

☞ Pilgrimage to the Jordan and Holy Land ☛

October 10 – 24, 2018



- Wed** **VANCOUVER – PARIS**
10 Oct Board your flight to Paris. Dinner & breakfast served en route.
- Thu 11** **PARIS – AMMAN**
Oct Arrive in Paris to connect with your flight to Amman, Jordan. Expected time of arrival in Amman is around 8:30 pm. Your Jordanian tour guide will meet you and take you to your hotel for an overnight stay.
- Fri** **AMMAN – MT. NEBO - PETRA [B,D]**
12 Oct After breakfast, drive to Mt. Nebo, from where Moses viewed the Promised Land. We will have mass here. Lunch stop. After lunch, drive to on to Petra where you will stay for two nights.
- Sat** **PETRA [B,D]**
13 Oct This morning will be spent in Petra, one of the most magnificent sites in the Middle East. This Rose Red City is literally carved into the sides of a deep gorge. The only entrance is through the Al Siq, a narrow slit in the rock enclosed by beautiful limestone cliffs. Riding on horseback (no riding experience required) between the 100 foot cliffs you will see remarkable sights: temples, tombs & dwellings chiseled onto the cliff face.
- Sun** **PETRA – JERUSALEM [B,D]**
14 Oct After breakfast, you start your drive to the border, crossing the Allenby Bridge into Israel. After entry formalities at the border, we will proceed to the Notre Dame Hotel in Jerusalem, where we will be staying for the next six nights.
- Mon** **EIN KAREM - BETHLEHEM [B,D]**
15 Oct Begin the day with a visit to the Israeli Museum, to see the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are on display. You will also see the Second Temple scale model for an overview of Jerusalem as it was in the time of Jesus. A short drive will take you to the village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist; and the Visitation Church, where Mary proclaimed her famous “Magnificat”. In the afternoon, drive to Bethlehem and have Mass at the Shepherd’s Fields. Above the traditional Grotto of Jesus’ birth, you will visit the Nativity Church, one of the oldest Christian Churches. You will also so tour the Manger, and the Church of St. Catherine. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.
- Tue** **JERICHO – BETHANY – DEAD SEA [B,D]**
16 Oct This morning, drive to ancient Jericho. Visit the ruins of the ancient city which was conquered by Joshua and see an example of a sycamore tree, a tree which Zacchaeus climbed in order to catch a glimpse of Jesus, which still grows in this area. From Jericho, you will be able to view the Mt. of Temptations. You will then have a short visit in Bethany to see where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Visit the baptismal site on the River Jordan where you can renew your baptismal vows. You can enjoy a swim in the Dead Sea before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight.
- Wed** **JERUSALEM [B,D]**
17 Oct This morning you will drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem, and visit: the Church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught His disciples how to pray; and the Ascension Chapel, the site where Jesus ascended into Heaven. And then walk the “Palm Sunday Road” to Dominus Flevit, where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. Then you will proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Church of All Nations for Mass on the Rock of Agony. Lunch stop. In the afternoon, you will proceed to Mount Zion to visit: the Upper Room, where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper; the Church of Dormition, where Mary was assumed into heaven; and the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, near the house of Caiphaz, where St. Peter denied Jesus three times. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

