

11 Days Holy Land Itinerary

Day 1: DEPART US AIRPORT

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our overnight flight to Israel. Meals and drinks served aloft.

Day 2: ARRIVE TEL AVIV/ TRANSFER TO HOTEL



After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met by our guide who will arrange the schedule of our visits and make the scripture come alive as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus and the Prophets. Dinner is at our hotel this evening on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea near Caesarea.

Day 3: CAESAREA/ MUHRAQA/ CARMEL/ TIBERIAS

This morning, we leave Netanya for Tiberias. We'll drive along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, the capital of the ancient Roman Procurators of Judea. Here, St. Peter preached and St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. We'll visit the Roman Theater, the Crusader's Moat, and the Byzantine Churches. We'll continue to the sparkling port city of Haifa and ascend Mt. Carmel, where we'll visit Muhraqa, the Carmelite Monastery that marks the place where the prophet Elijah set up his altar and triumphed over the false Prophets of Ba'al. Here we celebrate Mass. Then we'll continue on to Tiberias for dinner and where we'll stay for the next three nights.



Day 4: TIBERIAS/ SEA OF GALILEE/ CAPERNAUM & BEATITUDE



This morning, we will enjoy a scenic boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and proceed to the Heptagagon (the church of Peter's Primacy; cf. John 21:16). Here on the shore of Galilee, Jesus appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection and confirmed Peter in the role as Vicar of Christ with the words, "Feed My sheep." The rock emerging from the center of the church is the actual table at which they ate breakfast. We will drive to Tabgha - the site where Jesus multiplied the Loaves and Fishes and fed over 5000 people (cf. Luke 9:13). Next,

we will drive to the Mount of Beatitudes the site of the Sermon on the Mount. We will proceed to Capernaum which for three years was the center of Jesus' public ministry. Here our Lord met his first disciples - Peter, Andrew, James, John and Matthew - and worked many miracles. He healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever, brought a child back to life, cured a leper, healed the centurion's servant, cast out a demon from a young boy and healed all that were sick (Matt 8:16). Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

Day 5: TIBERIAS/ MT. TABOR/ NAZARETH/ TIBERIAS

Following breakfast, we will drive to Cana of Galilee where Jesus, at the request of Mary, performed His first miracle...changing water into wine. It was here also that He blessed marriage and raised it to the dignity of a sacrament. If you wish, you may renew your wedding vows as a lasting remembrance of this holy site. (cf. John 2: 1-11.) From there, we go a short distance to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. In the Basilica of the Annunciation we will celebrate Mass. Just behind the altar, at the Cave of the Annunciation, we will see the actual room in which Mary said "yes" to the angel Gabriel. From there we will visit St. Joseph's Carpentry Shop and Mary's well. In the afternoon, we will take an excursion to the summit of Mt. Tabor where Jesus transfigured himself and revealed his Divine Glory to the apostles (Matt 17:2). Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.



Day 6: TIBERIAS/ JERICHO/ MT. OF TEMPTATION/ JERUSALEM



Today we will leave Tiberias on our way to Jerusalem. From Tiberias we will drive past Bethshean and then south through the Jordan Valley to Ancient Jericho where the walls came tumbling down. We will then continue on to the Mount of Temptation, now a Greek Orthodox Monastery. Then we will continue to Jerusalem through the Judean Wilderness and arrive at our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

Day 7: JERUSALEM/ MT. SCOPUS/ MT. OF OLIVES

We begin this morning with Mass at the church of the Holy Sepulcher, followed by a ride to Mount Scopus and to the Mount of Olives, where we gain a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem. We will visit the Ascension Mosque, the churches of Pater Noster (commemorating the Our Father), Dominus Fleuit (where Jesus wept over Jerusalem), and All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. After lunch on our own, we will continue to the churches of St. Peter in Gallicantu (where Peter denied Christ), the House of Caiphas, the church of the Dormition of Our Lady, and the Upper Room, commemorating the Last Supper. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.



Day 8: JERUSALEM/ BETHLEHEM/ EIN KAREM/ CHURCH OF VISITATION



in Jerusalem.

Today we will depart Jerusalem for Bethlehem and celebrate Mass at the Shepherd's Field. We will visit the church of the Nativity, St. Jerome's Chapel, and St. Catherine's church. Upon returning, we will stop in Ein Karem where we visit the church of St. John the Baptist, and the church of the Visitation. The balance of the day is at leisure to browse in the local markets. This evening we will request a meeting with the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight

Day 9: JERUSALEM/ THE OLD CITY

We will begin today entering through Stephen's Gate, with a visit to the church of St. Anne, marking the place of birth of the Blessed Mother. We will visit the nearby Pools of Bethesda. We will then proceed to the chapel of the Flagellation (where our Lord was scourged) then carry the cross as we follow the Via Dolorosa (Stations of the Cross). After the stations, we return to the Arch of Ecce Homo and Lothostrotos, where we will celebrate Mass. The balance of the day in the Old City, where we will have time to visit the Dome of the Rock & Temple Mount. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.



Day 10: JERUSALEM



Today is a free day at your leisure in Jerusalem. Dinner And overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 11: AIRPORT / DEPARTURE

Transfer to Tel Aviv Airport for our return flight.