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Please consider coming on this "Journey of a Lifetime." I know, from my earlier experience, that you will not be disappointed. To be in the very places where Jesus lived, taught, suffered, died, and rose from dead, is a privilege beyond description. The Bible will come alive as it does for me ever since my first visit as a seminarian with my fellow seminarians. You never read it or hear it read in the same way. Places in the Bible will not be just names on the page, but will be real. Your faith will be much uplifted!

The Holy Land is sometimes called the Fifth Gospel because it helps you and I understand the other four Gospels better. I look forward to revisiting the Holy Land again, this time as your priest chaplain. What an honor. I love the place where God chose to become one of us.

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Fr. Okoro

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Day 1: Friday June 10, DEPART FOR HOLY LAND

Today: Depart for Amman with complimentary meals and beverages served on board your international flight.

Day 2: Saturday June 11, ARRIVAL TO AMMAN

On arrival to Amman, After immigration and customs formalities, meet your guide and transfer to your hotel for dinner and accommodation. (D)

Day 3: Sunday June 12, AMMAN - PETRA

We start our day with breakfast and drive to the lost city of Petra, "The Red Rose City", a city dating back to 300 B.C., which was literally cut into the cliff sides. Take a horseback, or carriage ride through the 2km. Siq, the only access to this city carved out of rose colored rock. Tour the various temples, the Amphitheater, the Monastery, the Streets of Columns, and the Treasury. (B,D) Evening: Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Petra



Day 4: Monday June 13, PETRA - MT. NEBO - MADABA - NAZARETH

Check out of your hotel after breakfast. On the way to Sheikh Husain Bridge we will stop in Madaba (the city of mosaic), to Mount Nebo where Moses saw the promised Land before dying. Cross the border of Jordan into Israel via the Sheikh Hussein Bridge. Head for Nazareth, the place where Jesus spent His childhood. Check-in at your hotel in Nazareth for dinner and accommodation (B,D)

Evening: Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Nazareth

DAY 5: Tuesday June 14, MT. TABOR - CANA - NAZARETH

Today: After breakfast, we will drive to the site of the Transfiguration, Mount Tabor (30 min drive) (Matthew 17:1-50). At this site, you will have some time to reflect on Christ's Humanity and Divinity. Our next stop is at Cana of Galilee (30 min drive) to visit the Wedding Church, where Jesus performed the first of his signs, changing water to wine (Mass with renewal of wedding vows for couples). We drive back to Nazareth (20 min drive) in time for Lunch. Afterward, we will experience the town where Mary once lived and where Jesus lived as a child (Matthew 2:23). During the visit to



Nazareth we visit the Church of the Annunciation which includes the Church of St Joseph (it's from 1914-21 built over Byzantine ruins) which tradition identifies is with the workshop of Joseph and the house of the Holy Family. We will continue with a visit of the Church of the Incarnation, viewing at Grotto the remains of the house of the Blessed Virgin where the angel appeared and announced the good news. Following Pilgrims path we visit Mary's well, where often the Virgin Mary would have walked to draw water from the spring.

Option: (Meeting with Vicar of Nazareth). Evening: Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Nazareth

DAY 6: Wednesday June 15, TIBERIAS - BEATITUDES - TABGHA - CAPERANUM- SEA OF GALILEE

Today: This morning after breakfast at the hotel, we drive to the Sea of Galilee (40 min drive) to visit the Mt. of Beatitudes where our Lord gave the Sermon on the Mount (Luke 6:20-49), we celebrate a Mass upon arrival. We continue the Mount of Tabgha to see the splendid mosaic of the loaves and fishes, where Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000 people from five loaves of bread and two fish (Luke 9:10-17). Also, in Tabgha is St. Peter's Primacy where Jesus bestowed church leadership upon Peter (John 21:0). We continue to Congruence to see the house of St. Peter and the Synagogue where our Leadership.



(John 21:9). We continue to Capernaum to see the house of St. Peter and the Synagogue where our Lord preached. You will have an opportunity to try the St. Peter's fish for lunch that day. One of today's highlights is a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee (Luke 5:1). We will also see the "Jesus Boat" a 2000-year-old boat found at the shores of Magdala. We drive back to Nazareth (40 min drive).

Evening: Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Nazareth

DAY 7: Thursday June 16, HAIFA - CAESAREA

Today: This Morning, we drive west to Caesarea Maritime (45 min drive), 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. This is the place which officially ended the tradition of adhering to the Jewish ceremonial laws. As a result, Peter baptized a group of Gentiles, the Roman Centurion, Cornelius, and his family. Then we will drive about 30 min to Haifa, visit the Beautiful city of Haifa and go on Mt. Carmel where the Carmelites started 900 years ago.



We celebrate Mass at the Church of Stella Maris, "the star of the sea". The monastery is located above the cave where Elijah, the prophet, once lived. A colorful painting of this

"Wonder-Worker" can be found on the ceiling of the Church. We will have a panoramic view of the city Haifa and the beautiful Baha'i Gardens. Return to Nazareth (40 min drive).

Evening: Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Nazareth.

DAY 8: Friday June 17, JERICHO - MOUNT OF TEMPTATION - DEAD SEA

Today: After breakfast, you will drive along the Jordan Valley south to Kasr El-Yahud, Jesus' baptismal site on the River Jordan (Matthew 3:13-17). After some time at the Jordan River we continue to the oldest inhabited city in the world (60 min Drive), Jericho (Joshua 6:12-25). In

Jericho, you view the exact location, the Mount of Temptation, of where the Devil tempted Jesus during his forty-day fast (Luke 4:1). Following the visit to this mountain, we drive to the Dead Sea, for a swim. Continue drive to Jerusalem.

Mass at Good Shepherd in Jericho.

Evening: Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem.

DAY 9: Saturday June 18, BETHLEHEM

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.

Lunch and (Holy Mass at the Nativity Church)

Evening: Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Bethlehem.

DAY 10: Sunday June 19, MOUNT OF OLIVES

Today: After breakfast, 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: Overnight at your hotel in Bethlehem.

DAY 11: Monday June 20, JERUSALEM - AIN KAREM - MOUNT ZION - UPPER ROOM

In the morning 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 or one of the Bishops.

DAY 12: Tuesday June 21, JERUSALEM: THE PASSION OF JESUS LAST HOURS

Today: Early this morning, we plan to attend the Mass in the Holy Tomb at the church of Holy Sepulcher with a Solemn Entry.

After Mass, we continue to visit the Old City Jerusalem, the Western Wall, Dome of the Rock and El-Aqsa Mosque. We continue to St. Anne's Church and the Pools of Bethesda. We continue to the Judgement Hall known as the Antonia Fortress where Jesus 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 Sepulchre. Visit Calvary and the empty Tomb of our Lord and the different sections of the Church. Evening: Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Bethlehem.

DAY 13: Wednesday June 22, RETURN TO USA

Today: Morning departure from Tel-Aviv and flight back to the USA





