



CATHOLIC
FAITH
JOURNEYS

A Holy Land Pilgrimage with Rev. Anthony Coci August 28 - September 8, 2023



MONDAY – August 28: DEPART USA - Depart for overnight flight to Tel Aviv with Complimentary meals and beverages served aloft.

TUESDAY – August 29: ARRIVE TEL AVIV / TRANSFER TO HOTEL - On arrival we will be met by our Tour Guide and proceed to our hotel in Netanya on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. (D)

WEDNESDAY – August 30: CAESAREA / MUHRAQA / TIBERIAS: After breakfast we check out and travel towards Caesarea Maritima where we will have a brief visit to the magnificent city with the Roman, Byzantine, and Crusader ruins. Here we will elaborate on the story of the baptism of Cornelius, the first gentile convert into Christianity. Continue to Mount Carmel and where we hear about the Prophet Elijah and the false prophets of Baal. We end the day near the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

THURSDAY– August 31: 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 promises. Return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

FRIDAY– September 1: TIBERIAS: SEA OF GALILEE SITES / MT BEATITUDES / MAGDALA: 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 (included) 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 then a visit to the Magdala Center. Return to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and relaxation. (B, L, D)

SATURDAY– September 2: 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)

SUNDAY– September 3: 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)

MONDAY– September 4: 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)

TUESDAY– September 5: JERUSALEM: DEAD SEA / JERICHO / JORDAN RIVER Today we have an excursion to the Dead Sea. 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 Church after which we view the Mount of Temptation and see a Sycamore Tree to remember the story of Zacchaeus. You will have the opportunity to go in the Dead Sea for a Float before we drive back to Jerusalem. (B, D)

WEDNESDAY– September 6: 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, (St. Peter in Gallicantu), where Jesus experienced the Jewish portion of His trial. We will also visit the upper Room where Jesus had his last Supper. Return to our hotel for dinner. (B, D)

THURSDAY– September 7: JERUSALEM: VIA DOLOROSA & HOLY SEPULCHRE: We begin the morning early to walk the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, which ends in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site where Jesus was crucified and where he was buried. Here we celebrate Mass then return to the hotel for breakfast. 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 Retaining Wall of the Temple. The remaining portion of the day will be free to relax, shop or walk in the Old City. (B, D)

Departure could range from late Thursday evening through early Friday morning.

FRIDAY –September 8: JERUSALEM / USA: Return home.



Total Cost Land Only: \$ 2,999.00

per person, *payment with check*, based on Minimum of 25 participants, & double occupancy. *If numbers fall below 25 participants the price will be adjusted accordingly.*

To participate in the group air add \$ 1,469.00, per person, to the Land only price.

Included

- All Nights in 4 star hotels
 - Breakfast / Dinner 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
 - Tips for guide, driver, porters, wait staff at hotels/restaurants etc.
 - Taxes and fuel surcharge
- (subject to increase 30 days prior to departure)*

Not Included

- Travel insurance: **Strongly recommended**
 - Transportation to/from Domestic Airport
 - Lunches, except where noted, & beverages w/meals.
 - Items of personal nature
 - Any/all Covid-19 test(s) that may be required by airlines, departing /arriving country and transfer country. At this printing there are no requirements but this could change.
 - Any airline baggage fees
 - **Any items not specifically mentioned**
 - **Limited Single rooms available.**
- Call before automatically registering.**
Additional: \$ 1,350.00 Check / Cash

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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. All Masses are subject to final confirmation.*

We are not responsible for any changes to entry/travel requirements put into effect by Governments, Health Organizations, Airlines, transfer countries, arriving countries, return country, museums, Churches, restaurants etc.

We are not responsible for any or all changes / cancellations / interruptions caused by Force majeure.

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

All Mass locations listed are subject to final confirmation

*You must be physically fit and capable of walking on uneven terrain and being on your feet all day.
Just a FYI - Foreign entities do not have the "American Disabilities Act".
Everyone is responsible for handling their own luggage and keeping pace with the group.*

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 today's 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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