

Day 9 -

Old City of Jerusalem and "Via Crucis"

As **Jerusalem** is our destiny, today you will **enter the Old City** and follow the Stations of the Cross the **Via Dolorosa**, from Pilate's fortress and **Flagellation Chapel** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, site of **Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ**. Same day you make **The Way Of The Cross** we will visit and pray at the pool of **Bethesda** where Jesus Christ healed a man who was crippled for 38 years. **The Church of St Anne** one of the rare churches that was spared from destruction of Moslems was built over the house of **Joachim and Anne**. In the afternoon group will leave for visit to **Israel Museum** with the model of Jerusalem from the time of Jesus. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 10 -

Jerusalem Old City

This morning, we will visit the **Holocaust Museum** in the morning and then on to Mount Zion **Church of Dormition**, where Mary fell into Eternal sleep, and the **Room of the Last Supper**. Then, we will go to the **Temple Mount** area with the **Cardo Maximus** (the street from Roman times) and then end at the **Western Wall of Solomon's Temple**, with the **Al Aqsa Mosque** and the **Dome of the Rock** mosque above it. Tonight is the final and farewell dinner at the hotel in Jerusalem.



Day 11 -

Jerusalem - DEPARTURE

Today free time after late check out, as our flight is late in the evening, transfer to Tel Aviv airport will be around 5:30 - 6:00 pm. Chance to do **last minute shopping**, make some visits on your own before we meet at the hotel for **transfer to Tel Aviv airport** for flight back home to the US, arrival following morning.

RATES - based on min 20 pilgrims in the group:

- Per person in twin or double room \$.00
 - Single room supplement \$.00
 - Land only price \$ 1790.00
- (for pilgrims with their own flight arrangements)

INCLUSIVE:

- 9 nights in first class, 4* hotels Intercontinental Bethlehem, Jericho ...
- Full buffet breakfast and dinner daily
- All entrance fees
- Lunch, St. Peter's fish Sea of Galilee
- Transportation by deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Full sightseeing with professional Catholic guide,
- Porterage in/out hotel of one piece of luggage
- Tour Escort from Blue Heart Travel
- Tips for hotel staff, porters
- Daily holy mass arrangements

NOT INCLUDED:

- Tips for guide and driver to Holy land – 10 USD per day
- Personal items and beverages
- Travel insurance - **strongly recommended**

PAYMENT/DEPOSIT:

- **FIRST DEPOSIT - \$ 500.00 upon sign up no later than ...**
- **SECOND & FINAL PAYMENT - \$.00 no later than ...**

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- Penalty of \$300.00 for cancellations after ...
- Penalty of \$1000.00 + airline ticket after ...



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Day 1 -

Departure from your airport

Departure will be from your airport. Meals served on board of the plane.

Day 2 -

Arrival to Israel, Tel Aviv – Jerusalem/Bethlehem

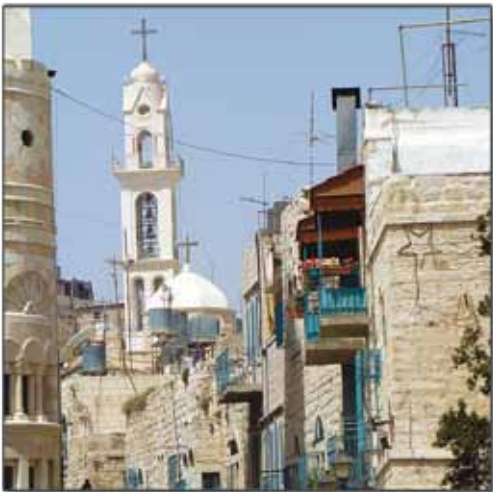
Upon arrival to Israel, groups will meet with their guide, board the bus and head to hotel, breakfast and rest. Today in the afternoon group will celebrate opening Holy mass in Ein Karem; you will visit the **Church of Visitation** the site of the Blessed Virgin Mary's visit with her cousin Elizabeth. This is the place where Our Lady said Her "Magnificat". Visit here will also include the **birthplace of St. John the Baptist**. Late in the afternoon group will check in to hotel, rest before dinner and overnight.

– First day program in the Holy land depends on the time of arrival, flight schedule, and will be adjusted accordingly, if not possible upon arrival first day visits will be moved for day or two later.