- Thu 18 Oct** **JERUSALEM [B,D]**
 Early this morning you will walk the Via Dolorosa, ending prayerfully in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After a private Mass, you will climb Mt. Calvary and pray at the site of the Crucifixion. You will venerate the site where Jesus' body was anointed, the tomb where He was buried and rose from the dead, and the Chapel of St. Helena where tradition maintains she found the True Cross. In the Old City of Jerusalem, you will go through St. Stephen's Gate to visit the Church of St. Anne where the Blessed Virgin Mary was born. Next to this site is the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic man. While in the Old City, you will also see, the Western Wall, where you can view the Temple Mount. This evening, you will rejoin the group for your farewell dinner.
- Fri 19 Oct** **JERUSALEM [B,D]**
 Whole day free.
- Sat 20 Oct** **NAZARETH—CANA - TIBERIAS [B,D]**
 Following breakfast, you will drive to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. Visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, which built over the Grotto of the Annunciation, you will see the Cave of the Annunciation behind the altar—where Mary said “yes” to the Angel Gabriel. Then visit St. Joseph's Carpentry Shop nearby. Take an excursion to the summit of Mt. Tabor, where Jesus transfigured Himself and revealed His Divine Glory to the apostles. Afterward, drive to Cana, where Jesus, at the request of Mary, performed His first miracle – changing water into wine. It was here also that He blessed marriage and raised it to the dignity of a sacrament. If you wish, you may renew your wedding vows as a lasting remembrance of your visit to this holy site. Continue on to Tiberias and check-in at the hotel where you will stay for two nights. Dinner.
- Sun 21 Oct** **TIBERIAS [B,D]**
 This morning, enjoy a scenic boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and proceed to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus delivered the ‘Sermon on the Mount’. Visit the Church of Peter's Primacy on the shore of Galilee, where Jesus appeared to the Apostles after His resurrection and confirmed Peter in the role as Vicar of Christ with the words, “Feed My sheep”. The rock emerging from the center of the church is venerated at “Mensa Christi”; tradition claims this to be the table on which Jesus laid out breakfast for his apostles. Proceed to Capernaum, which for three years was the center of Jesus' public ministry. Here our Lord met His first disciples Peter, Andrew, James, John and Matthew, and worked many miracles. Celebrate Mass, visit the synagogue where Jesus taught, and then drive to Tabgha, to the site where Jesus multiplied the Loaves and Fish to feed over 5000 people. Take an excursion to the summit of Mt. Tabor, where Jesus transfigured Himself and revealed His Divine Glory to the apostles.
- Mon 22 Oct** **HAIFA – CAESAREA – TEL AVIV [B,D]**
 This morning, leave Tiberias and drive to the sparkling port city of Haifa to visit Stella Maris. Ascend Mt. Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. After Mass, continue the drive along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, capital of the ancient Roman Procurators of Judea. Here, St. Peter preached and St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. Visit the Roman Theater, Crusader's Moat, and the Byzantine Churches. Continue to Tel Aviv for dinner and check-in at the hotel where you will stay for two nights.
- Tue 23 Oct** **TEL AVIV [B, D]**
 Whole day free.
- Wed 24 Oct** **TEL AVIV – PARIS - VANCOUVER**
 Your flight to Vancouver with connection in Paris departs Tel Aviv at approximately 1:00 am.

TOUR PRICE: \$5518.00 (Minimum of 25 paying persons required)

Single Supplement: \$1504.00

DEPOSIT: \$500.00 (Non-refundable) This amount will be applied to Final Payment

2ND DEPOSIT - April 10, 2018: \$1500.00

3rd Deposit - June 10, 2018: \$1500.00

BALANCE DUE DATE: August 10, 2018 -> \$2018.00

INCLUDED:

- * Air Transportation (Vancouver/Frankfurt/Tel-Aviv/Frankfurt/Vancouver)
- * Tips to Driver & Guide
- * Breakfast & dinner where indicated with **B** – Breakfast & **D** - Dinner
- * Porterage (at hotels) of only **1** piece of luggage

NOT INCLUDED:

- * Air Transportation taxes, and related government fees & surcharges (fuel, insurance, security)
- * Lunches
- * Personal items (laundry, phone & fax charges, room service charges, wines, mineral water & beverages, and other items purely personal in nature)
- * Insurance

INSURANCE:

Purchase of Comprehensive Insurance, which covers among other things, Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Excess Hospital & Medical Insurance and Baggage Insurance, is **strongly recommended**. *Be aware that pre-existing medical conditions exclusion may apply.*

CANCELLATION PENALTIES: If cancellation is made:

- Over 181 days before departure - \$500
- 180 – 121 days prior to departure - \$2000
- 120 – 61 days prior to departure - \$3500
- 60 days or less prior to departure - 100%

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