

14 Days Holy Land Pilgrimage with EGYPT and Rome

Day 1: Depart from Edmonton

DAY 2. ARRIVAL: TEL AVIV / NETANYA

On arrival in Tel Aviv we will be met by your representative and proceed to your hotel. Dinner and overnight in Netanya (D)

Day 3. CANA, MT. TABOR, and NAZARETH

After Breakfast & checkout. We stop at Mt. Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration. We depart to Cana, site of Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast. Here we invite couples to renew their marriage vows. We continue to Nazareth where we visit the Basilica of the Annunciation for Mass. Then continue to St. Joseph's Workshop and Mary's Well. We drive to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 4 TIBERIAS: SEA OF GALILEE & JORDAN RIVER

Breakfast. This morning we begin with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Our visit continues to the Mt. of Beatitudes to gain a panoramic view of the Sea of Galilee. We will visit Tabgha where it is believed that Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000. From there we will visit Capernaum where Jesus began his Galilean ministry, visiting the synagogue which dates to the time of Jesus and the site of Peter's home. Continue to the Jordan River to renew our baptismal vows, we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Day 5. JERUSALEM: BETHLEHEM, EIN KAREM & CHURCH OF VISITATION

Breakfast & checkout. We depart the Galilee area Ein Karem where we visit the Church of St. John the Baptist and the Church of the Visitation. Bethlehem, visiting Shepherds' Field and the Church of the Nativity, St. Jerome's Chapel, and St. Catherine's Church. We celebrate Mass in Bethlehem, the town of Jesus' birth. We arrive to our hotel in Bethlehem for check in dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 6 JERUSALEM: MT. SCOPUS, MT. OF OLIVES, & MT. ZION

Early this morning we carry the cross as we follow the Via Dolorosa (Stations of the Cross), later we celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, followed by a ride to Mt. Scopus and to the Mt. of Olives, where we gain a panoramic view of the old City of Jerusalem. We visit the Ascension Mosque, Pater Noster (commemorating the "Our Father"), Dominus Flavit (where Jesus wept over Jerusalem), and the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. Later we stop by Mt. Zion to visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu (where Peter denied Christ), the House of Caiphas, the Church of the Dormition of Our Lady, and the Upper Room, commemorating the Last Supper. We also visit the Franciscan Chapel of the Cenacle. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem (B, D)

Day 7. JERUSALEM: THE OLD CITY

We begin today entering through the Dung Gate, with a visit to the Western Wall (Wailing Wall), the Dome of the Rock & Temple Mount. We visit the Church of St. Anne, marking the place of birth of the Blessed Mother, visiting as well the nearby Pools of Bethesda. We visit the Ecce Homo Arch and Lithostrotos, where we celebrate Mass. The balance of the day is at leisure in the Old City. We enjoy some free time in the Old City. Back to hotel for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

Day 8. DEAD SEA, CAIRO & ST. CATHERINE

After an early breakfast & checkout/ our first stop is Bethany, site of the resurrection of Lazarus. We proceed to Jericho to

view the Mt. of Temptations from a distance and to see the traditional Zaccheus Tree. We stop for mass in the wilderness of the Judean desert. We stop by the Dead Sea for an optional swim (bring your swimsuit). We will proceed to cross the border to Egypt. Our local representative will meet you. Welcome to Egypt! Dinner and overnight in St. Catherine. (B,D)

Day 9 ST. CATHERINE / CAIRO

Today you enjoy an early dawn excursion to Mount Sinai, where the Ten Commandments were given to Moses. It will be an ethereal feeling. Enjoy the breathtaking view of sunrise from the top of the Mount. Visit the Monastery then continue to Cairo passing by the Suez Canal and Moses Springs. Dinner and overnight in Cairo (B,D)

Day 10 CAIRO FULL DAY SIGHTSEEING

In the Morning, we will visit the Egyptian Museum to view many specimens of finest antiquities including precious collections from the tomb of Tut-Ankh-Amon. Then drive through the city past Cairo University to Giza. Visit Cheops Pyramid and the Sphinx. Camels or horses will be available to ride to the Pyramid Plateau.

In the afternoon, we will drive along the Nile Cornice past East El Ainin Hospital to "Old Cairo" to visit the Coptic Churches of Abu Sarga associated with the Flight of the Christ Child to Egypt, Ben Ezra Mosque and MAR Mosque. Drive via Republic Square past Abdin Palace to Sultan Hassan Mosque, the Citadel and El Azhar University to the native bazaars of Khan El Khalili where time is allowed for browsing and shopping. Tonight we enjoy a Nile River cruise with a folkloric show. Overnight in Cairo (B,D)

Day 10: DEPARTURE from CAIRO to Rome

We proceed to Cairo Airport for departure with unforgettable memories to cherish always.