or embark on a pre-tour program, travel insurance can be purchased for an additional \$4.00 per day. Additional coverage needs to be requested. The insurance plan will not automatically be extended. **The insurance plan will only cover pre-paid arrangements made through PWT.** Passengers who book their own airfare (Land Only passengers or those booking independent connecting flights) are advised to purchase travel insurance covering their flights directly from the airline or from another travel insurance supplier. The Passenger Travel Protection Plan includes coverage for the following: trip cancellation/interruption/delay, accident/sickness medical expense, emergency medical evacuation/repatriation, lost baggage/personal effects, accidental death & dismemberment, and 24-hour Emergency Travel Assistance Services. Benefits and services are provided by Travel Insured International. Upon claim approval, reimbursement is up to 100% of the non-refundable payments for your trip. Once you begin your trip, coverage under the plan will end as soon as you go back to your return destination. This means that if you return home early, your coverage will terminate early as well. Losses incurred after your coverage ends cannot be reimbursed. Be sure to review the policy coverage on the link below, or when you receive a copy of the policy upon enrollment. If you need further information, please call Travel Insured International at 1-866-684-0218. This travel insurance is underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ under policy number T-2508.

**ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS:** In the event that PWT pays for any service that is later reimbursed by the travel protection plan (e.g. hotel or buses for trip interruptions or delays), by signing the enrollment form I agree to assign any of those payable benefits to PWT up to the individual allocated amount of the payment made by Peter's Way.

**Peter's Way Tours Passenger Travel Protection Rates\***

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$1,501 to \$2,000	\$ 178	\$3,501 to \$4,000	\$ 278
\$2,001 to \$2,500	\$ 203	\$4,001 to \$4,500	\$ 303
\$2,501 to \$3,000	\$ 228	\$4,501 to \$5,000	\$ 328
\$3,001 to \$3,500	\$ 253	\$5,001 to \$5,500	\$ 353

\*Rates are as of 5/1/22 and are subject to change.

**TO VIEW YOUR PLAN TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND EXCLUSIONS, VISIT:**  
Passenger Protection Plan <https://www.petersway.com/docs/PetersWayProtection-Plan.pdf>