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Pilgrimage Leader

Dear Friends,

Join us for a sacred journey to the heart of the gospel. This is an ideal first trip to the Holy Land or the perfect follow-up trip. We will see the sites associated with the life of Mary, from her birth to her assumption into heaven, and we will follow her son Jesus from his incarnation in Nazareth and his birth in Bethlehem to his teaching in Galilee and his sorrowful passion and glorious resurrection in Jerusalem. Through the ancient art of lectio divina, we will listen to the Scriptures, place ourselves in the gospel scenes, and pray in response to God's word. Returning home, our minds will be filled with new images and insights, and our hearts will be renewed with faith and joy.





Saturday— Oct 18: Day 1 Depart USA from NYC area to Tel Aviv

Sunday—Oct 19: Day 2

Arriving in Tel Aviv, we meet our local guide and board our deluxe motor coach to Nazareth. We introduce our pilgrimage and celebrate Mass in the chapel of Mary of Nazareth International Center overlooking the city. Dinner and overnight at Golden Crown Hotel, Nazareth (B,D)



Monday— Oct 20: Day 3

We celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation, pray at the grotto where the angel appeared to Mary, and see the Church of St. Joseph and its excavations. Other sites of the city include Mary's Well, the Synagogue Church, St. Gabriel Church, and Chapel of Mary's Fright. We then enjoy a one-hour multi-media presentation at Mary of Nazareth International Center. We travel to the nearby archaeological park at Sepphoris and see St. Ann Convent. We then travel to the church at Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle, where couples may re-new their marriage vows. Dinner and overnight at Golden Crown in Nazareth (B,D)



Tuesday— Oct 21: Day 4

We board a boat for some reflective sailing on the Sea of Galilee, then ascend to the Mount of Beatitudes to gain a panoramic vista of the area around the Sea. We travel to Capernaum to visit the ancient synagogue and the House of Peter. Here we celebrate Mass and reflect on the teachings and miracles of Jesus. We visit the nearby Greek Orthodox Church of the Twelve Apostles. For lunch we enjoy a meal of the same kind of fish caught by Peter. We then travel along the shore to Tabgha, the Church of the Multiplication, where Jesus fed the multitudes, the Church of Peter's Primacy, where Jesus commissioned Peter to shepherd his church, and the Magdala Center, the home of Mary Magdalene. We then travel to Haifa to see Mount Carmel, the Stella Maris Church dedicated to Our Lady Star of the Sea, and the Cave of Elijah. Dinner and overnight at the Golden Crown in Nazareth (B,L,D)



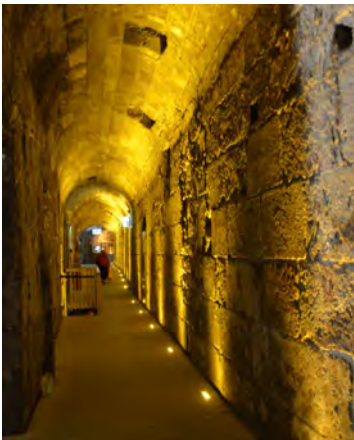
Wednesday, Oct 22: Day 5

We drive the winding ascent to the top of Mount Tabor for a view of the Valley of Jezreel. We visit the Church of the Transfiguration with its radiant mosaic and chapels of Moses and Elijah. We then travel south-ward to Ein Karem in the hill country of Judea. Here we celebrate Mass at the Church of the Visitation and see the Church of John the Baptist. Transfer to Jerusalem to the Pontifical Institute Notre Dame Center for dinner and overnight (B,D)



Thursday- Oct 23: Day 6

We visit the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem and the grotto of Jesus' birth. We celebrate Mass at St. Catherine Church. We visit the nearby Milk Grotto, then travel to Beit Sahour and visit the chapel in Shepherd's Field. We experience social services and educational opportunities for Palestinians, visiting with students and professors of Bethlehem University. On the way back to Jerusalem we visit the Tomb of Rachel. Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame de Jerusalem. This evening we will host a dialogue with an Israeli Jew and a Palestinian Christian who will speak to us about their work in cultivating healing, hospitality, and hope within the land. (B,D)



Friday- Oct 24: Day 7

We begin at the top of the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem. We visit the Chapel of the Ascension, the Pater Noster Church, and the Dominus Flevit Church. At the bottom on the Mount of Olives, we visit the Garden of Gethsemane, the Basilica of the Agony, and the Orthodox Tomb of the Virgin Mary. We then drive to Mount Zion to visit St. Peter in Gallicantu, the site of the High Priest's house and the crowing rooster, then to the Cenacle or Upper Room where Jesus shared the Last Supper with his disciples and where Mary and the apostles experienced the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We visit the Tomb of King David and conclude with Mass at Dormition Abbey where Mary slept before her Assumption into heaven. Return to Notre Dame de Jerusalem for dinner and overnight (B,D)



Saturday- Oct 25: Day 8

Before breakfast, we walk the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa. After breakfast the group will enter the old City through Stephen's Gate, visit Echo Home and then on to the Holy Sepulcher. Celebrate the Mass of Resurrection at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We will again visit Calvary, the empty Tomb of Jesus, other sites in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and the Church of St. Mark. We then travel to Bethany to visit the Church of Martha and Mary and the Tomb of Lazarus. We then descend to the Jordan Valley and stop at the Qasr el Yahud Baptismal Site at the Jordan River to renew our baptism. We then stop at Jericho and view the Mount of Temptation. We journey to the Dead Sea and see the caves at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Return to Notre Dame de Jerusalem for dinner and overnight (B,D)



Sunday- Oct 26: Day 9

Begin the day with a visit and to pray at the Western Wall and then on to Temple Mount. We then visit St. Ann Church to see the medieval Crusader Church which honors the parents of Mary, Sts Joachim and Ann, and the place of Mary's birth. Today is the Feast of Our Lady Queen of Palestine. We will travel to Deir Rafat to celebrate Mass with Palestinian Christians



and other pilgrims. Afterwards we will also see Beit Jamal. Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame de Jerusalem. This evening explore the recently-excavated Western Wall Tunnel. (B,D)

Monday,-Oct 27: Day 10

We check out of Notre Dame and travel to see the Shrine of the Book, housing the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Israel Museum, and the Model of Second Temple Jerusalem. We then journey to the site of Emmaus at Abu Gosh where we celebrate Mass. We then stop at the Church of Our Lady Ark of the Covenant in ancient Kiriath-jearim, where the Ark of the Covenant was kept before its transfer to Jerusalem. We then travel to Joppa to see the Church of St. Peter and the House of Simon the Tanner. We will celebrate our Farewell Dinner before our late evening transfer to Tel Aviv Airport (B,D)



Tuesday, Oct 28: Day 11

We arrive back home in the USA.

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