

The early Franciscans sent some of their first missionaries to venerate and protect the sacred sites of the Holy Land. Following the admonition of their founder St. Francis of Assisi, they went always two by two because, as Jesus said, "wherever two or three gather in my name I am in the midst of them." The majority of the sacred sites are still venerated and protected by the friars to this very day. St. Francis understood the importance of contemplating these places where the Divine feet of the savior left human footprints in the soil, but always in community, always as the Church. Accompany the Church on a Capuchin Franciscan pilgrimage as we contemplate the sacred sites where heaven touched earth and grow in our understanding of the Scriptures while deepening our faith in God's power to renew our lives.



Capuchin Franciscans Province of St. Conrad

11 DAY HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

NAZARETH - SEA OF GALILEE - BETHLEHEM - JERUSALEM
JERICHO - DEAD SEA - BETHANY

December 6 to 16, 2023
From Denver, (DEN)

PRICE: \$4,400
ALL INCLUSIVE except lunches

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Your Pilgrimage Features

- + Roundtrip air transportation from DEN to Tel-Aviv.
- + Christian guesthouse Casanova.
- + Land transportation via deluxe private motor coach
- + Taxes, Fuel Surcharges and Tips
- + Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- + Entrance fees to all sites on itinerary
- + Daily Masses
- + Professional Catholic English-speaking guide
- + The Itinerary is subject to change including the hotels.
- + Tips included except for lunches.
- + EOHSJ - Shell Qualifying Pilgrimage

Please Read This Important Information

Deposit - \$400 (Payable on booking)
Second Payment due - Jun 5, 2023 50%
Full balance due - Sep. 5, 2023

Each tour member must hold a U.S. passport valid up to 6 months after the scheduled return. The passport must be valid until Jun 16, 2024. Application forms are available at your local passport office or U.S. Postal Service. Any required visas will be processed for US citizens only. Non-US citizens are solely responsible for obtaining any required visas.

Rates based on Double-occupancy, the airline tax and fuel surcharge and currency exchange rate(s) at the date of quotation to your host. Subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure.

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Day 1: Depart for Holy Land

Today: Depart for Tel Aviv with complimentary meals and beverages served onboard your international flight.

Day 2: Arrival to Tel Aviv Airport

Today: On arrival in Tel Aviv proceed through Passport Control, meet our private airport assistant, and claim our luggage. Our group will meet straight forward with our guide.

Evening: Proceed to our hotel in Nazareth



Day 3: Mt. Tabor - Cana - Nazareth

Today: Drive to Mount Tabor (The site of the Transfiguration) and then to Cana of Galilee to visit the wedding Church (Mass) where Jesus performed the first of his signs, changing water to wine. Continue drive to Nazareth and visit the Basilica of the Annunciation starting with the Grotto of the Annunciation and the Church then we will visit the house of the Holy Family underneath the Church of St. Joseph. Meeting with Vicar of Nazareth.

Evening: Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Nazareth

Day 4: Tiberias - Sea of Galilee- Capernaum- Mt. of Beatitudes

Today: This morning we drive to the Sea of Galilee to visit the Mt. of Beatitudes where our Lord gave the Sermon on the Mount, continue to Tabgha to see the splendid mosaic of the loaves and fishes with which he feed the Five Thousand. Visit the Church of St. Peter's Primacy and then go to visit Capernaum to see the house of St. Peter and the Synagogue where our Lord preached. You will have the opportunity to try the St. Peter's fish for lunch today. One of today's highlights is a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and we will also see the "Jesus Boat" a 2000 year old boat found at the shores of Magdala.

Evening: Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Nazareth



Day 5: Haifa - Caesarea

Today: This Morning, we will drive to the Beautiful city of Haifa and go on Mt. Carmel where The Carmelites started 900 years ago. We pray mass at the church of Stella Maris, "the star of the sea". We drive west to Caesarea Maritime, where St. Peter Baptized Cornelius and St. Paul was a prisoner for a while before going to Rome. Here we visit the Roman Aqueducts and the Roman Theater and the palace of Pontius Pilate. Then we continue our drive to Jerusalem.

Evening: Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 6: Samaria - Baptism Site - Jericho - Dead Sea - Bethany - Jerusalem

Today: After breakfast, you will drive Samaria to visit in Nablus the Jacob's well and to visit the ruins of the old Sebaste. Then you will drive south to enter Jericho. (Mass this day in Nablus) . We continue driving to Jericho stopping by the Jordan River to renew our baptism vows. View Mt. Temptation where Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan. We will continue to swim (or rather a float!) in the mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea, renowned for its healing properties. (Mass this day in Jericho)

Evening: Dinner and Overnight in Jerusalem



Day 7: Bethlehem - Emmaus - Jerusalem

Today: This morning, we Drive to Bethlehem visiting the place of birth of our Lord, The Basilica of the Nativity. We will visit the Grotto of Nativity and the Church of St. Catherine where the Midnight Mass is celebrated and the Caves of St. Joseph and St. Jerome underneath the church. Visit Shepherd's Fields, where the Angels appeared to the shepherds who were watching over their flocks during the night.

Time for Shopping in the end of the day.

Afternoon we head to visit Emmaus of the crusader's. Visit of The St Mary of Resurrection Abbey here the crusader's thought to have found the Place where Jesus appeared to the Disciples after his resurrection.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem



Day 8: Jerusalem - Ain Karem - Mount Zion - Upper Room

In the morning, we start our visit to Israel museum then, we drive to Ain - Karem to visit the birth place of St. John the Baptist and the Church of the Visitation Where Mary came to visit her kinswoman Elizabeth and proclaimed the 'Magnificat'. This afternoon, go on Mount Zion to visit the Church of the Dormition commemorating our Blessed Mother falling asleep. Next, we go to visit the Cenacle /Upper Room, the place of the Last Supper and Pentecost. We also visit the Church of Saint Peter in Gallicantu. The house of the high priest of the Jews Caiaphas where Jesus was imprisoned for the night and where Peter denied our Lord. Mass at the Latin Patriarchate Cathedral.

Visit of the Latin Patriarchate and meeting with the Patriarch.

Evening: Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 9: Jerusalem - The Passion of Jesus' last hours

Today: We enter the Old city Jerusalem to visit the Dome of the Rock and El-Aqsa Mosque and the Western Wall and the Jewish quarter and the Cardo. After Lunch we will transfer to St. Anna Church for the visit of the Pool of Betesda. We continue to the Judgment Hall known as the Antonia Fortress where he was led to be condemned to death by Pontius Pilate.

At that place we start walking the Via Dolorosa through the markets of the Old City praying the Stations of the Cross, we reflect on the greatness of His sacrifice, stopping at each of the fourteen stations of the cross until we reach the church of Holy Sepulcher. Visit Calvary and the empty Tomb of our Lord and the different sections of the church. Holy Mass in the Holy Sepulchre.

Evening: Dinner and Overnight in Jerusalem



Day 10: Jerusalem Mt. Of Olives

Today: After breakfast, we drive to Bethany and visit Lazarus Tomb. Later on we drive to the top of Mt. Olives for a panoramic view of Jerusalem for a better understanding of its geography and some of the key sites surrounding the area. Visit the Church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, and then we walk on the Palm Sunday road to the church of Dominus Flevit, where our Lord wept over the city. Continue our walk on the Palm Sunday road to the Garden of Gethsemane. At Gethsemane is the Rock of Agony where Jesus uttered his last prayer. Spend some time in reflection and meditation inside the church. (Holy Mass in the Garden of Gethsemane)

Evening: Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 11: Fly back to USA

Today: In the morning departure from Telaviv and flight back to the Usa