

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, PETRA AND ROME

Tiberias ✚ Nazareth ✚ Cana ✚ Capernaum ✚ Mt. Tabor
Jericho ✚ Dead Sea ✚ Bethany ✚ Jerusalem ✚ Petra
Bethlehem ✚ Rome ✚ The Colosseum ✚ The Tomb of Christ
Mass at St. John Paul II Tomb
Basilica of St. Peter ✚ Basilica of St. Peter

OCTOBER 12 - 27, 2020

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Monday, October 12 - We depart from the U.S. for our evening connecting flight overnight to Tel Aviv. Dinner and breakfast served aboard. **D (dinner) & B (breakfast)**



Tuesday, October 13 - Our arrival at Ben Gurion Airport will be in the morning. We clear customs and transfer by motor coach to Our destination; the marvelous city of **Petra**. But first we stop by **Mt. Nebo** for our opening **Mass of our Pilgrimage on top of the Mountain at the Franciscan Monastery**. You may recall in the Old testament that this is where Moses died after the Jewish people entered The Promise Land. After a quick lunch, we make our way to the Hotel in Petra for a well deserved rest. **B & D PETRA**

Wednesday October 14 - After breakfast in our hotel we experience an unforgettable tour of this “rose red” City of Petra, highlighted by it’s most beautiful monument - **the Treasury**. It is carved out of the solid red rock from the side of the mountain. Having finished our tour we have time for lunch on our own. We head North to Amman where we will **celebrate our Holy Mass**. Later in the evening, we check in at our hotel and have dinner and overnight. **B & D AMMAN**



Thursday October 15 - After breakfast we check out of our hotel and head to the border at Sheik Hussein crossing. We enter Israel again and go to ascend the heights of **Mt. Tabor**, where Jesus took Peter, James and John and was gloriously **Transfigured** in their sight. We will celebrate **HOLY MASS in the BASILICA OF THE TRANSFIGURATION**. By mid-afternoon we reach our hotel at the Shoreline of the Sea of Galilee, where we check and later have dinner together. **B & D TIBERIAS**



Friday October 16 - We then drive to the north to **Caesarea Philippi**, where in response to the profession of faith spoken by Peter, Jesus promised him leadership in His Church—that He would give to him the “Keys to the Kingdom.” Returning south to the Sea of Galilee, we drive to **MT. BEATITUDE**, which overlooks the Sea of Galilee. In this place, where Jesus preached **His Sermon on the Mount**, at an outdoor altar we celebrate **HOLY MASS**. Soon after, we pause for **our lunch** that will be included, offering a specialty of the area called “St. Peter Fish.” Driving along the lake shore we are at a site called Tabgha (Seven Springs), where our first stop is at the site of the **Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes**, bringing to mind Our Lord’s feeding five thousand people. Next we visit the Church of the **Primacy of Peter**, the place where Our Lord bestowed upon Peter the role of leadership of the Church, as was promised at the site we visited this morning. Here we will pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. We go on to **Capernaum**, known as the Second City of Jesus, where we will see the ruins of the second century Synagogue (John: 6) and the ancient structure of the House of Peter. In this city Our Lord called a number of the Apostles, he taught the Good News of our Redemption and he cured many people of their afflictions. Back at our hotel we have dinner together. **B, L(lunch) & D TIBERIAS**



Saturday, October 17 - This morning we head to **Nazareth**. Just a short distance before our destination we stop in **Cana**, where Jesus’ first miracle took place. Those who wish may renew their wedding vows, and all can remember Mary’s words, “Do whatever He tells you.” Arriving in Nazareth, where Jesus spent most of His Life, we go to its beautiful Basilica. There in the **Grotto of the Annunciation** we venerate the very spot where the Word Was Made Flesh. In the great Upper Church we celebrate **MASS AT THE THE BASILICA OF THE ANNUNCIATION**. We will also visit St. Joseph’s Workshop. We have time for lunch on our own. We then head northwest towards the Mediterranean coastline, ascending the **Carmel Mount Range**. We reach the church of **Stella Maris on Mt. Carmel**, the largest monastery of the Carmelite Order and its headquarters. Here we see the **Cave of Elijah** as well as have the opportunity for the **Investiture of the Brown Scapular**. After our visit we are transported by our Motorcoach to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and a restful night. **B & D TIBERIAS**



