



FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

May 25-June 3, 2023

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Day 1 - Thursday, May 25: Depart USA

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart on our flight to Tel Aviv. Meals and refreshments will be served on board.

Day 2 - Friday, May 26: Arrive Tel Aviv / Bethlehem

After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met by our local guide who will accompany us throughout our pilgrimage and make the scripture come alive as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Drive to Bethlehem and check in at our hotel. (D)



Day 3 - Saturday, May 27: Bethlehem

This morning we will visit Bethlehem where we will celebrate Mass at the Nativity Church which was built by Emperor Constantine in the 4th century above the traditional Grotto of Jesus' birth. Also, we will tour the Manger, the Grotto of St. Jerome, the Church of St. Catherine, the Milk Grotto, and the Shepherd's Fields. This afternoon we will proceed to Ein Karem to see the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous "Magnificat" and the Church of St. John the Baptist where St. John the Baptist was born. Overnight in Bethlehem. (B/D)



Day 4 - Sunday, May 28: Bethlehem / Jerusalem

This morning we will view the Temple Area of the Old City of Jerusalem featuring the Dome of the Rock, Al Aqsa Mosque, and the Wailing Wall. Drive to Mt. Zion to visit

the Upper Room where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper, Dormition Abbey where Mary fell into eternal sleep, and St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times. This afternoon we will have an opportunity to take a dip in the salty, mineral-laden waters of the Dead Sea before returning and checking in at our hotel in Jerusalem, our home for the next two nights. (B/D)



Day 5 - Monday, May 29: Jerusalem

This morning we will drive to the top of the Mt. 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 where Jesus ascended into Heaven 40 days after his resurrection. Then walk along the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations for Mass on the Rock of Agony. This afternoon, enter the Old City of Jerusalem through St. Stephen's Gate. Visit the Church of St. Anne where the Blessed Virgin Mary was born, the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed the paralytic man, the Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos, and Arch of the "Ecce Homo". Then follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher to visit Golgotha and the Tomb of the Risen Savior. On your last night in Jerusalem, enjoy delicious Middle Eastern food, great wine and wonderful company at your evening farewell dinner. (B/D)

Day 6 - Tuesday, May 30: Jerusalem / Tiberias

Following breakfast depart Jerusalem for Tiberias. Proceed to Bethany to visit the site of the home of Mary, Martha & Lazarus, and the Tomb of Lazarus. Near to Jericho is the Jordan River, which we will visit to recall Our Lord's Baptism by St. John and to renew our Baptismal Promises. From here we drive through the Judean Wilderness to Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western world. From the top of the ancient "tel", we'll have an excellent view of Elisha's Fountain, the

Qarantal, and the Mount of Temptation. Travel through the Jordan Valley to Tiberias for check-in at our hotel, our home for the next three nights. (B/D)



Day 7 - Wednesday, May 31: Tiberias

This morning we will enjoy a scenic boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, home of Our Lord during his ministry. After visiting the synagogue where He taught, proceed to Tabgha, the site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, and to the nearby Church of the Primacy of Peter. Then drive up to the Mt. of the Beatitudes for Mass at the site of the Sermon on the Mount. This afternoon, ascending the Golan Heights we'll stop at the Banias Spring that rises from under a cave and is one of the sources of the Jordan River. It was here near Banias at ancient Caesarea Philippi where Peter made his confession of faith in Jesus. We end our day with a visit to the Magdala Center to view the ruins of a first-century synagogue. (B/L/D)



Day 8 - Thursday, June 1: Tiberias

Following breakfast, we will 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 proceed to Our Lord's boyhood town, Nazareth. Here we will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation, visit Joseph's Workshop. Then take an excursion to the

summit of Mt. Tabor to see the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus. (B/D)

Day 9 - Friday, June 2: Tiberias / Tel Aviv

This morning we will depart Tiberias and drive to the sparkling port city of Haifa where we will ascend Mount Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, for Mass at Stella Maris. Then continue along the Mediterranean coast to Jaffa to visit the Church of St. Peter. After this check into our hotel in Tel Aviv for overnight. (B/D)



Day 10 - Saturday, June 3: Arrive USA

Transfer to Tel Aviv Airport for our return flight home.

P I L G R I M A G E C O S T

\$3,535.00

per person/double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$780.00.

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 \$2,468.00 per person.

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