



Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

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GEORGE'S
INTERNATIONAL TOURS

Day 1: Depart USA

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

Day 2: Arrive Tel Aviv / Netanya

After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met at the airport and then transfer to our hotel located on the shores of the Mediterranean in Netanya.



Day 3: Netanya / Galilee

This morning, leave Netanya and drive north along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, capital of the ancient Roman Procurators of Judea. Here, St. Peter preached and St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. Visit the Roman Theater, Crusader's Moat, and the Byzantine Churches. Continue to the sparkling port city of Haifa. Ascend Mt. Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, to visit Stella Maris. Continue to our hotel located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee for check-in.



Day 4: Galilee

Following breakfast, 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 marriage vows. Proceed to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation. In the afternoon take an excursion to the summit of Mt. Tabor to visit the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus.



Day 5: Galilee

This morning, enjoy a scenic boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, home of Jesus during His ministry. After visiting the synagogue where He taught, drive to Tabgha - site of the multiplication of loaves and fishes. Next, drive to the Mount of Beatitudes to visit the site of the Sermon on the Mount. The remainder of the day is free.

Day 6: Galilee / Jerusalem

We will depart Galilee late this morning for Jerusalem. Drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee to the Baptismal Site on the Jordan River where we will renew our baptismal vows. Continue via the Jordan Valley to Bet Shean, where we'll view from our coach an ancient Roman amphitheater. From here, drive through the Judean wilderness to Jerusalem.



Day 7: Jerusalem

This morning, drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of Pater Noster, Ascension, and then walk the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit, where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. Proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Church of All Nations. In the afternoon, drive through the New City of Jerusalem to Ein Karem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist, to see the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous "Magnificat".

Day 8: Jerusalem

Drive to visit the Shepherd's Fields and then proceed to Bethlehem to visit the Nativity Church, built by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century over the traditional grotto of Jesus' birth. Tour the Manger, the Grotto of St. Jerome, the Church of St. Catherine, and the Milk Grotto. Then visit the Franciscan Family Center followed by some free time for shopping before returning to Jerusalem.



Day 9: Jerusalem

This morning, enter the Old City of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of St. Anne, the Pool of Bethesda and the Chapel of Flagellation. We will then walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to visit Golgotha and the Tomb of Our Lord. In the afternoon proceed to Mt. Zion to visit the Upper Room, Dormition Abbey and St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times.



Day 10: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv

Proceed to Bethany to visit the site of the House of Mary, Martha & Lazarus and the Tomb of Lazarus. Continue through the Judean Wilderness and along the Dead Sea to Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We will continue on to visit 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. Return to Jerusalem and enjoy a farewell dinner this evening. After dinner transfer to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv to catch your late evening return flight home.



Day 11: Tel Aviv / USA

This morning we arrive back in the United States following our overnight flight from Tel Aviv.

PILGRIMAGE COST

\$TBD

per person/double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$TBD.

This price includes:

- ✕ Roundtrip airfare from Newark
- ✕ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✕ Accommodation for 9 nights
- ✕ All hotel taxes
- ✕ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ✕ Land transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- ✕ Baggage handling at hotels
- ✕ Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary including all entrance fees
- ✕ Daily Mass
- ✕ Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel staff and waiters for included meals

For those who prefer to arrange their own flights the Land-Only cost is \$TBD per person.

Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.