

Holy Land Pilgrimage

**"JOURNEY THROUGH THE LAND OF ISRAEL"
10 Days Following Jesus' Footsteps Itinerary**

November 5 to 14, 2018
(dates are confirmed with Air Canada)

Price:
\$2,419 pp. from Columbus, OH

Included: R/T Flight from Columbus, Hotels, Touring, Entrance Fees, Breakfast & Dinner daily + 2 Lunches, Masada tour
Not Included: Carrier surcharges (subject to change by airline), Tips (\$130), Optional travel insurance (\$194 per person), Drinks and items of personal nature.

HOSTED BY:

Fathers: **Stluka, Mathewson, Aubry and Hayes**

Columbus, OH.

Would you like to have a life changing and never-to-be forgotten experience? It is our joy to invite you on a trip to the Bible Lands where you will find a new dimension in understanding Christian history and life of Jesus our Messiah. We will visit places where Jesus walked, lived, taught, performed miracles, where He was crucified and raised from the dead. We will take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee; Celebrate Daily Mass, including a special one at the Holy Sepulcher.

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Proposed Catholic Affordable Itinerary

Fr. Aubry, Fr. Hayes, Fr. Stluka, Fr. Mathewson



Day 1 - Departure from the U.S.

Board an overseas flight to Tel Aviv, Israel. Enjoy entertainment and dinner aboard the airplane.

Day 2 - Tel Aviv

Arrive Ben Gurion Airport. Our representative will help you through customs and take you to the bus where you will meet your guide. Transfer to your hotel in Netanya or Nazareth (depending on flight arrival time) for dinner and overnight.

Day 3 - Caesarea/Haifa/Mt. Tabor/Nazareth /Cana

After breakfast, explore the Mediterranean coast. Drive along the Via Maris to **Caesarea Maritima** and visit the **Roman Theater** with the 2000 years old Aqueduct and view the Crusader fortifications. Continue to **Haifa** and **Mount Carmel**, visit the **Church of Stella Maris** and **Elijah's cave**. Take in the magnificent view of Haifa Bay. Enjoy the famous Falafel - a typical Israeli lunch. Drive to **Mount Tabor**, the **Mount of Transfiguration**, which dominates the Jezreel Valley, Biblical known as Armageddon. On to **Nazareth** for a visit to the **Church of Annunciation** - the biggest in the Middle East, see **Mary's Well** and visit the **Old Synagogue**. On to **Cana of Galilee** - the site of Jesus's First Miracle at the wedding. Drive to your hotel in Nazareth for dinner and overnight. **(Mass in Nazareth)**



Day 4 - Sea of Galilee/Capernaum/Tabgha/Mt. of Beatitudes/Caesarea Philippi

After breakfast explore the surroundings of the **Sea of Galilee**, where Jesus began his ministry. Start the day with a cruise in the lake on board a "Biblical boat". Visit **Capernaum**, "the Town of Jesus", and see the synagogue and St. Peter's house. Continue to **Tabgha**, site of the miracle of the Fishes and Loaves. On to **Mount of Beatitudes** for a breathtaking view of the Sea of Galilee. Lunch will be at a typical restaurant, serving the famous St. Peter's Fish. After lunch drive up the Golan Heights to **Caesarea Philippi** (Baniyas), which is one of the sources of the Jordan River. Back to your hotel for dinner and overnight. **(Mass in Capernaum or Mount of Beatitudes)**



Day 5 - Jordan Valley/Jerusalem/Bethlehem

After breakfast begin your journey to Jerusalem. Start with a visit to the 2000 years old wooden fishermen boat that is hosted at Kibbutz Nof Ginossar - The **St. Peter's Boat**. Drive south along the **Jordan Valley**. On the way view Jericho, the most ancient town in the world and Mount of Temptation. Drive on the Biblical old road to **Jerusalem**. Enter the Holy City with a special ceremony. Drive to **Bethlehem**, visit the **Church of Nativity** and view the **Shepherds' Field**. Free time for shopping. On the way back to Jerusalem, stop for a visit to the **Herodium** - King Herod's fortress and tomb. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. **(Mass in Bethlehem)**



