



**Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
Pilgrimage to the**

# **HOLY LAND**

**11 DAYS**

**February 1 - 11, 2018**

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## ITINERARY

### Thursday, February 1, Day 1: DEPART Newark International Airport on overnight flight to Tel Aviv

Dinner and breakfast are served on the flight. Bus transportation will be provided to Newark airport from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center.

### Friday, February 2, Day 2: Arrival Tel Aviv

Upon arrival, we are greeted by our English-speaking Christian tour guide and assisted with customs and passport control. Board our bus and drive to the Sea of Galilee area where we have a well-deserved night of rest. Mass will be celebrated. Dinner is at the hotel. Dinner and overnight Sea of Galilee area. (D)

### Saturday, February 3, Day 3: The sea and the shores of the Galilee

Depart for the Sea of Galilee to enjoy a morning boat ride and visit the "Jesus Boat," a boat from the time of Jesus. We see Magdala, home of St. Mary Magdalene. Mass is celebrated at the Mt. of Beatitudes. Have a taste of St. Peter's Fish for lunch before departing for Capernaum, where Jesus began His Galilean ministry. Here we explore the synagogue which dates to the time of Christ and see the site of St. Peter's home. We see the church with a glass floor which is constructed over the site, allowing us to look down into the excavated ruins of Peter's house. Next, we visit the Church of the Primacy of Peter, situated on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, where after His resurrection, Jesus met with His disciples and told Peter, "feed My lambs; feed My sheep" (John 21:9). Our last stop is the Church of Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes, commemorating where Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000. Overnight Sea of Galilee area. (B, L, Special Dinner).

### Sunday, February 04, Day 4: Nazareth – Cana – Mt. Tabor

A short drive takes us to Nazareth, the town of Mary's home, where Jesus played as a child, learned a trade, and grew to manhood. We visit Mary's Well and St. Joseph's Church. Join the Christians of Nazareth for Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation. Priests from our group will concelebrate the Mass. Here St. John Paul II celebrated Mass during his historic visit to the Holy Land in the Great Jubilee Year of Our Lord 2000. Today our lunch is at a local restaurant. We stop at Mt. Precipice, from where we have great view of the Jezreel Valley. The angry multitudes wanted to throw Jesus from this mountain after His teaching at the Nazareth Synagogue. Continue to Cana, where couples may choose to renew their wedding vows at the Wedding Church. Next visit is to Mt. Tabor to see The Church of Transfiguration. Our dinner tonight is a buffet at our hotel. Overnight Sea of Galilee area. (B, L, D)

### Monday, February 5, Day 5: Mt. Carmel, Caesarea Maritima – Bethlehem

Following breakfast we visit the monastery atop of Mount Carmel to celebrate Mass at the Discalced Carmelite Monastery of Muhraqa, where Elijah made his famous sacrifice. We also see Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Then, it's off to enjoy the sea, ruins, and salty air at Caesarea Maritima, the ancient harbor from which St. Paul set off to spread the Good News! We enjoy lunch on our own in the harbor before departing for Bethlehem. This evening we enjoy a visit to the Cremison Winery run by Salesians which produces an award winning wine and was named by the Wine Spectator as one of the best wines in Israel. Learn about wine making in the Holy Land followed by a wine and cheese reception prepared just for our group. Dinner will be in a local restaurant in Bethlehem. Overnight in Bethlehem for 3 nights. (B, Wine Tasting, Special Dinner)

### Tuesday, February 06, Day 6: Bethlehem – Shepherds' Field

We begin our day in Bethlehem with a visit to 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 IESUS CHRISTUS NATUS (Here Jesus Christ was born to the Virgin Mary). We celebrate the joyous Christmas Mass in the Church of St. Catherine and see St. Jerome's Grotto. Visit the Milk Grotto and Shepherd's Field and Grotto. Following a relaxing lunch, visit a Christian store that helps support dozens of local families and where we have an opportunity to see the actual Dead Sea Scrolls Jar.

