



**CATHOLIC  
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# Holy Land Pilgrimage with Reverend Joseph T. Poggemeyer February 20 - March 2, 2018

**Day 1 Tue Feb 20: DEPART USA** - Depart Detroit airport approximately 5:45 pm for Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport. Complimentary meals and beverages served aloft.

**Day 2 Wed Feb 21: ARRIVE TEL AVIV / TRANSFER TO TIBERIAS** - On arrival, approximately 4:30 pm, we will meet our Tour Guide and proceed to our hotel in Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. (D)

**Day 3 Thu Feb 22: TIBERIAS: NAZARETH / CANA** - Drive to Nazareth, the site of Mary's home and the town where Jesus played as a child, learned a trade, and grew to manhood. We will have Mass in the Church of the Annunciation, and an opportunity to visit the church of St. Joseph. We will then travel to Cana, where Jesus performed His first miracle at the request of his mother. There we will visit the Franciscan chapel for a renewal of wedding vows. Return to Tiberias. (B, D)

**Day 4 Fri Feb 23: TIBERIAS: SEA OF GALILEE SITES** - This morning we board a boat for a brief excursion on the Sea of Galilee. We will visit Tabgha where Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000, "Peter's Primacy", the site where, after His resurrection, Jesus met with his disciples and told Peter to "feed my lambs; feed my sheep." There we will celebrate Mass. Continue to Capernaum where Jesus began his Galilean ministry, see the synagogue which dates to the time of Jesus and the site of Peter's home. Return to Tiberias. (B, D)

**Day 5 Sat Feb 24: TIBERIAS: MT. BEATITUDES / CAESAREA PHILIPPI / GOLAN HEIGHTS**  
This morning we visit the Mount of Beatitudes for Mass and reflection time followed by a drive to the Golan heights and stop to see the site Caesarea Philippi, Where Jesus asked his disciples "Who do People say that I am". Drive up higher on the Golan Heights and come to the Druze Villages. Drive back to the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight. (B, D).

**Day 6 Sun Feb 25: TIBERIAS / MT. TABOR / SAMARIA / JACOB'S WELL / BETHLEHEM**  
Today we begin our journey with a trip to Mount Tabor where Jesus is transformed before Peter, James and John and they glimpse a sign of his glory before they witness His passion and death. Following Mass on Mount Tabor, we continue on to visit Jacob's Well. Here Jesus had the encounter with the Samaritan woman, continue our drive through Samaria and come to Bethlehem. Check into our Hotel. (B, D)

**Day 7 Mon Feb 26: BETHLEHEM & DEAD SEA SCROLLS JERUSALEM**  
We begin our day in the Shepherds' Field for Mass in the Shepherds' Cave. We continue with our visit to the Church of the Nativity. If time permits on our return to Jerusalem we will visit the Model of Jerusalem in the 2nd Temple Period. The Old Walled City today has changed since the time of Jesus. This evening we will have the opportunity to spend some time in meditation in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed the night before he was crucified, *pending confirmation*. (B, D)

**Day 8 Tue Feb 27: JERUSALEM: MT. OF OLIVES & MT. ZION**  
This morning the bus takes us to the Garden of Gethsemane along with the Church of All Nations where we will celebrate Mass. Afterwards we continue up the hill where we overlook the city of Jerusalem where Jesus wept over the city. We will then travel by bus across the Kidron Valley to the site of Caiaphas' Palace where Jesus experienced the Jewish portion of His trial. The site is known today as St. Peter in Gallicantu ["crowing rooster"]. We also visit the upper Room where Jesus had his last Supper. Return to our hotel for rest and dinner. (B, D)

**Day 9 Wed Feb 28: JERUSALEM: VIA DOLOROSA & HOLY SEPULCHRE**  
We begin the morning early to walk the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross. Following the Via Dolorosa, we proceed to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site where Jesus was crucified and where he was buried. Here we celebrate Mass, then we will return to the hotel for breakfast and orientation. Later that morning we return to the old City to visit the St. Stephen's Gate and the Church of St. Anne. We will visit the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed the paralytic, and the Western or Wailing Wall of the Temple. The remaining portion of the day will be free to walk in the Old City or to return to the hotel for rest and dinner. (B, D)

**Day 10 Thu March 1: JERICHO / JORDAN RIVER** - Today we Drive to the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, here we renew our Baptismal Promises. We continue to Jericho for Mass at the Good Shepherd's Church after which we view the Mount of Temptation and see the Sycamore Tree to remember the story of Zacchaeus. We will give the opportunity for people to go in the Dead Sea for a Float before we drive back to Jerusalem. After dinner depart for the airport for our return flight home. Flight departure approx. 11:00 pm. (B, D)

**Day 11 Fri March 2: USA**  
Arrive in Detroit, MI approximately 9:00 am Friday.

**NOTE: While no changes are anticipated, there may be occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary due to changes beyond our control. All Masses are subject to final confirmation.**

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**If paying with credit card - Full price of: \$4,564.00 per person.**

**Land Only: \$ 3,249.00 Cash /Ck  
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**Included**

- Round trip Airfare from DTW / Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport
- Transportation to/from DTW/Paulding
- Transportation to/from TLV airport on arrival & departure for those on group air.
- 9 Nights in 4 star hotels
- 9 Breakfasts and Dinners
- Catholic - English speaking tour escort/guide throughout
- Private motor coach throughout
- Entrance fees as noted in itinerary
- Private Mass arrangements
- All tips to tour escort's, guides and drivers of \$ 140.00 pp.
- **Taxes and fuel surcharge (subject to increase 30 days prior to departure)**

**Not Included**

- Optional Travel insurance: **(strongly recommended)**
- Lunches & beverages w/meals Average: \$ 16.00 per lunch per person
- Items of personal nature
- Any items not specifically mentioned
- **Limited Single rooms add: \$ 900.00**

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