Day 6 - Mt. of Olives/Garden of Gethsemane/Pool of Bethesda/Via Dolorosa/Holy Sepulcher/Mt. Zion

After breakfast we will dedicate the day to exploring the **Holy City**. Visit **Mount of Olives** with its breathtaking view over the Old City of Jerusalem. Here you can see the ancient Jewish cemetery and Oskar Schindler's grave, buried in the Catholic Franciscan Cemetery of Mt. Zion. Visit the **Chapel of Ascension** and **Pater Noster Church**, where we find the "Lord's Prayer" in over 50 languages. Walk down Palm Sunday road to the **Church of Dominus Flevit** - "the Lord wept". On to the **Garden of Gethsemane** with the ancient olive trees and visit the **Church of All Nations**. Nearby we can stop for a short visit at the **Garden Tomb**. Enter the Old City from the Lions' Gate. Visit **St. Anne's Church** and the **Pools of Bethesda**. Continue along the stations of the **Via Dolorosa** (carrying a wooden cross, if available) to the **Holy Sepulcher**, where the last Stations of the Cross are located. On to the **Jewish Quarter** and **Mount Zion** to visit David's Tomb, the **Room of the Last Supper**, the **Church of the Dormition** and the **St. Peter in Gallicantu Church**. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. **(Mass in Jerusalem)**



Day 7 - Ein Karem/Yad Vashem/Israel Museum-Model

After breakfast discover the New City. Drive to **Ein Karem**, the hometown of St. John the Baptist. Visit the **Churches of Visitation** and **St. John's the Baptists**. Continue to **Yad Vashem** the Holocaust memorial. Drive to the **Israel Museum** to visit the **Shrine of the Book**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are exhibited and visit the **Holyland Model** of the Holy City as it was 2,000 years ago, in Jesus' times. Conclude the day returning to the Old City to visit the **Wailing Wall**, the holiest place for the Jewish people. View the Temple Mount with the El Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. **(Mass in Jerusalem)**



Day 8 - Bethany/Dead Sea/Qumran/Masada

(Early morning Mass in Jerusalem) After breakfast tour of Masada and Dead Sea:

Drive to **Bethany**, visit the **Tomb of Lazarus** and the **House of Mary and Martha**. Continue to the **Good Samaritan Inn**. Drive to the **Dead Sea**, the lowest place on earth. Visit **Qumran**, where John the Baptist may have lived with the Essenes and where the famous **Dead Sea Scrolls** were written and found. Continue along the Dead Sea shore to Masada. Ascend and descend by cable car. Visit the amazing fortress built by King Herod. Walk along the remains of the palaces, bathhouse, walls, the synagogue and the Byzantine Church. Hear the tragic story of the last stronghold of the Zealots fighters. Drive to the Dead Sea, the lowest point and the saltiest body of water on earth. Enjoy a dip in these salty waters, where you can float on this amazing lake.



Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 9 - Transfer and fly back to USA

(Morning Mass in Jerusalem) After breakfast pack your suitcase and check out of the hotel. Visit **Hadassah Hospital** and see the famous **Chagall Windows**, stop at the **Knesset** - the Israel Parliament, to see the famous **Menorah** and the **Eternal Flame**. On to visit **Yad Kennedy** and the Kennedy forest, which is a memorial for President JF Kennedy. Drive to **Old Jaffa** where we can see the **house of John the tanner**. Special Farewell dinner at the hotel with Pilgrimage Certificates. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 10 - Arrive back home

Morning transfer to the airport for our late evening flight back home. Arrive back home.

All sites listed in the itinerary will be covered but the sequence and days may be altered to adjust to religious holidays, special closings of sites, air schedules, etc. This tour is not recommended for those who have mobility limitations since it includes walking on uneven terrain.