



CATHOLIC
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JOURNEYS

A Holy Land Pilgrimage with Rev. Anthony Recker July 15 - 25, 2024



Day 1: (Monday) July 15: Depart USA for Tel Aviv

Day 2, (Tuesday) July 16: * ARRIVE TEL AVIV / TRANSFER TO TIBERIAS

On arrival in Tel Aviv we will meet our Catholic Tour Guide and proceed to our hotel in Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Dinner is at our hotel this evening.

Day 3, (Wednesday) July 17: 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 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. Return to Tiberias for dinner and the overnight.

Day 4, (Thursday) July 18: 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", here we will celebrate Mass. We continue onto Capernaum where Jesus began his Galilean ministry. We will see the synagogue, which dates to the time of Jesus, and the site of Peter's home. Return to Tiberias,

Day 5, (Friday) July 19: TIBERIAS: MT. BEATITUDES / CAESAREA PHILIPPI / GOLAN HEIGHTS.

This morning we will visit the Mount of Beatitudes for Holy Mass and some time to reflect. We continue onto the Golan Heights to Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus asked his disciples "Who do People say that I am". We continue up on the Golan Heights and come to the Druze Villages where we overlook the Borders with Syria. Drive back to the Sea of Galilee for dinner.

Day 6, (Saturday) July 20: 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 transfigured before Peter, James and John. After our visit on Mount Tabor, we continue our journey to Jerusalem. Pending confirmation we will visit Jacob's Well, where Jesus encountered the Samaritan woman. We end in Jerusalem to check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 7, (Sunday) July 21: JERUSALEM: BETHLEHEM & DEAD SEA SCROLLS

This morning we get 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 will also visit the museum where the Dead Sea Scrolls are kept and learn about their importance in understanding Jewish thinking and life at the time of Jesus. This afternoon we travel to the Bethlehem for Mass then visit the Church of the Nativity. Return to Jerusalem for dinner.

Day 8, (Monday) July 22: 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. It is known as Dominus Fleuit. There we will celebrate Mass. Afterward; we will walk down the hill and at the bottom visit the Garden of Gethsemane along with the Church of All Nations. 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. We also visit the upper Room where Jesus had his last Supper. We return to our hotel for rest and dinner. This evening we may have the opportunity to spend a holy hour in the Garden of Gethsemane (pending confirmation) where Jesus prayed the night before he was crucified. Dinner is at our hotel.

Day 9: (Tuesday) July 23: DEAD SEA / QUMRAN / JERICHO / JORDAN RIVER.

Today we have an excursion to the Dead Sea area 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 provide an opportunity for people to go in the Dead Sea for a Float before we drive back to Jerusalem. Dinner is served at our accommodations.

Day 10, (Wednesday) July 24: * JERUSALEM: VIA DOLOROSA & HOLY

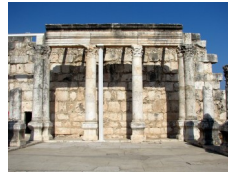
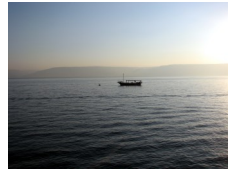
SEPULCHRE: We begin the morning early as we gather at the Antonia Palace to walk the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross. Following the Via Dolorosa, we end to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site where Jesus was crucified, buried and rose from the dead. Here we celebrate Mass. After mass we will 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; as well as the Wailing Wall of the Temple. The remaining portion of the day will be free before dinner.

Note: The return flight could be anytime from late Wednesday evening to early Thursday morning.

Day 11, (Thursday) July 25: JERUSALEM / TEL AVIV / USA Return to the USA.

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Land Only: \$ 3,219.00 per person, **payment with check**, based on Minimum of **30** participants, & double occupancy.

If less than 30 the price per person may be adjusted to reflect the actual number of pilgrims.

Included

- All Nights in 4 star hotels
- Breakfast / Dinner daily +3 Lunches
- 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 for included meals
- Taxes and fuel surcharge
(subject to increase 30 days prior to departure)

Not Included

- Round Trip Airfare from DTW / TLV
(To be added once rates and routes become available.)
- **Travel insurance:**
Strongly recommended
- Transportation to/from Domestic Airport
- Lunches, except where noted, & beverages w/meals.
- Items of personal nature
- Any airline baggage fees
- Any unforeseen requirements / tests that may become necessary in the future
- **Any items not specifically mentioned**
- **Limited Single rooms. Call for availability and price**

At this printing there are no requirements or restrictions to travel to Israel.

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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 and or closures that are 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 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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