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The Holy Land - 10 Days. Price on request **Tel Aviv, Tiberias, and Jerusalem**

Escorted Tour of The Holy Land 10 Days/8 Nights including Buffet Breakfast and Dinner with wine daily plus 7 Lunches, centrally located hotels, Professional English-speaking Tour Director, Masses where desired, Extensive Sightseeing, All Taxes. **1 Free Air and Land with every 18 paying travelers PLUS 1 Free Air & Land in single for the Priest with 25.**



PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- Round-trip airfare from (AIRPORT TO BE DETERMINED)
- Meeting and assistance upon arrival
- Accommodations at **Superior Tourist Class Hotels**
- **Escorted Tour** by Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach with Wi-Fi
- **8 Nights:** 1 night Tel Aviv, 2 nights Tiberias, 5 nights Jerusalem \

- **Israeli Buffet Breakfast & Dinner with wine daily plus 7 Lunches**
- **Extensive Sightseeing:** Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Stella Maris, Nazareth, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Jericho, Jordan River, Jerusalem, Temple Model, Ein Karem, Bethlehem, Bethany, Dead Sea, Mt. Of Olives, Gethsemane, Mt. Zion Western Wall, Via Dolorosa and Holy Sepulchre
- Professional English speaking tour escort throughout
- Personalized Pilgrim Certificate
- Hat, Map and info on Israel
- Roundtrip airport transfers and baggage handling
- Luggage handling, and headsets with all excursions
- All Taxes.

Hotels used or similar:

Superior Tourist Class Hotels

Tel Aviv - Grand Beach Hotel (1 Night)

Tiberiades - Prima Galil Hotel (2 Nights)

Jerusalem – Prima Park Hotel (5 Nights)

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY



Day 1: USA - Tel-Aviv, Israel

Make your way to your local airport where you will board your overnight flight. Your meals are served on board.

Day 2: Arrive in Tel Aviv

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, and collecting your luggage in the baggage claim area, you will be greeted by your tour guide and you'll be transferred to your hotel.

Enjoy dinner at the hotel before retiring for the evening. Overnight in Tel-Aviv.

Day 3: Caesarea - Stella Maris - Nazareth - Tiberias

After breakfast at your hotel we will head to Caesarea, the former capital of Judea. You will have the opportunity to visit the archaeological remains of this ancient port, which aided as base for the Herodian navy. Shortly after the time of Jesus Christ, it was revealed to Peter, in Caesarea, that the Good News (to repent) is not only intended for Jewish people but also, the entire world. This is also the place which officially ended the tradition of adhering to the Jewish ceremonial laws. As a result, Peter baptized a group of gentiles, the Roman Centurion, Cornelius, and his family. Our tour continues as we travel North to Haifa. In Haifa, we will visit the Stella Maris, a Carmelite Monastery. The monastery is located above the cave where Elijah, the prophet, once lived. A colorful painting of this "wonder-worker" can be found on the ceiling of the Church. Following this visit, our group will depart Stella Maris and enjoy the scenic drive (with view of the bay of Acco) to Nazareth. In Nazareth, we will experience the town where Mary once lived and where Jesus lived as a child (Matthew 2:23). During the visit to Nazareth we will visit the Byzantine Church of St. Joseph, to which tradition identifies as the workshop and home of the Holy Family. Then make a stop at the Church of the Annunciation, which stands over the cave that tradition holds to be the home of the Virgin Mary. The cupola, which dominates modern-day Nazareth, is surmounted by a lantern which symbolizes "the Light of the World" Also, our group will visit Mary's Well where the angel Gabriel announced to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of God (Luke 1:30-34). Our first day culminates with a transfer to Tiberias. Upon arrival in Tiberias, we will check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. Overnight in Tiberias.



Basilic of the Annunciation, Nazareth



Monastery of Stella in Haifa

Day 4: Tiberias: Sea of Galilee

Our group will begin this day with breakfast at the hotel, followed by a boat ride on the beautiful

and scenic, Sea of Galilee (Luke 5:1).

During this ride, our group will also view the remains of a boat that dates back to the time of Jesus. Following the Sea of Galilee, our group will continue on to the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus proclaimed His great Sermon on the Mount (Luke 6:20-49). Near the mount is Tabgha, one of Jesus' miracle sites. At Tabgha, Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000 people from five loaves of bread, and two fish (Luke 9:10-17). Also, in Tabgha is St. Peter's Primacy where Jesus bestowed church leadership upon Peter (John 21:9). Our tour continues as we visit the birthplace of Mary Magdalene, in Magdala. During the time of Jesus, this village was a prosperous fishing village that exported fish and garum (a fish sauce reduction; popular in Roman cooking). Our day concludes at Capernaum, the launching place of Jesus' ministry. In Capernaum, our group will have the opportunity to see the Synagogue of where Jesus taught (Mark 1:21-29), and gave His sermon on the Bread of Life. Dinner in our hotel. Overnight in Tiberias



Mount of Beatitudes, Galilee, Israel



Miracle of The Loaves and Fishes, Tabgha

Day 5: Mt. Tabor – Jericho – Jordan River - Jerusalem

Following breakfast, our group will drive to the site of the Transfiguration, Mount Tabor (Matthew 17:1-50). At this site, we will have some time to reflect on Christ's Humanity and Divinity. Our group will also have the opportunity to celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Transfiguration. The tour continues South on the Jordan Valley to the oldest inhabited city in the world, Jericho (Joshua 6:12-25). In Jericho, we will have the opportunity to view the exact location, the Mount of Temptation, of where the Devil tempted Jesus during his forty-day fast (Luke 4:1). Following the visit to this mountain, our group will continue to Jesus' baptismal site on the River Jordan (Matthew 3:13-17). After some time at the Jordan River, we will end our day with a transfer to Jerusalem for dinner and accommodations. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 6: Jerusalem: Temple Model - Ein Karem - Bethlehem

