

BAHÁ'Í WORLD CENTRE

DEPARTMENT OF PILGRIMAGE

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Dear Bahá'í Friends,

The Universal House of Justice lovingly invites you to come for pilgrimage beginning on 21 May 2023 and finishing in the evening of 30 May 2023. During this time, the Declaration of the Báb and Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh will be commemorated on 23 and 29 May 2023, respectively. To allow for attendance at these Holy Day observances, the period of this pilgrimage has been extended by one day. You are welcome to arrive in the 'Akká/Haifa area after 8:30 p.m. on 20 May 2023 and are requested to leave by sunset on 31 May 2023.

As pilgrims, you will fulfil the first and supreme objective of all Bahá'ís visiting the Holy Land to pray and meditate at the Sacred Shrines of Bahá'u'lláh, the Báb, and 'Abdu'l-Bahá. To pray at these sacred spots and to follow in the footsteps of the Blessed Beauty and the beloved Master is an inestimable privilege, infinitely precious to every Bahá'í pilgrim.

In addition to visiting the Shrines, pilgrims to the Bahá'í World Centre participate in a programme which spans nine days and consists of guided visits to Holy Sites associated with the Central Figures of the Faith. In light of the significance of pilgrimage, you will no doubt wish to devote time before arrival to preparing yourself spiritually. You are also welcome to visit our website where you will find information about the Holy Places that you will be visiting.

Registration for pilgrimage occurs in the morning of the first day of the programme at the Pilgrim Reception Centre, located at 82 Hatzionut Avenue. You are asked to register, if possible, between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and to bring with you this letter, your passport and a photocopy of the identification page of your passport. Please note that you may also need to present this letter of invitation at immigration in Israel. Upon arrival at the airport or at the land border, of course you would comply with Border Control. If the Border Control agent requires additional information or verification, you or the agent should call the Department of Security at the Bahá'í World Centre at +972 54 241 4911.