

09 Days Holy Land Pilgrimage

Day 1. ARRIVAL: TEL AVIV

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

Day 2. TEL AVIV: CAESAREA, MUHRAQA, CARMEL & TIBERIAS

We depart Tel Aviv to Caesarea, where St. Peter baptized the first Gentile convert and where St. Paul was imprisoned. Continue to Muhraqa, where the Carmelite Monastery of St. Elijah marks the place where the prophet Elijah set up his altar and triumphed over the false prophets of Ba'al. Then we proceed to Mt. Carmel and the Chapel of Stella Mares. Here we celebrate Mass. We arrive in Tiberias for dinner and the evening. (B,D)

Day 3. TIBERIAS: SEA OF GALILEE & JORDAN RIVER

This morning we begin with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. We will visit a replica of a fishing boat from the time of Christ. 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 4. TIBERIAS, CANA, MT. TABOR, NAZARETH & DEAD SEA

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. On our way to Jerusalem we stop at Mt. Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration. We stop by the Dead Sea for an optional swim (bring your swimsuit). We drive to Dead Sea for, check in, dinner and overnight. (B, D)



Day 5. DEAD SEA : QUMRAN - JERICHO, BETHANY – JERUSALEM

We visit Qumran (site of the Dead Sea Scrolls), 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. our final stop is Bethany, site of the resurrection of Lazarus. Drive to Jerusalem, Check in Dinner and overnight.

Day 6. JERUSALEM: BETHLEHEM, EIN KAREM & CHURCH OF VISITATION

We depart Jerusalem for 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. Returning, we stop in Ein Karem where we visit the Church of St. John the Baptist and the Church of the Visitation. Back to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 7. 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 Jerusalem (B, D)



Day 8. 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. Back to hotel for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

Day 9. DEPARTURE

After an early breakfast, we proceed to Ben Gurion Airport for departure with unforgettable memories to cherish always. (B) FAREWELL!