



FRANCISCAN MONASTERY  
*of the* HOLY LAND IN AMERICA



# FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

October 15-24, 2026

GEORGE'S  
INTERNATIONAL TOURS

## **Day 1 - Thursday, Oct. 15: Depart USA**

Depart from the United States on our overnight flight to Tel Aviv.

## **Day 2 - Friday, Oct. 16: Arrive Tel Aviv / Jerusalem**

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv we will be met at the airport and transfer by motorcoach to our hotel in Jerusalem where we will check-in and have dinner together. (D)



## **Day 3 - Saturday, Oct. 17: Jerusalem**

Traveling a short distance south of Jerusalem, we arrive in Bethlehem. We begin our visit in the countryside at Shepherds' Field to remember the angels' glad tidings to the shepherds. Within the town of Bethlehem, we go to venerate the Holy Grotto of the Nativity, as well as the Manger and the Grotto of St. Jerome. We also will visit the Franciscan Church of St. Catherine, scene of Bethlehem's Christmas Midnight Mass. This afternoon we travel to Ein Kerem to visit the Church of St. John the Baptist, the birthplace of the Precursor of the Lord, and the Visitation Church, where we recall Mary's prayer of praise: the Magnificat. (B/L/D)



## **Day 4 - Sunday, Oct. 18: Jerusalem**

This morning we will drive to the summit of the Mt. of Olives to visit the Chapel of the Ascension and the Church

of Pater Noster. Walking the Palm Sunday Road, we will next visit the Chapel of Dominus Flevit. There, too, we have a wonderful panoramic view of the city of Jerusalem. We continue down the road to the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Basilica of the Agony. Nearby is the Grotto of the Betrayal and the Tomb of Mary, the place of her Assumption into heaven. This afternoon, we enter the Old City of Jerusalem at St. Stephen's Gate where our first stop is at the Church of St. Anne and the Pools of Bethesda. Next, we make the Way of the Cross, carrying a wooden cross along the streets and among the markets and shops as Jesus did on His journey to Calvary following the Via Dolorosa. We enter the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and within the church we visit Golgotha and complete our devotions at the Sacred Tomb of Jesus. (B/D)



## **Day 5 - Monday, Oct. 19: Jerusalem**

We drive along the walls of the Old City to Mt. Zion. Next, we visit the nearby traditional site of the Upper Room, remembering the Last Supper, a post-Resurrection appearance and Pentecost. Nearby we see Dormition Abbey Church that honors Mary's "falling asleep." This afternoon we make our way to Bethany for a visit to the Church of St. Lazarus and the Tomb of Lazarus. Then we drive to the Dead Sea for an opportunity to float on the rich mineral waters. Near Jericho we go to the bank of the Jordan River to recall Our Lord's Baptism by St. John, and to renew our Baptismal Promises. In Jericho we'll visit the sycamore tree recalling Jesus' encounter with Zachaeus. We will also view the Mt. Of Temptation. This evening, a special dinner with wine will be hosted in our honor. (B/L/D)

## **Day 6 - Tuesday, Oct. 20: Jerusalem / Tiberias**

This morning we leave Jerusalem and make our way to Mt. Tabor the site of the Transfiguration where Jesus took Peter, James and John and was gloriously

transfigured in their sight. After lunch we'll visit Nazareth to see the Basilica of the Annunciation and St. Joseph's Workshop. Then it's on to Cana the site of Jesus' first miracle. Here couples will have the opportunity to renew their wedding vows. Then we drive to Tiberias our home for the next three nights. (B/L/D)



**Day 7 - Wednesday, Oct. 21: Tiberias**

This morning, we drive to the Mt. of Beatitudes which overlooks the Sea of Galilee. In this scenic setting Jesus preached his Sermon on the Mount. Down along the lake shore we are at a site called Tabgha (Seven Springs), where our first stop is at the site of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes. We go on to Capernaum, known as the Second City of Jesus, where we will tour the ruins of the 4<sup>th</sup> century synagogue (John: 6). In this city Our Lord called a number of the Apostles, he delivered his Bread of Life Discourse, and he cured many people of their afflictions. The afternoon is concluded at the shore of the Sea of Galilee, where we embark on a boat ride, remembering the Scripture passages of Jesus and his apostles on this lake. (B/L/D)



**Day 8 - Thursday, Oct. 22: Tiberias**

After a visit to the Primacy of Peter we will drive north to visit Caesarea Philippi the place where Jesus said to Peter "You are Peter and on this rock, I will build my church." After lunch on the Golan Heights will return to the Sea of Galilee and visit two Gospel sites on its shore. On the

northern shore is Bethsaida, the place where Jesus cured a blind man. Nearby is a site called Kursi which is the site of the Miracle of the Swine. (B/D)

**Day 9 - Friday, Oct. 23: Tiberias / Tel Aviv**

This morning we will drive to the Mediterranean coast. Before reaching the coast, we will stop at the site of Elijah's Sacrifice on Mt. Carmel. If time permits, we'll visit the Church of St. Peter in Jaffa, the place where Peter had a vision of a canvas being lowered from the sky. Our pilgrimage comes to an end as we make our way to our hotel in Tel Aviv for an overnight stay. (B/D)

**Day 10 - Saturday, Oct. 24: Tel Aviv / USA**

Drive to Ben Gurion Airport to catch our early morning return flight home.

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

\$4,620.00

per person/double occupancy

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For single occupancy please add \$1,050.00.

**This price includes:**

- ✘ Roundtrip airfare from New York JFK
- ✘ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✘ 8 nights accommodation in 4 star hotels
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- ✘ Meals as per itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- ✘ Land transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- ✘ 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.*

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