

# Pilgrimage to the Holy Land



**May 15 – 24, 2012 \$ 2,599.00 (plus airline tax of approx. \$600)**  
**From Chicago (based on min. 20 paying passengers)**

**Day 1 – Tuesday May 15.** Afternoon departure for our overseas flight.

**Day 2 - Wednesday.** Arrive in *Tel Aviv* and proceed to our hotel in *Nethanya*. Dinner and overnight.

**Day 3 - Thursday. Nethanya-Caesarea-Haifa-Tiberias.** This morning we depart *Nethanya*, on our way to *Tiberias*, we visit *Caesarea*, where St. Peter baptized the first Gentile converts and where St. Paul was imprisoned. We continue to *Muhraqa*, where the Carmelite Monastery of St. Elijah marks the place where the prophet Elijah set up his altar and triumphed over the false prophets of Ba'al. Then we proceed to *Mt. Carmel* and the *Chapel of Stella Mares*, where we celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight in *Galilee*.

**Day 4 - Friday. Around the Sea of Galilee.** This morning we begin with a boat ride on the *Sea of Galilee*, then proceed by motor coach to *Caesarea Philipi*, where Peter acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah, and the *Mt. of Beatitudes* with its panoramic view of the Sea of Galilee. We then visit *Tabgha* to commemorate the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, celebrate Mass at the *Heptagon* (Peter's Primacy), and visit *Capernaum*, the home of St. Peter before continuing on to the *Jordan River*. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Day 5 - Saturday. Nazareth - Jerusalem.** We depart for *Cana*, the site of Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast. Here couples are invited to renew their marriage vows, then on to *Nazareth* to visit the *Basilica of the Annunciation* for Mass, *St. Joseph's Workshop* and *Mary's Well*. Our last stop today is *Mt. Tabor*, the site of the Transfiguration. We continue on to *Jerusalem* for dinner and overnight.

**Day 6 - Sunday. Jerusalem: Old City, Mount of Olives & Mt. Zion.** We begin our day by entering the *Old City* through St. Stephen's Gate with a visit the *Church of St. Anne*, marking the birth place of the Blessed Mother and the nearby *Pools of Bethesda*; then proceed to the *Chapel of the Flagellation* (where Our Lord was scourged), and the *Ecce Homo Arch*, where we will celebrate Mass. Our afternoon continues with a drive to *Mt. Scopus* and to the *Mt. of Olives*, where we gain a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem. We visit the place of the *Ascension, Pater Noster*, commemorating the "Our Father", *Dominus Flevit* where Jesus wept over Jerusalem, and the *Church of All Nations* in the Garden of Gethsemane, *Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu* where Peter denied Christ, the House of Caiphas, the *Church of the Dormition* of Our Lady, and the *Upper Room*, site of the Last Supper. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

**Day 7 - Monday. Jericho, Qumran, the Dead Sea and Masada.** Today begins with a visit to *Jericho*. This city was the site of Joshua's first dramatic conquest. We will visit the traditional location of *Zaccheus Tree* and from a distance we view the *Mt. of Temptation*, now home to a Greek Orthodox Monastery. Our next stop is *Qumran*, site of the discovery of the *Dead Sea Scrolls*. We stop at the *Dead Sea*, the lowest point on earth for a visit or swim if you like, then visit *Masada* the mountain fortress and site of the great battle in 73AD. On our way back to Jerusalem we will stop in *Bethany*, site of the resurrection of Lazarus. Here we celebrate Mass. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight in our hotel.

**Day 8 – Tuesday. Bethlehem.** This morning we make our way to *Bethlehem*, visiting first the *Shepherd's Field*, followed by the *Church of the Nativity, St. Jerome's Chapel* and *St. Catherine's Church*. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

**Day 9 – Wednesday.** We begin the last day of our pilgrimage early on the *via Dolorosa* (Stations of the Cross) and Mass at the church of the *Holy Sepulchre* before returning to our hotel for breakfast. After checking out of the hotel we travel to *Ein Karem*, where we will visit the *Church of St. John the Baptist* and the *Church of the Visitation*. We will stop for our farewell dinner before arriving at the airport for our night flight home.

**Day 10 – Thursday.** Morning arrival in New York connecting to our Chicago flight. Mid-morning arrival in Chicago.

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