



CATHOLIC
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JOURNEYS

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Rev. Jeffery Walker May 8 - 18, 2023

May 8: DEPART USA - Depart en route to Tel Aviv with complimentary meals and beverages served aloft.

May 9: ARRIVE TEL AVIV / TRANSFER TO TIBERIAS: On arrival in Tel Aviv we will be met by our Catholic Tour Guide and proceed to our hotel in Tiberias. Dinner is at our hotel this evening. (D)

May 10: 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, time permitting we will visit other sites in the city. 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. We will then return to Tiberias for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

May 11: TIBERIAS: SEA OF GALILEE SITES: After breakfast, we will board a boat for a brief excursion on the Sea of Galilee. We will visit Tabgha where it is believed that Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000. A short distance away is what is known as "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. We 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. We return to Tiberias for dinner. (B, L, D)

May 12: TIBERIAS: MT. BEATITUDES / CAESAREA PHILIPPI: This morning we are at the Mount of Beatitudes for visit, Mass and reflection time followed by a drive to the Golan Heights to see Caesarea Philippi, Where Jesus asked his disciples "Who do People say that I am". Following Jesus's footsteps we will stop in the Valley of the Doves. Return to Tiberias for our last night on the Sea of Galilee. (B, D).

May 13: TIBERIAS / MT. TABOR / SAMARIA / 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, we travel by bus down via Samaria where we stop to visit Jacob's Well, pending confirmation. Here Jesus had the encounter with the Samaritan woman, John 4:4-42, continue our drive through Samaria to Jerusalem to check into our Hotel (B, D)

May 14: JERUSALEM: BETHLEHEM & DEAD SEA SCROLLS: 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 and then return to Jerusalem for a background lesson on the history of the Holy City as we visit the Model of Jerusalem in the 2nd Temple Period. The Old Walled City today has changed since the time of Jesus. We then visit the museum where the Dead Sea Scrolls are kept, learn about their importance in understanding Jewish thinking and life at the time of Jesus. Finally, we return to our hotel for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

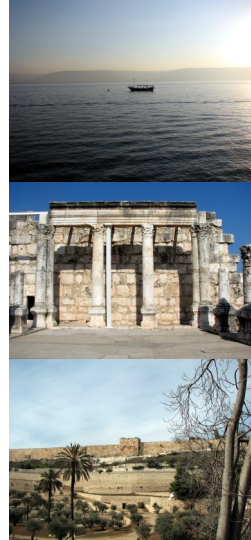
May 15: JERUSALEM: MT. OF OLIVES & MT. ZION: This morning the bus takes us to a hillside overlooking the city of Jerusalem where Jesus wept over the city. We continue with a walk down the hill and at the bottom visit the Garden of Gethsemane along with the Church of All Nations. We continue by bus across 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. We also visit the upper Room where Jesus had his last Supper and the Dormition Abbey, where Mary "fell asleep". This evening, pending confirmation 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. Dinner is at our hotel. (B, D)

May 16: JERUSALEM: VIA DOLOROSA & HOLY SEPULCHRE: We begin the morning early as we gather at the Antonia Palace to walk the Via Dolorosa. Following the Via Dolorosa, we proceed to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site where Jesus was crucified, buried and rose from the dead. Here we celebrate Mass, we then return to the hotel for breakfast before heading out to 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 retaining 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. (B, D)

May 17: JERUSALEM: DEAD SEA / QUMRAN / JERICHO / JORDAN RIVER. We begin our day with a visit to Lazarus' Tomb. Afterward we head into the Judean desert to visit the site of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were uncovered. 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 a Sycamore Tree to remember the story of Zacchaeus. We will give people an opportunity to go in the Dead Sea for a float before we drive back to Jerusalem. (B, D)

NOTE: Flight could range from late this evening to very early the following morning.

May 18: JERUSALEM / TEL AVIV / USA: Return to the USA



Land Only Cost: \$ 2,939.00 per person, **Cash/Check payment**, based on Minimum of **30** participants, & double occupancy.

Air will be added to the cost once it becomes available.

Included

- 9 Nights in 4 star hotels
- Breakfasts & Dinners daily, 1 lunch
- English speaking tour escort/ guide throughout
- Private motor coach throughout
- Transfers from international airport
- Entrance fees as noted in itinerary
- Private Mass arrangements daily
- Tips for guide, driver, porters, wait staff etc.
- Taxes and fuel surcharge
(subject to increase 30 days prior to departure)

Not Included

- Round Trip Airfare from DTW / TLV
- Optional Travel insurance:
(strongly recommended)
- Travel insurance: **NOTE:**
Some countries may require travel insurance. (At this printing Israel is requiring insurance to cover Covid-19. We do not know if this will still be the case when this group travels)
- Any/all Covid-19 test(s) that may be required by airlines, departing / arriving country and transfer country. This may or may not be applicable when group travels.
- Transportation to/from Domestic Airport
- Lunches, except where noted, & beverages w/meals.
- Items of personal nature
- Any items not specifically mentioned
- **Limited Single rooms add: \$ 1,450.00 Cash / Check**

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NOTES: While no changes are anticipated, there may be occasions when sequence and days of visits may change and certain alterations become necessary due to changes beyond our control.

Arriving and departing flights may affect the first and last day itinerary.

All Mass locations are subject to final confirmation

To register for this pilgrimage please read, complete and sign the registration form, and the Covid-19 release form and return with your deposit

In todays uncertain times all prices are subject to change prior to departure due to major currency fluctuations, changes in fuel prices and/or unforeseen economic circumstances beyond our control

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