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# Holy Land Pilgrimage

## With your Catholic Guide Amer Shehadeh

### October 18 - 28, 2018

**Day 1 Thu Oct 18: DEPART USA** - Depart your local Airport for Tel Aviv with Complimentary meals and beverages served aloft.

**Day 2 Fri Oct 19: ARRIVE TEL AVIV / TRANSFER TO TIBERIAS** - On arrival we will be met by our Catholic Tour Guide and proceed to our hotel in Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. (D)

**Day 3 Sat Oct 20: 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 for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**Day 4 Sun Oct 21: TIBERIAS: SEA OF GALILEE SITES / MT BEATITUDES** - After breakfast we drive to the Mt. of Beatitudes for a visit, Mass and reflection time. We continue on 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. After lunch we visit Tabgha where Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000. We will end the day with a boat ride for a brief excursion on the Sea of Galilee. Return to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and relaxation. (B, D)

**Day 5 Mon Oct 22: PRIMACY OF PETER / CAESAREA PHILIPPI** - This morning we drive to the church of "Peter's Primacy", the site where, after His resurrection, Jesus met with his disciples and told Peter to "feed my lambs; feed my sheep." Here we will celebrate Mass. After Mass we drive to the Golan Heights and stop to see the site of 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 Tue Oct 23: MT TABOR / JACOB'S WELL / JERUSALEM** - Today we begin our journey with Jesus to Jerusalem where He is condemned crucified and is raised from the dead. We begin that journey as Jesus did by 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, pending confirmation. Here Jesus had the encounter with the Samaritan woman, continue our drive through Samaria and come to Jerusalem to check into our Hotel. (B, D)

**Day 7 Wed Oct 24: JERUSALEM / BETHLEHEM**

Today we travel to the Shepherds' Field for Mass in the Shepherds' Cave. We enter the town of Bethlehem to visit 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 Thu Oct 25: 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 continue 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. We also visit the upper Room where Jesus had his last Supper. Return to our hotel for dinner. (B,D)

**Day 9 Fri Oct 26: 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 Sat Oct 27: JERUSALEM: DEAD SEA / JERICHO / JORDAN RIVER**

Today we have an excursion to the Dead Sea and visit. 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. (B, D)

**Day 11 Sun Oct 28: JERUSALEM / TEL AVIV / USA:** We transfer to Tel Aviv Airport for our early morning return flight to the USA.

**NOTES:** 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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**Total Cost: \$ 4,489.00** per person, *discounted for Cash/Check payment*, based on **35 – 44** participants, & double occupancy. **If paying with credit card Full price of: \$4,668.00 per person.**

**25-34 Pilgrims \$ 4,619.00 - Cash/Check Full Price with Credit Card: \$ 4,803.00**

**Included**

- Round Trip Airfare from DTW / TLV
  - 9 Nights in 4 star hotels
  - 9 Breakfasts and Dinners
  - English speaking tour escort/ guide throughout
  - Private motor coach throughout
  - Transfers from international airport
  - Entrance fees as noted in itinerary
  - Private Mass arrangements
  - Tips of \$ 150.00 for guide, driver, porters, wait staff etc.
  - Taxes and fuel surcharge
- (subject to increase 30 days prior to departure)*

**Not Included**

- Optional Travel insurance: *(strongly recommended)*
- Lunches & beverages w/meals, Transportation to/from Domestic Airport (To be determined)
- Items of personal nature
- Any items not specifically mentioned
- **Limited Single rooms add: \$ 900.00**

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