



Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

GEORGE'S
INTERNATIONAL TOURS

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Day 1 - Depart USA

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart on our overnight flight to Tel Aviv.

Day 2 - Arrive Tel Aviv / Jerusalem Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met and then transfer to our hotel in Jerusalem for check-in. (D)



Day 3 - Jerusalem

Traveling a short distance south of Jerusalem, we arrive in Bethlehem. We begin our visit to 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, the Manger and the Grotto of St. Jerome. We will also visit the Franciscan Church of St. Catherine, the site of Bethlehem's Christmas Midnight Mass. This afternoon, we travel to Ein Karem to visit the Church of St. John the Baptist, the birthplace of the Precursor of the Lord, and the Church of the Visitation, where we recall Mary's prayer of praise, the Magnificat. (B/L/D)



Day 4 - 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/L/D)



Day 5 - 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. In Jericho we'll visit the sycamore tree recalling Jesus' encounter with Zachaeus. We will also view the Mt. Of Temptation. (B/D)

Day 6 - Jerusalem / Petra

Depart Jerusalem and drive to the Allenby Bridge where we cross into Jordan. Our first stop will be the traditional Baptismal Site on the River Jordan where we will renew our Baptismal Promises and view Elijah's Hill, the place from which the great prophet went up into the sky in a fiery chariot. Next stop at Mt. Nebo, the site from which Moses saw the Promised Land and then died. If we have a clear day, we may even capture a glimpse of Jerusalem's skyline. The highlight of our day will be the descent into magnificent Petra, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. (B/D)

Day 7 - Petra / Amman

This morning pass through the "siq" to the ancient city of Petra which was rediscovered in 1912. Sandstone cliffs enclose the valley with shades of red, purple and pale yellow. The Nabatean Arabs founded this "rose-red" city as their capital. We'll be awed as we view the masterpieces of the Treasury

made famous by the movie "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," the Monastery, the Triumphal Arch and the Roman Amphitheatre. Then depart Petra and drive to Amman, the capital of Jordan, which like Rome, sprawls over seven hills and was constructed by the Romans according to a traditional city plan. (B/D)



Day 8 - Amman / Tiberias

This morning we leave Amman and make our way to the Sheikh Hussein Border Crossing. After we cross back into Israel we will visit 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 and the Basilica of the Annunciation. We will also visit 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 two nights. (B/L/D)



Day 9 - 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 next 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. Our tour will show us the ruins of the fourth-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 10 - Tiberias / Tel Aviv Check out from the hotel in Tiberias and drive west 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. Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv. (B/D)

Day 11 - Friday, November 13: Tel Aviv / USA

Our pilgrimage comes to an end as we make our way to Ben Gurion Airport to catch our flight back to the United States. (B)

LAND-ONLY PILGRIMAGE COST

Pricing Will Vary

Pricing Will Be Per Person for a Double-Occupancy Room

A Single-Occupancy Room is an Additional Fee

This price includes:

- ✂ Accommodation in 4 star hotels for 9 nights
- ✂ All hotel taxes
- ✂ Meals as per itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- ✂ Land transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- ✂ Arrival and departure transfers on a group basis
- ✂ Baggage handling at hotels
- ✂ Comprehensive sightseeing with all entrance fees
- ✂ Jordanian entry visa and border-crossing taxes
- ✂ Daily Mass

Air Transportation

Airfare is not included in the published tour cost. Once we have met the minimum number of required participants a member of our staff will reach out to you to assist you in booking your flights. In the meantime, please refrain from booking flights on your own until we have greater confidence that the tour will materialize.