

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND ITINERARY

OCTOBER 16-26, 2017

JOIN US on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land as we explore the cradle of Christianity and follow the footsteps of Jesus. We will visit the birthplace of Jesus and other important sites associated with His life, death and resurrection. Our spiritual director for this pilgrimage is our very own pastor, Fr. Truc! We are also honored to be travelling with the Most Rev. Edward Clark and a number of our parishioners. For information and booking, please contact Gigi Inigo at 714-200-7498 or email her at gigi@styleyourp.com.

Day 1- Oct 16 (Mon) Depart the USA

Day 2- Oct 17 (Tues) —Upon arrival in Tel Aviv you will find your luggage and exit the baggage claim into the arrivals hall where we will be greeted by your tour escort and/or driver. After a warm welcome to Israel, we will be escorted to your transportation to our hotel on the Sea of Galilee. We enjoy a delicious buffet dinner at our hotel before retiring for the evening. Dinner and overnight at Kinar hotel, Sea of Galilee.

Day 3- Oct 18 (Wed) * Mass on this day at Stella Maris — After a late breakfast we travel to Caesarea ((Acts 10:24).) We will visit the Roman and Crusader ruins, where Paul was held prisoner by the Romans. We continue our journey north and stop in Haifa where we will visit Stella Maris, a Carmelite Monastery which houses the Madonna of Mt. Carmel. After mass, we continue on to Mukhraka where Elijah confronted the false prophets of Baal and where the Carmelite Order began. Dinner and overnight at Kinar hotel, Sea of Galilee.

Day 4- Oct 19 (Thurs) * Mass (and renewal of wedding vows) on this day at Cana — This morning drive to Nazareth — beautiful churches now grace Jesus' boyhood home, including Mensa Christi in an old residential quarter, the Synagogue Church in the market, St. Gabriel's Church over the ancient spring, the Church of St. Joseph, and the jewel in the crown, the Basilica of the Annunciation, with its magnificent representations of Mary from around the world. Later we head on to Cana — on the outskirts of Nazareth, where Jesus performed the first miracle, changing water into wine (John 2:1-11). Visit Wedding Church and the Church of Nathanael (John 21:2). Our pilgrim couples will have a special opportunity to renew their wedding vows during Mass. In the afternoon, we will enjoy a peaceful boat ride across the Sea of Galilee where Christ walked on water. Visit the breathtaking Mt. of Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount was given (Matthew 5). Dinner and overnight at Kinar hotel, Sea of Galilee.

Day 5- Oct 20 (Fri) * Mass on this day at Church of Transfiguration- Mt Tabor — After breakfast drive to Mt. Tabor, scene of the Transfiguration, where we will have Mass in the beautiful small church atop the mountain. We will then drive down the Jordan Valley and head towards Jerusalem. Our next stop is Jericho, the ancient Canaanite city destroyed by the power of God (Josh. 5-6). It is the oldest known inhabited city in the world. Ascend by cable car to Mt.

Temple and visit the monastery. It was in Jericho that Jesus encountered Zacchaeus (Lk. 19). Next visit the traditional site of Baptism at Qasr El Yahud, the area of the first baptism on Jordan River. We continue on to the Dead Sea for dinner and overnight.

Day 6- Oct 21 (Sat) * Mass on this day at Church of St Lazarus, Bethany — This morning, we travel to Massada, the spectacular mountaintop fortress built by Herod, which is famous for being the last stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans. Continue to Jerusalem. We end our day with a visit to Bethany where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Here we will celebrate mass. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 7- Oct 22 (Sun) * Mass on this day at Main Chapel- Shepherds Fields, Bethlehem — After breakfast we head to the village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and to the Church of Visitation where the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth, and proclaimed the 'Magnificat'. Next, we travel to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity, which stands upon the site where Jesus was born. Visit the Milk Grotto. We drive to Shepherd's Fields where the angels announced the birth of Jesus and visit the church. Here we will celebrate mass. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 8- Oct 23 (Mon) Day at Leisure OR Optional Petra Tour (**additional fees apply**; see below) — *Public mass locations in Jerusalem will be provided — (packed breakfast for those doing Petra). Early morning transfer from Jerusalem hotel to Sde Dov or BGA airport. Domestic flight to Eilat. Pick-up from Eilat airport. Cross the Arava Border and join your Jordanian guide who is with you for the remainder of the tour — and drive to Petra (approximately 2+ hours), through the scenic Jordanian Desert, past the Wadi Rum area, where Lawrence of Arabia once lived and fought together with the Bedouin. Arrive at Petra (approx. 2 ¼ hours from the border) where the visitor enters the Rose City of Petra through the siq — a narrow passage through the mountains, which have inspired awe for centuries. At the end of this gorge, the visitor is suddenly confronted with the first view of the Treasury, leaving him breath-taken by its size, color and beauty. Continue into the heart of this ancient city carved into the mountains, passing hundreds of tombs and monuments and a spectacular amphitheater, which once held 3,000 spectators. The Royal Tombs and the Urn Tombs follow. From here there is about 1 hour

free time to make your way back to the beginning of the trail where the guide will meet you. After our visit to Petra, a stop for a sit-down lunch before leaving Wadi Moussa (the new town of Petra). We drive to Aqaba for a short city tour and return to the Eilat airport. Domestic flight to Sde Dov or BGA airport. Transfer to Jerusalem hotel for dinner and overnight (dinner as cold plate for those doing Petra). *See page 2 for additional fees.

Day 9- Oct 24 (Tues) * Mass on this day at Garden of Gethsemane — We begin our day with a visit to the Mt. of Olives to walk the Palm Sunday route stopping at Dominus Fleuit (Luke 19:41), where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Our journey takes us to the garden of Gethsemane (John 18:1-12), with its ancient olive trees, where we will visit the Rock of Agony where Jesus prayed his last prayer before being arrested. Here we celebrate mass. We continue on to the Cave of Betrayal and the Cave of Assumption of Mary to Heaven. We visit Pater Noster, where the universality of the Catholic Church is evident in the tiled mosaics of the Lord's Prayer in many languages. Visit the Chapel of the Ascension from where Jesus ascended to Heaven. We continue to Mt. Zion gate to visit the Upper Room the location of the Last Supper and the Dormition Abbey where we believe the blessed Mary died. We end the day at St. Peter in Gallicantu (Matthew 26:57), where Peter denied Christ three times. In the afternoon, visit the newly renovated Israel museum and shrine of the book to see the Dead Sea scrolls. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 10- Oct 25 (Wed) * Mass on this day at the Holy Sepulcher — This morning, we walk along the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow), through the Old City we will pray along the Stations of the Cross as we walk the same path Jesus took. We visit St. Anne's Church, the home of the Virgin Mary and her parents Saints Joachim and Anne. We will see the Ecce Homo where Pilate proclaimed "Behold the man...". We reflect on the greatness of His sacrifice as we arrive at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher for Mass. We continue to the Wailing Wall (the most holy place for Jews). Farewell dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 11- Oct 26 (Thurs) — Transfer to Tel Aviv's airport for your return flight back home.

*Program is subject to changes and availability.
*Daily mass will be booked.

