



FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

October 18-27, 2021

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Day 1 - Monday, October 18: Depart USA

Our spiritual pilgrimage begins as we depart the United States for Israel. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

Day 2 - Tuesday, October 19: Arrive in Tel Aviv

After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we'll be welcomed by our Franciscan spiritual director who will accompany us throughout our pilgrimage and make the Scripture come alive as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Drive to our hotel located on the shores of the Mediterranean in Tel Aviv. (D)



Day 3 - Wednesday, October 20: Tel Aviv / Tiberias

This morning we will depart Tel Aviv and drive north along the Mediterranean coast to Mount Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, where we will visit Muhraqa which is the site of the sacrifice of Elijah. Next, proceed to Mt. Tabor to visit the traditional site of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Then continue to our hotel located in Tiberias, our home for the next three nights. (B/D)



Day 4 - Thursday, October 21: Tiberias

This morning we will drive to Nazareth and enjoy a tour of Our Lord's boyhood town, including a visit to the Basilica of the Annunciation and Joseph's Workshop. We will then drive to Cana of Galilee, where Our Lord performed the

first miracle - changing water into wine at the wedding feast. Here, we'll invite couples to renew their wedding vows. We will then return to the Sea of Galilee and enjoy a scenic boat ride on its waters. Next visit Capernaum, home of Our Lord during His ministry, where we will see the Synagogue where He taught. Proceed on to Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes, followed by a visit to the Church of Peter's Primacy where Peter was told: "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep." Return to our hotel for overnight. (B/L/D)



Day 5 - Friday, October 22: Tiberias

Drive up to the Mt. of the Beatitudes for Mass at the site of the Sermon on the Mount, where Our Lord preached to the people. Next, a drive to the north will bring us to Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus declares to Peter that "You are Peter and on this Rock..." In the afternoon, we will visit Bethsaida, the hometown of Peter, Andrew, and Phillip. A visit to the site of the Miracle of the Swine at Kursi rounds out the afternoon. Return to our hotel. (B/D)

Day 6 - Saturday, October 23: Tiberias / Jerusalem

Following breakfast depart Tiberias and drive to Burqin, the site of the healing of the ten lepers. Then proceed to Dothan to see the well into which Joseph's brothers placed him until later selling him to some passing Ishmaelites traders who took him to Egypt. Next, visit the site of Sebastia, the ancient capital of Israel and where King Ahab and Queen Jezebel had their palace. Then on to Nablus to drink from Jacob's Well, the place where Jesus encountered the Samaritan Woman. Continue on to Jerusalem, our home for the next five nights. (B/L/D)

Day 7 - Sunday, October 24: Jerusalem

This morning we'll drive to Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist, to see the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous "Magnificat." We'll also visit the Franciscan Church of St. John the Baptist, the

birthplace of John the Baptist. Then view from the outside the Temple Area of the Old City featuring the Dome of the Rock and el-Aqsa Mosque and visit the Wailing Wall which is the holiest shrine in the world for Jews. Continue on to Mt. Zion to visit the Upper Room which was the location of the Last Supper, Dormition Abbey where Mary “fell into eternal sleep” and St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times before the rooster crowed. (B/D)



Day 8 - Monday, October 25: Jerusalem

After breakfast this morning we will drive to the top of the Mount of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught the Lord’s prayer to His disciples and the Chapel of Ascension. Then walk along the “Palm Sunday Road” to Dominus Flevit where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit and celebrate Mass at the Church of All Nations which commemorates Jesus’ Agony in the Garden. In the afternoon drive to Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western world from where we’ll have an excellent view of the Mount of Temptation and the sycamore tree that recalls the story of Zacchaeus, the tax collector. Then proceed to the Baptismal Site on the River Jordan where we will have an opportunity to renew our baptismal vows. Continue on to the Dead Sea for a swim in its salty, mineral-laden waters. We will then proceed to Bethany to visit the site of Mary, Martha and Lazarus, and the Tomb of Lazarus before returning to our hotel. This evening a special farewell Middle Eastern dinner will be arranged with wine and soft drinks in our honor. (B/L/D)

Day 9 - Tuesday, October 26: Jerusalem

After breakfast this morning we will drive to Bethlehem to visit the Nativity Church which was built above the traditional Grotto of Jesus’ birth, the Manger, the Grotto of St. Jerome, the Church of St. Catherine and the Shepherds’ Fields. This afternoon enter the Old City through St. Stephen’s Gate. Visit the Church of St. Anne, the Pool of Bethesda, the Chapel of Flagellation and the

Arch of the “Ecce Homo.” Follow the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross) to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to visit Golgotha and the Tomb of Our Risen Savior. (B/L/D)



Day 10 - Wednesday, October 27: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv / USA

Today our Holy Land pilgrimage comes to an end. Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv early in the morning to catch our return flight home.

PILGRIMAGE COST

\$3,750.00

per person/double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$725.00.

This price includes:

- ✠ Roundtrip airfare from New York JFK
- ✠ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✠ Accommodation in 4 star hotels for 8 nights
- ✠ All hotel taxes
- ✠ Meals as per itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- ✠ Land transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- ✠ All transfers and baggage handling at hotels
- ✠ Comprehensive sightseeing with all entrance fees
- ✠ Daily Mass

Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.

For those who prefer to arrange their own flights the Land-Only cost is \$2,741.00 per person.

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