This morning we will have breakfast and then depart for a day in Jerusalem, which houses the temple to which Jesus was Presented (Luke 2:22). Our group will visit a model of the Second Temple, as it was in the time of Jesus. Following this visit we will take a short drive to the

village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist. It is known that there are two churches in Ein Karem, both representing the two homes of Zechariah and Elizabeth. The first is in a valley where the birth of St. John the Baptist is commemorated (Luke 1:39-80) in the Church of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. The second is on a hill where Elizabeth spent five months in seclusion (Luke 1:24) at the Church of the Visitation. Our group will visit both of these churches and have the opportunity to pray the Mystery of the Rosary as we walk up the hill to the Church of the Visitation. In the afternoon our group will transfer to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. In Bethlehem, we will have the opportunity to view the Shepherd's Fields (Luke 2:8). In the caves of these fields, we are still able to see the soot marks of fires that shepherds lit to keep warm. The tour concludes at the Manger Square, which stands in front of the Church of the Nativity. As we enter the Church, we will proceed down to the Grotto of the Nativity, which marks the spot of Our Savior's birth (Matthew 2:1-18). Beneath the Altar, there is a silver star and a Latin inscription that states: HIC DE VIRGINE MARIA JESUS CHRISTUS NATUS (Here Jesus Christ was born to the Virgin Mary). Following Mass in this Sacred space, our group will return to the hotel for dinner. Overnight in Jerusalem.



Church of Nativity, Bethlehem, Israel

Day 7: Bethany - Dead Sea

Following breakfast at our hotel, our group will travel down the Jordan Valley to Qumran. Qumran is made up of 2,000 year old ruins from the days of the Second Temple, and also the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were written and discovered (Ezekial 47:8-10). These writings have helped further the understanding of Jewish background in Christianity. Time and weather permitting, our group will have the opportunity to take a float in the Dead Sea, the lowest and saltiest body of water on Earth. Our tour will continue through the Judean Wilderness, the site where Jesus spent His 40 days of fasting. The day of touring culminates with a transfer to Bethany. Bethany is the site where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, which foreshadows His own Resurrection (John 11:38-44). Our group will celebrate Mass and return to the hotel for dinner. Overnight in Jerusalem.



Monastery of St. George, Israel



The Dead Sea, Israel

Day 8: Jerusalem: Mt. Of Olives - Gethsemane - Mt. Zion - Western Wall

After breakfast, we will make our way to the Mount of Olives, where we will be able to take in the beautiful, panoramic view of Jerusalem. Historically, the Mount of Olives was a mandatory transit point for Jesus during many iconic moments. We will visit the Pater Noster Shrine, where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer (Pater Noster) (Luke 11:1-4) and we will have the opportunity to stop at Dominus Flevit, which is a Church that commemorates where Jesus wept for Jerusalem (Luke 19:41). The tour continues on to Gethsemane, a garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives. Jesus brought His disciples here to pray the night before He was crucified (Luke 22:29-53). The Garden still contains trees with roots that date back to the time of Jesus. Beside the Garden is our next stop, the Church of All Nations, built over the "Rock of Agony". This is where Jesus prayed alone on the night of His arrest. Throughout this time, we are invited to remain in prayer and to reflect on Christ's agony that he experienced. Your group will have the opportunity to visit the Western Wall, which is the last remnant of the Jewish Temple after it was destroyed in 70 C.E. The tour continues to visit the house of the High Priest Caiaphas (Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu). This Church commemorates where Jesus was examined and eventually imprisoned before the Council in Jerusalem. It also commemorates Peter's Denial of Christ (John 18:15-18), Peter's repentance, and Jesus' forgiveness of Peter. We will also visit the Upper Room on Mt. Zion. The Upper Room is where Jesus and His disciples celebrated the Last Supper (Matthew 26:17-30) and, where Jesus appeared to His disciples after His Death and Resurrection (Mark 16:14). In addition, our group will visit the nearby Benedictine Church of the Dormition. Tradition tells us that this Church is where Mary, the Mother of Jesus, "fell asleep." At the end of this prayerful day, our group will return to our hotel for dinner and accommodations. Overnight in Jerusalem.



The Western (Wailing) Wall, Jerusalem, Israel



Pope Francis, Western Wall, Jerusalem



Church of The Transfiguration, Mt Tabor



Church of All Nations, Jerusalem, Israel



Rock of Agony, Church of All Nations

Day 9: Jerusalem: Via Dolorosa - Holy Sepulchre

Today we will have a very early morning wake-up, which will begin the Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross) at the Antonia Fortress. This is the spot where Jesus was condemned to death by Pontius Pilate (John 18:28-19:16). Following His condemnation, He was taken (on the Road to Calvary) to His place of Crucifixion. Our group will reflect upon the Stations of the Cross as we travel through the markets of the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Luke 23:26-33). This Sacred destination is the site of Calvary (Jesus' crucifixion place) and, His tomb (Luke 23: 50-55). We will celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Following Mass, we will return to the Hotel to enjoy breakfast. We will continue our day with a visit to the Church of St. Anne's, the home of Jesus' maternal grandparents (Anne and Joachim); and the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the crippled man (John 5:1-9). This afternoon, our group will enjoy a revisit to the Old City and head to our hotel for our last dinner. Overnight in Jerusalem.



Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem



Holy Land Cuisine

Day 10: Tel-Aviv - USA

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, we will be transferred by motor coach to Tel-Aviv airport for our return flight home, arriving later today.

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