



Holy Land PILGRIMAGE

St. Peter, Volo IL

Feb 11-20, 2018

Spiritual Director: Father Anthony Rice

10 Days / 8 Nights
(3 Nights Nazareth / 5 Nights Jerusalem)

DEPARTURE:

Sunday, February 11

From O'Hare, Lufthansa Flight 0431 4:20 PM

2.2 HR layover in Frankfurt, Germany

ARRIVE:

Monday February 12, 2018

Tel Aviv via Frankfurt, Lufthansa Flight 0686 at 3:15 PM

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Meal Guide (B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

Day 1 MON FEB 12 in Israel: **TEL AVIV – NAZARETH** (Arrival LH686 03:15PM)

Arrive in Tel Aviv. After Passport Control, greeted by our guide and driver. Drive north along the Mediterranean Seacoast to Nazareth. Father will celebrate Holy Mass after we check into our hotel (Casa Nova) and then have dinner and rest.

MASS - 6:00 PM Casa Nova Chapel Nazareth

Meals D - Overnight-Nazareth

Day 2: TUE FEB 13 **NAZARETH – MT TABOR – HAIFA/STELLA MARIS - CANA – NAZARETH**

Early 7:00 AM Mass Basilica Annunciation - then return to hotel for breakfast.

After breakfast, walk across the street to the Church of the Annunciation to visit the Grotto where Mary 'heard The Word' and the upper parish church. Then we visit the museum built over the village of Nazareth and learn about the many churches that have been built over the House of Mary. Stop at Joseph's Carpenter Shop, and then walk through the town where Jesus grew up. Continue up to the Synagogue Church to read scripture and pray before walking to Mary's Well in the Greek Orthodox Church and then enjoy Lunch (included) in a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, drive to Mount Tabor, where we'll transfer to taxis and go up to visit Antonio Bartolucci's magnificent church on the spot where Jesus revealed His Glory in the Transfiguration. Return to Nazareth, drive to the Wedding Church in Cana where Father will renew the wedding vows of our couples. Return to Nazareth for dinner and overnight. After dinner, pray the Rosary in the Grotto if possible.

MASS - 7:00 AM Annunciation Basilica

Meals BLD - Overnight-Nazareth

Day 3: WED FEB 14 **NAZARETH – SEA OF GALILEE – NAZARETH**

After breakfast, depart for the Sea of Galilee to visit Tabgha where Our Lord fed the 5,000 men with 2 loaves and 5 fishes. Continue to The Primacy where he asks Peter, "Do you love me?" and then to the Mount of Beatitudes for Holy Mass. Stop to enjoy the Lunch (INCLUDED) of Saint Peter's fish (there's other choices if you don't care for fish). In the afternoon, enjoy a boat ride in the Sea of Galilee. In the evening, transfer back to Nazareth, dinner and overnight in our hotel.

MASS - 11:00 AM Mount of Beatitudes

Meals BLD - Overnight-Nazareth



Day 4: THURS FEB 15 NAZARETH – CAESAREA MARITIMA – BETHLEHEM - JERUSALEM

After breakfast, CHECK-OUT and drive to the Mediterranean Seacoast, to visit Caesarea Maritime and visit of the ancient city, with the Roman theatre and crusader's fortress. After breakfast, visit the city of Bethlehem, the oldest Christian church in the world, built over the place where Our Lord was born, Father will celebrate Holy Mass. Drive down to Shepherd's Field. (INCLUDED) lunch at the Franciscan Casa Nova. Time to shop in one of the big Christian stores. Transfer to Jerusalem check in to our hotel (Notre Dame.) Dinner and overnight.

MASS - 3:00 PM Basilica of Nativity – Cave of St Joseph
Meals BLD Overnight-Jerusalem

Day 5: FRI FEB 16 JERUSALEM – JERICHO – QUMRAN – DEAD SEA – JERUSALEM

After breakfast. Drive South to the Judean Desert. Enter Palestine, and visit the old city of Jericho. Father will celebrate Holy Mass at the Franciscan Parish church, Good Shepherd. Continue on to see the Mount of Temptations and the excavations of the oldest city in the world. Stop at the Sycamore tree. Stop at the Jordan River, where Father will renew our Baptismal promises. Visit the excavation of Qumran, where the Dead sea scrolls were found. Transfer to the Dead Sea. Enjoy floating in the Dead Sea (optional) the very lowest and saltiest waters of the world. Drive to Jerusalem, back to our hotel. Dinner and overnight.

MASS- 9:00 AM – JERICHO Good Shepherd (Franciscan Parish)
Meals BD Overnight-Jerusalem

Day 6: SAT FEB 17 JERUSALEM: OLD CITY – MOUNT OF OLIVES

Early MASS 6:30 AM Father will celebrate the Solemn High Mass at the Holy Sepulchre. Return to hotel for breakfast.

After breakfast, the group will pray along the Via Dolorosa, (The actual Stations of the Cross) carrying a cross up through the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where we'll stop on Calvary, and have an opportunity to enter the Tomb. Later, drive up on the Mt of Olives and walk down from the place of the Ascension to the Carmelite Convent where we remember Jesus teaching the Our Father, and continue down to Dominus Flevit where He wept over the city, and down to the Garden of Gethsemane. Continue to St. Peter in Gallicantu where our Lord was held by the high priest when he was arrested.

Free time. Dinner in Armenian Restaurant, The Bourgoulji. Back to hotel for overnight

MASS - Early 6:30 AM Holy Sepulchre/ HIGH MASS
Meals BD Overnight-Jerusalem

Day 7: SUN FEB 18 JERUSALEM : AIN KAREM – MOUNT SION

After breakfast, Depart to Ein Karem to visit the Birthplace of St. John the Baptist and then climb to the Church of the Visitation where Mary went to help her cousin Elizabeth. After free time for lunch, drive around the Old City to Mt Zion to visit Dormition Abbey where "Mary Slept" and the Upper Room (Last Supper). Return to the hotel. Later, depart by bus for a Special Farewell Middle-East Feast dinner. Return to hotel for overnight.

MASS - 4:00 PM (Franciscan Property)-Ad Coenaculum
Meals BD Overnight-Jerusalem

Day 8: MON FEB 19 JERUSALEM

After breakfast, drive around the Old City to visit the Western Wall. We pass the closed Golden Gate as we leave and enter the Crusader church of St. Ann's and the Pools of Bethesda. Leave the city by St. Stephen's Gate. Free time. Back to our hotel. Enjoy a free afternoon in the Old City, in the market or for another visit to the Holy Sepulchre. Dinner in the hotel. TBA Holy Hour.

MASS - AM Pending (if not possible Mass will be at Church of St Ann)
(7:45 PM pending) Holy Hour. Garden Cave Garden of Gethsemane. Franciscan Property.
DINNER-HOTEL PM Meals BD Overnight-Jerusalem

Day 9: TUES FEB 20 JERUSALEM – TEL AVIV

Early AM Holy Mass in Chapel at Notre Dame. Departure time TBA.
Coffee and breakfast cake before departure to Tel Aviv for our flights home.

Flight Departure time from Israel: 5:20 AM, from Tel Aviv to Chicago via Frankfurt, Germany
Lufthansa Flight LH691 1.5 hr layover.
Lufthansa Flight 0430 10:40 AM departure

Arrive Chicago, O'HARE 1:05 PM, Tuesday, February 20, 2018

NOTE:

Please keep your Passport safe. Should you have questions at anytime, please do not hesitate to let Hussam (Guide) know.