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The Holy Land & The Vatican, 13 Days, dates to be set, Price pending

13 Days Holy Land and Vatican Tour with English Guide, Buffet Breakfast and Dinner daily, 1 Night Tel Aviv, 2 Nights Tiberias, 5 Nights Jerusalem, 3 Nights Rome, Visits to Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Stella Maris, Nazareth Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Mount Tabor, Jericho, Jordan River, Jerusalem, Model Temple, Ein Karem, Bethlehem, Bethania, Qumran, Dead Sea, Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Mount Zion, Western Wall, Via Dolorosa and Holy Sepulchre, Vatican Museums, Papal Audience and Ancient Rome. Airport transfers, all taxes. Round trip air.



THE TRIP INCLUDES

- Round trip Airfare
- 13 days/11 nights in first class hotels
- 1 Night: Tel Aviv
- 2 Nights: Tiberias
- 5 Nights: Jerusalem
- 3 Nights: Rome
- Buffet breakfast and dinner in Italy
- Free Wi-Fi on the tour bus
- Assistance from a professional and Catholic guide
- Visits and Entrance fees to important places and monuments according to itinerary
- Flight Tel Aviv-Rome
- Entrance fees to The Vatican
- Tickets to the Vatican Museums
- Celebration of Holy Mass when and where desired
- Luggage (1 piece per person)
- Airport transfers and all taxes

Day by Day Itinerary:

DAY 1: USA - ISRAEL

We begin the journey on an overnight flight to Tel Aviv with dinner and drinks on board.

DAY 2: ARRIVAL IN TEL AVIV

Arrival at Tel Aviv airport. Leaving the terminal, we will meet our local guide who will take us to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv.

DAY 3: CAESAREA - STELLA MARIS - NAZARETH - TIBERIAS -CANA

Following the route of the Coast we will arrive at Caesarea, where the Romans took Saint Paul prisoner. We will visit the ruins of the Romans and the Crusades. We will pass through Mount Carmel towards Galilee. In Haifa, we will visit Stella Maris, a Carmelite Monastery in which the image of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is venerated. We will continue to Mukhraka where Elijah confronted the false prophet of Baal and where the Carmelite order was initiated. We will visit Cana of Galilee, a town where Our Lord Jesus Christ performed His first miracle at the request of His Mother,

transforming water into wine, in that place the couples who are present will renew their marriage promises. We will continue through the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth where we will celebrate Holy Mass. Then we will visit the well of Mary and the Church of the angel Gabriel. We will have dinner and spend the night in Tiberias.



Basilic of the Annunciation, Nazareth



Monastery de Stella in Haifa

DAY 4: TIBERIAS - SEA OF GALILEE

The highlights on this day are the boat ride on the Sea of Galilee towards Capernaum where we will see the synagogue and the house of St. Peter. We will go to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Beatitudes and taught the Lord's Prayer. In Tabga we will see the splendid mosaic on the miracle of the loaves and fishes, the Church of the Primacy of St. Peter, where Jesus ordered him to feed his thousand sheep. We will celebrate Holy Mass and it will be unforgettable to do so near the coast of the Sea of Galilee. In the afternoon we will visit Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus said to Peter "You are the stone and, on this rock, I will build my Church" ending with the Supper and stay in Tiberias.



DAY 5: JORDAN RIVER - MOUNT TABOR – JERUSALEM

We begin the day remembering our Baptism being next to the Jordan River, we will continue to Mount Tabor, place of the Transfiguration where we will celebrate Holy Mass and we will leave for Sephora going down the Jordan Valley towards Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 6: JERUSALEM – BETHLEHEM

The first day in Jerusalem we will make a geographical presentation of some strategic points of the area including a panoramic view from the Mount of Olives, showing a city with 4000 years of history. From this point we will appreciate everything that makes Jerusalem a unique city for the three important religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Then we will leave for the village of Ein Karem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist and where the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin St. Elizabeth and proclaimed the Magnificat. In the afternoon we will travel through the shepherds' field where the angels announced the birth of Jesus. From there we will depart for the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem which is located on the site where Jesus was born. We will participate in Holy Mass in Bethlehem or in the Shepherds' Field. After Mass, we return to the hotel for dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.



Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem

DAY 7: BETANY – JERICHO – DEAD SEA

The desert east of Jerusalem is rich in Christian traditions. Not far from the Roman road along which Jesus walked, where the monastery of San Jorge is located. In the town of Jericho that is like an oasis we will visit the excavations of the oldest city in the world in which you can see the Mount of Temptation where Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan. Upon returning we will have time to swim in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea, famous for their healing properties. In the afternoon, we will have time to revisit some of our favorite spots and free time to shop for souvenirs for your loved ones. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.



Monasterio de St. George, Israel



El Mar Muerto, Israel

DAY 8 JERUSALEM – MOUNT OF OLIVES – GETHSEMANE – ROCK OF AGONY

We will begin the day with a visit to Bethany where Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead. From there we will go to the Mount of Olives to follow the route of Palm Sunday to Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept bitterly for Jerusalem. Then we will depart to Gethsemane, to the Rock of Agony where Jesus prayed before his arrest, we will visit the cave of betrayal and the cave of the Assumption of Mary towards heaven. On the Mount of Olives we will visit the place where the Our Father prayed in different languages. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.



Western Wall, Jerusalem, Israel



Pope Francis on the Wall Church of the Transfiguration, Mount Tabor

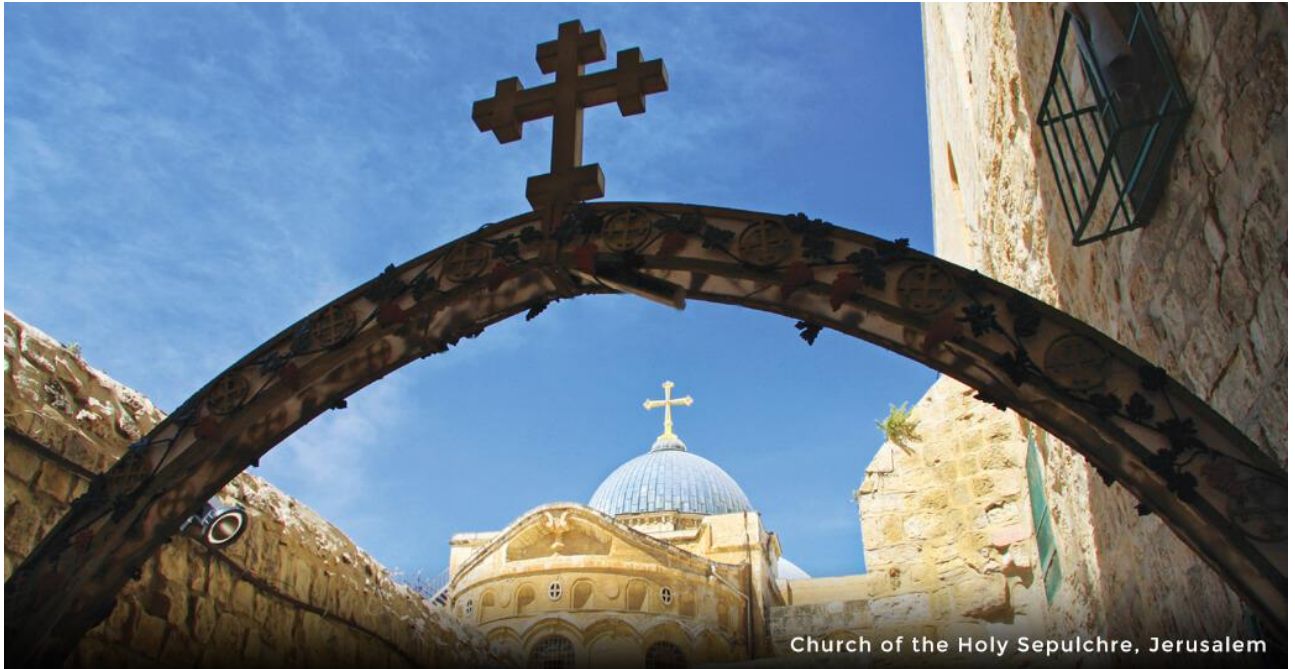
DAY 9 JERUSALEM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS - CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

