

SEA OF GALILEE - CANA - NAZARETH - MT. BEATITUDES - CAESAREA - CAPERNAUM - MOUNT TABOR - JERICHO - BETHLEHEM - JERUSALEM - DEAD SEA - ROME - VATICAN CITY

Day 1: DEPART FROM USA TO ISRAEL

Today: Your spiritual journey begins as you board your overnight flight from the USA to Israel. Relax and enjoy the superb Economy Class cuisine which will include appetizer, meal choices, dessert and complementary beverages.

Day 2: TEL AVIV - TIBERIAS - SEA OF GALILEE

Today: Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport. Travel through customs and meet our guide who will accompany you throughout your pilgrimage. Board your coach bus for the trip to your hotel in Tiberias.

Evening: Upon arrival in Tiberias, you will check-in to your hotel for the evening.

Day 3: MT. TABOR - CANA - NAZARETH - BASILICA OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Today: This morning, we travel to Mount Tabor, scene of the Transfiguration. After our visit, we drive to Cana, the village of Jesus' first miracle of changing water into wine. We celebrate Mass at the Chapel in Cana. Here couples may renew their wedding vows. This afternoon, you will visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, St. Joseph's Church, Mary's Well and the Old Market.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Tiberias.

Day 4: SEA OF GALILEE - CAPERNAUM - MT. OF BEATITUDES

Today: Traveling along the shores of the Sea of Galilee our tour starts at Capernaum where Jesus lived, and started his ministry. You will see the remnants of Peter's mother-in law house and the old synagogue where Jesus preached. You will then proceed to the Mount of Beatitudes (the location of Sermon of the Mount) and celebrate Mass. Drive onto Tabgha where the miracle of Multiplication of the Fish and Loaves took place. Close by, is the Church of Peter's Primacy the location of the Miraculous Fishing. Here is where Christ told his disciples to cast their net and caught the large quantity of fish. This is also where he proclaimed to Peter "Upon this Rock I will build my Church". Then you will take a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee as was done in the time of Jesus.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel in Tiberias.

Day 5: HAIFA - MT. CARMEL - STELLA MARIS - CAESAREA BY THE SEA - JERUSALEM

Today: Today: We drive west to the Beautiful City of Haifa and go onto Mt. Carmel. We celebrate Mass at the Church of Stella Maris. Atop a hill, you are captivated by the panoramic view of the City Haifa and the beautiful Baha'i Gardens. We continue our drive south along the Mediterranean Sea and stop at Caesarea Maritime. We view the original Roman Aqueduct that brought water to the city and walk in and around the Roman Theater. Take a glimpse of the ancient remains of Herod's palace sitting in the tranquil blue Mediterranean. We now travel south and climb the hill up towards the Holy City of Jerusalem.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Bethlehem.

Day 6: BETHLEHEM - SHEPHERD'S FIELD - CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY - EIN KAREM

Today: We start our visit in Bethlehem and visit the Shepherd's Fields where the angels announced to the shepherds the birth of the Christ Child. Then we visit the Church of the Nativity that stands upon the site where Jesus was born. Mass will be held in Bethlehem at St. Catherine of Alexandra or the Shepherds Field's Chapel. We take time to shop in Bethlehem. After lunch, we drive to the Village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and to the Church of the Visitation where the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth, and proclaimed the 'Magnificat'.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Bethlehem.

Day 7: JERUSALEM - MT. OF OLIVES - GETSEMANE - PATER NOSTER - DOMINUS FLEVIT - UPPER ROOM

Today: We begin our day with a visit to the Mt. of Olives. We visit the Pater Noster. Then we walk the Palm Sunday route stopping at Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. In the Garden of Gethsemane, we see The Rock of Agony where Jesus prayed his last prayer before his arrest. Mass will be celebrated at the Church of all Nations. This afternoon, we drive to the hill of Mount Zion, it is dominated by the Church of the Dormition. Visit the Upper Room of the Last Supper and end our day at St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Him thrice.

Evening: Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Bethlehem.