Day 3 -

Bethlehem

In the morning after breakfast we drive to **Bethlehem** (house of bread in Hebrew). First is the visit to the Shepherd's Field where Angels appeared to the shepherds (Luke 2), to announce the Birth of Jesus. Later to visit the church of Nativity built over the tomb of **St. Jerome**, In the Grotto under the central altar we will walk by the **Holy Manger**, and the **Silver Star** with the Latin inscription "**Hic de Maria Virgine Jesus Christus Natus est**". Holy mass and time for your own prayers before you return to hotel for dinner and overnight. Afternoon is free to enjoy beautiful view on **Mt. Herodian** and **Judean Hills** from the town of Bethlehem.



Day 4 -

Bethlehem – Nazareth – Cana

In the morning after breakfast you will leave for Nazareth, here upon arrival group will celebrate **Holy mass and visit Nazareth**, the boyhood home of Jesus and the place where He spent the first 30 years of His life. We will pray in the churches of St. Joseph and the Annunciation where the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that She would be the Mother of God. A walk through old Nazareth brings us to see the Well where Mary went for water, visit Orthodox church there. After lunch break tour will **continue to Cana** the site of Jesus' first miracle. In this little town we will have the **Renewal of the Marriage Vows** and blessing of families. Check in to hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 -

Nazareth – River Jordan – Capernaum – Tabgha

This morning pilgrimage In the Footsteps of Jesus continues with visit to **river Jordan**, same river Jesus was baptized in by St. John. Here you will have chance to renew your baptismal vows. Next on your route is **visit to Capernaum**, where Jesus lived; new church built at the site of the Home of St. Peter, ruins of the synagogue where Jesus preached, one that had being built in the time of Jesus. Through story of our guide we will get to know more of the Life of Jesus in Capernaum. Same day you will enjoy a **boat ride on the Sea of Galilee** before going to **Tabgha**, the site of the **Multiplification of the loaves and fishes** and the church of **St. Peter's Primacy**. Today's pilgrimage is over and we return to our hotel.

Day 6 -

Mt. of Beatitudes – Dan & Caesarea Philippi

This morning you will drive to **Mt. Of Beatitudes** where the Lord Jesus preached Sermon on the Mountain celebrate the mass here and continue to Upper Galilee and **Caesarea Philippi (Banias)** to the Dan city laying at the southern base of Mount Hermon and was the northernmost point of the ancient Israelite kingdom: "from Dan to Beersheba" (2 Samuel 3:10). Dan was a Phoenician city, originally named Leshem (Joshua 19:47) or Laish (Judges 18:7), which was conquered by Dan's tribe when it migrated northward. **Caesarea Philippi** is also the **site of Peter's Confession**. "Who do they say I Am"... Mathew 16:13, 16... and "You are Peter..." Mathew 16: 18, 19. Located on the southern slopes of Mount Hermon near the ancient city of Dan, this city is found at the northern extremity of Palestine. It lies in the Wadi Banias, a beautiful area near the Jordan River. Return to hotel, rest before dinner and overnight.

Day 7 -

Mt. Tabor – Jericho

This morning to beat the afternoon crowd we will drive to Mt Tabor. We will take a short taxi drive up to the mountain to visit the **Church of Transfiguration** and celebrate holy mass here. After visit we will head south through the Jordan Valley to Jericho, the oldest known continuously inhabited city in the world. After a stop to tell the story of Zacchaeus and renew ourselves "The Parable of Good Samaritan" we will have stop for lunch. Later you will drive through Judean Desert, passing by the Mt of Temptation. Same late morning continue to **Qumran**, the place where **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found, more than 900 pieces in 30 caves. Stop for "Dead sea" experience float on the surface of the Dead Sea. Day ends in Jericho for dinner and overnight.



Day 8 -

Jericho – Jerusalem – Mount of Olives

Arriving to Jerusalem we will head to Mt. of Olives to visit the Ascension chapel – we believe that it was here Jesus ascended to heaven 40 day after the Resurrection. Next on the schedule is the **Pater Noster** – site of where Jesus taught his disciples the Our Father – "Pater Noster". Enjoy the view of the Holy City from atop the **Mount of Olives**. We then walk down the Palm Sunday Road, the road Jesus followed on His way to Jerusalem. We stop at the chapel of **Dominus Flevit** where our Lord wept and shed a tear for the city of Jerusalem (Luke 19: 37- 42). We than proceed to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and pray at the church of **All Nations (Church of Gethsemane)**, where Jesus prayed: "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me, nevertheless, not my will but your will be done". At the end of the day you will visit the **church of St. Peter Gallicantu**, the church built on the site of the house of high priest Caiaphas. This is where Jesus spent night in the dungeon after his arrest. On this site **Peter denied Jesus three times** and the cock crowed (Gallicantu).