

# A Holy Land Pilgrimage with Monsignor William Kubacki January 12 - 22, 2026

MONDAY – JAN 12: DEPART USA - Depart for your overnight flight to Tel Aviv with Complimentary meals and beverages served aloft.

TUESDAY – JAN 13: ARRIVE TEL AVIV / TRANSFER TO HOTEL - On arrival proceed to the hotel in Netanya on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. (D) *Important: You will receive your entry visa to the country printed on a blue ticket. Please keep this blue ticket with you for the entire duration of the trip.* 

WEDNESDAY – JAN 14: 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 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—JAN 15: TIBERIAS: SEA OF GALILEE SITES - After breakfast, we will board a boat for a brief excursion on the Sea of Galilee. Continue to Mount of Beatitudes for visit and time for prayer. We will visit Tabgha where fed the crowd of 5000. 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." Taste "St. Peter's Fish" for lunch After lunch we will visit 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 our hotel for dinner and an evening of relaxation. (B, L, D)

FRIDAY – JAN 16: 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

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)

SATURDAY – JAN 17: MT TABOR / BETHLEHEM - Today we begin our day with a trip to Mount Tabor where Jesus is transfigured 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 to Bethlehem where we will visit Hogar Nino Dios (pending confirmation), before continuing to check-in into our hotel in Bethlehem. Dinner and overnight stay in Bethlehem. (B, D)

SUNDAY– JAN 18: BETHLEHEM - Today we travel to the Shepherds' Field for Mass in the Shepherds' Cave where the angels appeared to the shepherds and announced the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We enter the town of Bethlehem to visit the Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity located above the birthplace of Christ. Bending low as we enter through the Door of Humility, we enter the church and descend into the Grotto of Nativity. Beneath the altar, a 14-pointed silver star marks the exact spot surrounded by the Latin inscription: HIC DE VIRGINE MARIA JESUS CHRISTUS NATUS (Here Jesus Christ was born to the Virgin Mary). Return to our hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**Note:** The visit to the Caritas Baby Hospital is scheduled for this day. The specific time will be confirmed closer to the date.

MONDAY - JAN 19: BETHLEHEM / JERUSALEM: MT. OF OLIVES & MT. ZION -This morning after check-out 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. After dinner, 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 and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem. (B, D)

TUESDAY—JAN 20: JERUSALEM: LATIN PATRIARCHATE / JERICHO / JORDAN RIVER - After breakfast, we will meet with the Cardinal or his deputy at the Latin Patriarchate. After the meeting we will head 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. After lunch on your own, we will drive to the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, here we renew our Baptismal Promises. Drive back to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B, D) **Note:** Our meeting with His Beatitude (or his deputy) is scheduled for 10:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY—JAN 21: JERUSALEM: VIA DOLOROSA & DOLOROSA, the Way of the 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)

THURSDAY –JAN 22: JERUSALEM / USA: Return home.

**Note:** Schedule on this day is subject to confirmation depending on flight details. You need to be at the airport at least 3 hours prior to your flight's departure time. Flights could be late Wednesday evening into Thursday morning.

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Land Only: \$ 2,979.00 per person, discounted for payment with check, based on Minimum of <u>25</u> participants, & double occupancy. If paying with credit card Land only full price is: \$ 3,127.00

If less than 25 the price will be adjusted to reflect the actual number of pilgrims.

### **Included**

- 9 Nights hotels
- Breakfast / Dinner daily + 1 lunch
- English speaking tour guide
- Private motor coach throughout
- Entrance fees as noted in itinerary
- Daily Mass arrangements
- Tips for guide, driver & porters
- Water provided on the bus

## **Not Included**

Round Trip Airfare from USA / TLV
Please book your flight to arrive in
Tel Aviv (TLV) on 13 January 2026
and proceed to the hotel. (Hotel
information will be provided before
travel)

If we have enough people interested in group air, either out of Detroit or/ and Chicago we will look at group air. (A minimum of 10 people are need to obtain group air)

• Travel insurance:

### Strongly recommended

- Lunches & beverages w/meals.
- Transportation to/from all airports.
- Items of personal nature
- Any unforeseen requirements / tests that may become necessary in the future
- Any items not specifically mentioned
- Newly required ETA Application to enter Israel
- Single Supplement: Call for availability and additional cost.

NEW REQUIREMENT TO ENTER ISRAEL: Please visit: https://israel-entry.piba.gov.il to complete the required Electronic Travel Authorization to visit Israel. Please do this at least 48 hours before departure, but we strongly recommend one (1) month before travel.

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Our mission is to support the Christians in the Holy Land. We use Hotels that are run by, or who employee, Christians whenever possible. Our guides are Christian and we will go to Christian restaurants where available. As Christians have not been able to work in tourism for the past couple of years it is important for us to show our support, not only in prayer and financial assistance, but by our presence in the Holy Land. Please join us in supporting our brothers and sisters in Christ in person.

**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 our beyond our control. All Mass locations listed 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.

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You must be physically fit and capable of walking on uneven terrain and being on your feet all day.

Foreign entities do not have the "American Disabilities Act". Everyone is responsible for handling their own luggage.

To register for this pilgrimage please read, complete and sign the registration form and return with your deposit.

You <u>MUST</u> complete the Electronic Travel Authorization form to enter Israel. https://israel-entry.piba.gov.il

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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