Sunday, October 18 - Today we drive south through the fertile Jordan River Valley, arriving just above the place where the Jordan empties into the Dead Sea. We go directly to its bank and recall that here, when **St. John was baptizing** those who responded to his call for repentance, he heard Our Lord and obediently Baptized Jesus Himself. We will renew our own **Baptismal Promises** at the river. Then we reach **Jericho**, the most ancient city in the Holy Land, which as written about in both the Old and the New Testaments. After time for lunch on our own we go to the shore of the **Dead Sea**, the lowest spot on earth. We can even take the opportunity for a dip in these mineral rich waters. Driving up to Jerusalem, but before reaching this Holy City, we will stop at **Bethany**, home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, to celebrate **HOLY MASS in the CHURCH OF ST. LAZARUS**. We will also see the Tomb of Lazarus. In **Jerusalem** we check in to our hotel and have dinner.

B & D JERUSALEM

Monday, October 19 - This morning we drive to the Summit of Mt. Olives to visit the **Chapel of the Ascension** and the **Church of Pater Noster**. Walking the Palm Sunday Road, we visit and celebrate **MASS IN DOMINUS FLEVIT CHURCH**. There, too, we have a wonderful panoramic view of the City of Jerusalem. We continue down the road to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and visit the Church of All Nations there. For the rest of this day we are free for our own activities.

B & D JERUSALEM

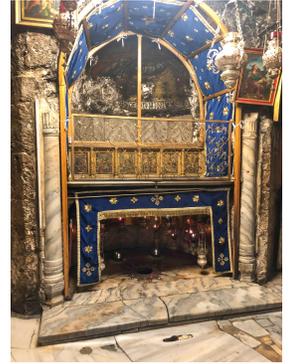
Tuesday, October 20 - We go to the sacred Jewish Temple area, the **Western Wall** or **Wailing Wall**, where prayers are offered up at these remaining holy stones of the glorious second temple. We are aware that now the only structures standing on the Temple Mount are the Muslim Shrines of the **Dome of the Rock** and **Mosque el Aqsa**. We drive along the walls of the Old City to Mt. Zion, and we celebrate **HOLY MASS IN THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER IN GALLICANTU**. This church is built over the spot where Jesus was held in the dungeon of Caiaphas' house, and is the site of St. Peter's triple denial of Our Lord. After Mass we visit the nearby traditional site of the **Upper Room**, remembering the Last Supper, Easter Sunday night and Pentecost Sunday. Nearby we see **Dormition Abbey Church** that honors the passage of Our Lady from this life to Heaven. This afternoon we enter the Old City of Jerusalem at St. Stephen's Gate where our first stop is at the **Church of St. Anne and the Pools of Bethesda**. Next we make the **Way of the Cross**, carrying a wooden cross along the streets and among the markets and shops as Jesus did on His journey to Calvary following the **Via Dolorosa**. We enter the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** and within the church we visit Golgotha and complete our devotions at the **Sacred Tomb of Jesus**.

B & D JERUSALEM

Wednesday, October 21 - Traveling a short distance south of Jerusalem, we arrive in **Bethlehem**. We begin our visit in the countryside at the **Shepherds Fields of Boaz**, remember the angels' glad tidings to the shepherds. We celebrate our **HOLY MASS in a GROTTO OF SHEPHERDS FIELDS**. Within the Town of Bethlehem we go to venerate the **Holy Grotto of the Nativity**, as well as the Manger and the Grotto of St. Jerome. We also will be in the Franciscan church of St. Catherine, scene of Bethlehem's Christmas Midnight Mass. A special experience will be a visit to **Bethlehem University**, where we will meet students, faculty and its Christian Brothers directors. Our lunch is provided by their hotel management faculty. Time permitting, we will stop at a Bethlehem store that offers olive wood religious carvings and many other items. After dinner we go to the Church of All Nations at Gethsemane for a Holy Hour from 8:30 to 9:30 PM with an opportunity for Confession.