An Early in the morning we will follow the last steps of Jesus. Walking along the Via Dolorosa and through the market of the ancient city praying the Via Crucis, reflecting

on the greatness of his sacrifice for us. Finally, we will arrive at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher to hear Mass. After breakfast at the hotel, we will return to the ancient city of Jerusalem to visit the Church of St. Anne, the home of the Virgin Mary and her parents St. Joachim and St. Anne. We will pass by the Ecce Homo place where Pilate proclaimed Ecce Homo (Behold the Man), then we will visit the Western Wall, the holiest place for the Jews. We will visit the Superior Room, the place of the Last Supper. Then we will leave for Dormition Abbey, where the Blessed Virgin ascended to heaven. We will end the day at St. Peter's in Gallicantu, where Peter denied Jesus three times. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.



Church of All Nations, Jerusalem, Israel



Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem

DAY 10 TEL AVIV – ROME

after breakfast we drive to Tel Aviv airport for our flight to Rome. Upon arrival in Rome the group will be met and transferred to the hotel. Free time to rest and welcome dinner. Tonight, we will walk to St. Peter's Square.

Overnight in Rome.



The Roman Forum, Rome

DAY 11 ROME: PAPAL AUDIENCE – TREVI FOUNTAIN / PIAZZA NAVONA – ARCHBASILICA OF ST. JOHN LATERAN AND BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR – HOLY STAIRCASE

After breakfast, we will head to St. Peter's Square to attend the Papal audience, led by His Holiness Francis. After the audience we make our way to the Trevi Fountain built in the 15th century to mark the destination of the Aqua Virgo – and the Fountain of the Four Rivers. After free time for lunch, we will visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, Cathedral of the Pope, where the relics of Peter and Paul are still under the high altar. It was here that Francis was formally installed a year ago as bishop of Rome. Next, we cross the street to see the Holy Staircase which is believed to be a staircase of Pilate's palace in Jerusalem, brought to Rome by St. Helena in the fourth century. If time permits, we can climb the steps on our knees in memory of the Passion of Christ. We move on to the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, the most important and oldest church dedicated to Our Lady. St. Mary Major contains a relic from the infant Jesus. Next, we return to the hotel for dinner and overnight in Rome.



DAY 12 ROME: VATICAN MUSEUM - BASILICA OF ST. PAUL OUTSIDE the WALLS – CATACOMBS

After breakfast we will go out to celebrate Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, built on the spot where the saint was martyred. Unsurpassed in beauty, it is a monument to the long history of the Catholic Church where pilgrims come from all over the world. San Pedro is the largest of the churches in the world where we will admire the Marvel Pietà and the amazing bronze canopy by Bernini. We can book Mass if desired and

then visit the Vatican Museums, a group of the most impressive buildings with hundreds of galleries full of artistic treasures. We will see impressive relics and works of art donated over the centuries as tributes of the Faith. We will cover The Tapestry Gallery, Raphael's Rooms, and Michelangelo's masterpiece Sistine Chapel next to the restored Last Judgment mural. The tour ends back to St. Peter's Basilica, where Francis visited St. Peter's tomb on a devotional visit that lasted 45 minutes. He is the first pontiff to visit the necropolis since extensive archaeological excavations were carried out in recent decades. We will also visit the tomb of St. John Paul II located in the Vatican. We will have free time for lunch and then continue our tour through the Appian Way - the oldest road of Roman times - to the famous Domino Quo Vadis Chapel and see the ancient Baths of Caracalla, the Arch of Drusus, the Tomb of Cecilia Metella and the catacombs of St. Callistus where the first Christians hid to escape persecution. We will conclude our day and wonderful stay in Rome with a dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Rome.

DAY 13 ROME – USA

Today after breakfast we say goodbye to Italy on the way to Rome airport. During the journey we will reflect on the memories that will remain in our hearts for a lifetime. Arrival this afternoon.