

January 3-12, 2011 Ten-Day Pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND

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• Day 1 - DEPART NEW YORK

The group will assemble at Kennedy Airport in New York and board our flight. Complimentary meals will be served aloft.

• Day 2 - ARRIVE TEL AVIV/DRIVE TO JERUSALEM

Upon arrival at the Tel Aviv Airport we are met by our representative and transferred to Notre Dame Hotel. Later we will attend Holy Mass at the Rock of Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Church of All Nations). Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

• Day 3 - MOUNT OF OLIVES/EIN KAREM/BETHLEHEM

This morning, after breakfast, we drive to the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem. We visit the place of Ascension (Acts 1:4-8), the Pater Noster Church, pray the Our Father (Luke 11:1-4), and Dominus Fleuit Church (Luke 19:1-44). On the way to Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), we drive to the village of Ein Karen just outside of Jerusalem for a visit to the Church of the Visitation (Luke 1:39-56), pray and sing the Magnificat with Mary, then continue to Bethlehem. After celebrating Holy Mass at the Grotto of the Nativity, we visit the Church of The Nativity, the cave where the Saviour was born, and the Holy Manger, where the Virgin Mary placed her newborn Child (Luke 2:1-6). Prayers for expectant mothers, Pro-life intentions will be offered here. We then visit the Grotto of St. Jerome, the Church of St. Catherine, and the Crusader's Cloister, the Shepherd's field, cave and church. Pray here, at the Shepherd's field, in thanksgiving for our Holy Guardian Angels (Luke 2:8-20). Lunch at St. George Restaurant. Later this evening we shall have audience with the Franciscan Custos of the Holy Land.

• Day 4 - Solemnity - EMMAS/BETHANY/JERICO/QUMRAN/DEAD SEA

After breakfast, we leave for Emmaus where we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist (Luke 24:13-25). In Bethany, we visit the Church built over the site of the house of Mary and Martha and pray for the gift of contemplative prayer (Luke 10:38-42), see Lazarus' Tomb and pray in thanksgiving for life and eternal life for departed friends and family (John 11:1-44). Then, continue to the Qumran Caves, site of an Essene settlement from the 8th Century B.C. The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered there in 1947. Continue to the Dead Sea (lowest spot on Earth). Take time to wade in its water. We proceed to Jericho for lunch. After lunch, we proceed to visit the excavations of the old city of Jericho. Elisha's Spring (blessing of Holy Water here [Kings 2:1-25]), view the Mount of Temptation (Matthew 4:1-11), and then drive up through the wilderness to Judea, via the Good Samaritan Inn. Pray for the gift of loving compassionate service (Luke 10:25-37). Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

• Day 5 - GETHSEMANE/KIDRON VALLEY/MOUNT ZION

Later Holy Mass will be celebrated at the Cenacle Eucharist Chapel on Mount Zion. In Gethsemane, we visit the Church of All Nations, the Garden and Grotto of Gethsemane, the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, the Tomb of the Virgin Mary. We then drive through the Kidron Valley, passing the tombs of Absalom, Josaphat, Zacharia and James to visit Hezekiah's Tunnel and the Pool of Siloam. We visit St. Peter's in Gallicantu, then proceed to visit the House of Calaphas (Matthew 26:57), where St. Peter denied the Lord three times (Matthew 26:69-75). Afterwards, we proceed to Mount Zion and visit the Church of the Dormition of Mary. We return for lunch at Notre Dame. After lunch, we walk through the walled city of Jerusalem to visit the

Western Wall or Wailing Wall (the Holiest Jewish site in the world), then continue to the Citadel and David's Tower before we return to our hotel for dinner.

• Day 6 - JERUSALEM/CHRISTIAN SHRINES

Early, Holy Mass will be celebrated at Calvary, Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We walk again this morning through the Old City of Jerusalem to visit the miraculous Pool of Bethesda, the Crusader's Church of St. Anne, Pontius Pilate Judgement Hall, the Chapel of the Scriptural Gabbatha, then walk along the Stations of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the holiest place of Christendom, built over Calvary and the Holy Tomb.

• Day 7 - JESUS' MINISTRY IN GALILEE

After breakfast, we leave Jerusalem for Tiberias. We cross the plains of Jezreel to Mount Tabor in the Basilica of the Transfiguration (Luke 9:26-36). Ask for the gift of deeper prayer of the heart to see and hear only Jesus. Then lunch at Mt. Tabor.

We then proceed to visit Nazareth, the town of Jesus' childhood and the Basilica of the Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38) to pray the first Joyful Mystery in thanksgiving for Mary's yes and blessings on our families. Then visit the House of the Holy Family, St. Joseph's workshop, St. Joseph's Church and the Virgin Mary's Well (Luke 2:41-52, Matthew 2:19-23). We continue to Cana of Galilee (John 2) where our Lord performed His first Miracle. Couples renew wedding vows. Drive to Tiberias for dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

• Day 8 - TIBERIAS/CAPERNAUM/MT. OF BEATITUDES

This morning, after breakfast, we enjoy a 50 minute boat ride along the North shores of the Sea of Galilee (Mark 6:45-52), from Tiberias to Capernaum, where we come to visit the old ruins of the second century synagogue, the new church built over the house of St. Peter (Luke 4:31-39), where Our Lord abode (after he was rejected in His hometown, Nazareth), and recall all the Biblical events and miracles that Christ performed. (Luke 4:40-44). We then proceed to Tabgha, where He made the miracle of the five barley loaves and the two fishes (John 6:1-69), then continue to St. Peter's Primacy Church, (John 21:1-19), for Holy Mass, continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, where Our Lord gave the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-16), and taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5-15). Continue to the home of St. Mary Magdalene, the Apostle of the Resurrection of Magdala (John 20:11-18). After St. Peter's Fish lunch (Matthew 17:1-18) visit the Jordan River and wade in its water as it flows out of the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea. Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

• Day 9 - MT. CARMEL/HAIFA/CAESAREA/JERUSALEM

We depart for Mount Carmel for Holy Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady, then to where Elijah confronted the Prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:16-46). We continue to drive along the coastal road of the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea Maritime, the seat of the Roman procurators of Judea. Here was the home of the Roman Centurion, Cornelius, the first converted Gentile (Acts 10:1-48). Also, Paul was imprisoned here for two years and from here he sailed to Rome (Acts 23:26). We visit the Roman Theater and Aqueduct and the Crusader's fortress of Caesarea. We continue to Notre Dame Hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. We go to Joppa to the church of St. Peter to pray for the gift of holy discernment. (Acts 10)

• Day 10 - JERUSALEM/TEL AVIV/HOME

After breakfast, depart from Jerusalem/Tel Aviv to JFK and connect to our flights home.