We stop to pray for peace at the Separation Wall, just as Pope Francis did during his historic visit the Holy Land. Overnight in Bethlehem. (B, L, D)

### **Wednesday, February 07, Day 7: Jericho – Dead Sea – Qumran – Baptismal Site – Sharing the Bread**

We visit the Carmelite Monastery to venerate the relics of St. Mariam Baouardy (St. Mariam of Jesus Crucified) – the Lily of Palestine, canonized by Pope Francis in 2015. Here we celebrate Mass. Then depart for Jericho – the first city to be captured by Joshua as part of his conquest of the Land and the site of the Mount of Temptation. Stop for the Renewal of Baptismal Promises at Qasr Al Yehoud. This site holds the oldest and most ancient tradition for being the place of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist in the River Jordan (Matthew 3: 13-17). Time permitting we stop in Qumran to see where Dead Sea Scrolls were found by the shepherds. Later, drive to the Dead Sea and take a dip in the salty waters and shop for Dead Sea products. Be sure to bring your bathing suit! Tonight, the group will be split up into smaller groups of 6-8 people and transferred to local Christian homes, where you will enjoy a home cooked meal as part of our Sharing the Bread program. Transportation back to the hotel has been arranged. Overnight in Bethlehem. (B, L, Special Dinner)

### **Thursday, February 08, Day 8: Temple Mount – Mt. of Olives – Mt. Zion**

Our morning begins with a visit to the Temple Mount and the Dome of the Rock, holy sites for Muslims. We continue to the Mt. of Olives; we visit the Ascension Chapel and the Church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught the Lord's Prayer from the Mt. of Olives. Marvel at the panoramic view—appreciating the eternal golden city of Jerusalem. We walk along Palm Sunday Road stopping at Dominus Flevit where Jesus wept over the city. Continue along the Jewish cemetery with a view over the Eastern Gate. Have some quiet time in the Garden of Gethsemane and the Garden of Betrayal. Since the fourth century, tradition has placed the betrayal by Judas here. Walk over to The Basilica of Agony where we celebrate Mass (TBC). Nearby visit the empty tomb of the Virgin at The Church of the Assumption. Following lunch, visit Caiaphas' Palace and the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. Our final stops of the day are Dormition Abbey and the Upper Room. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B, L, D)

### **Friday, February 09, Day 9: Via Dolorosa – Wailing Wall – Bethany**

Start the day early by praying the Stations of the Cross along the Way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa). We are blessed to be able to celebrate Mass this morning at The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site where Jesus was crucified, buried, and rose. Return to the hotel for breakfast and some rest. Later, we visit the Western Wall excavations and tuck a prayer into the Wailing Wall as did St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict, and Pope Francis before us during their trips to the Holy Land. Following an independent lunch, we visit the Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Knights and the Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre may receive their pilgrim shells. Our day ends, time permitting, with a visit to Bethany to see the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Time at leisure in the Old City. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B, D)

### **Saturday, February 10, Day 10: Old Town Jerusalem – Ein Karem – Emmaus – Airport**

Following breakfast and hotel check out, we depart for St. Anne's Church and see the Pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the Paralytic. Proceed to Ein Kerem to visit the Church of the Visitation. See Mary's Spring and the birthplace of John the Baptist. Mass will be celebrated here. In the afternoon, time permitting, we visit Emmaus, where Jesus appeared to the two disciples after the Resurrection. Our farewell dinner is in a restaurant located on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea in Joppa. Following dinner, we depart for the airport and our flight home. (B, Special Dinner)

### **Sunday, February 11, Day 11: Arrive in the USA**

Arrival Newark airport. Bus transportation will be provided from the airport to Archdiocesan Pastoral Center.

### **YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES**

- Round trip bus transportation to Newark Airport from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Pastoral Center
- Round trip airfare from Newark to Tel Aviv
- Airline surcharges and airport taxes
- Accommodations in hotels as listed for 8 nights (3 nights Sea of Galilee, 3 nights Bethlehem, and 2 nights Jerusalem)
- Open buffet breakfast daily
- 5 hotel buffet dinners (beverages are not included)
- 5 Lunches as per itinerary
- Farewell dinner in a restaurant with wine
- Restaurant dinner in Bethlehem with wine
- Barbecue dinner with wine
- Sharing the Bread dinner
- Wine and cheese reception and winery visit
- Bottled water on the bus
- Private Air conditioned bus
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