B, L (lunch) & D JERUSALEM

Thursday, October 22 - Early this morning, with the Franciscans chanting the common hymns, we celebrate **HOLY MASS IN THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER**. Then after



breakfast we travel to **Ein Karem** to visit the church of St. John the Baptist and the Visitation Church, where we will praise God with the Magnificat. Upon our return to Jerusalem we stop at the Israel Museum. We will see the original Dead Sea Scrolls and will tour the **Model of the Holy City of Jerusalem** and the Second Temple as it was in the time of Our Lord. The latter part of this afternoon is free for our own pursuits. This evening we go out for a special Middle Eastern dinner. **B & D JERUSALEM**



Friday, October 23 - This morning after breakfast, we check out, then venture to the **Abu Gosh Monastery**. **Abu Gosh** is an active Monastery where we recall the two disciples walking to Emmaus & encounter our Lord. Once at their destination, they finally recognize him in the breaking of bread. **Here we have Our Holy Mass**. (This is considered the most plausible location of Emmaus). Soon after we drive to Ben Gurion Airport for a flight to **Rome**, where we clear Italian Customs and board a motor coach to our hotel in the **Eternal City**, arriving in time for dinner. **B & D ROME**



Saturday, October 24 - This morning, we drive to the Old Appian Way, reaching the **Catacombs of St. Domitilla** for a tour. As we walk through these hallowed burial grounds of the early Christians, by the symbols we see inscribed in various places along the walls, we recall the fundamentals of our Faith. Next we arrive at **St. Paul Outside the Walls** to see this beautiful Basilica dedicated to the Apostle of the Gentiles. Late morning, we will celebrate **HOLY MASS near the TOMB OF ST. PAUL**. After lunch on our own, we return to the heart of Rome for some free time this afternoon. Tonight, we reconvene to have a festive dinner adjacent to the Palatine Hill and the Roman Forum. On our way back to the hotel we stop for a visit at the **Trevi Fountain**. **B & D ROME**

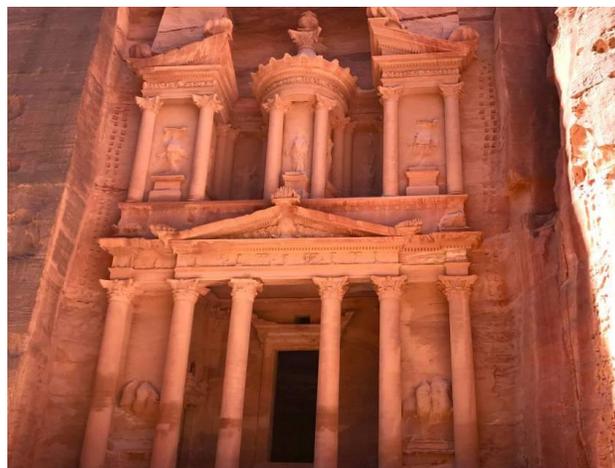
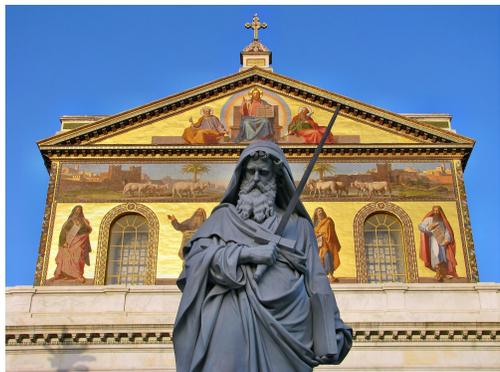


Sunday, October 25 - We drive across the city to reach the **Basilica of St. Mary Major**. A few steps away from the Basilica is the church of St. Alphonsus where we can venerate the original icon of **Our Mother of Perpetual Help**. Then in St. Mary Major we celebrate **HOLY MASS in the BORGHESE CHAPEL**. Our guided tour begins after Mass. This Basilica is the world's most illustrious church dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. In the *Confessio* beneath the high altar we can venerate the relics of the Crib that held the Infant Jesus. We see an ornate ceiling comprised of gold from the new world as well as a beautiful mosaic apse. We drive to the church of St. Peter in Chains, where we see the masterpiece sculpture of **Moses by Michelangelo**. There will be eating places nearby for lunch on our own. Next we experience an interesting inside tour of the **Coliseum**, scene of gladiator clashes and even martyrdom of early Christians. Our tour concludes with a panoramic view of the Palatine Hill and Roman Forum. The remainder of the afternoon and evening we have ample free time. Much can be discovered about Rome by walking this city of ancient history. The **Spanish Steps**, the **Pantheon** and **Piazza Navona** await our exploration. *Rome - the Center of the Roman Empire and the Center of the Church*. Shopping also could be our interest. This evening we can sample delicious Italian cuisine on our own. **B ROME**



Monday, October 26 - This morning we celebrate **HOLY MASS at the TOMB OF ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II** in the magnificent **Basilica of St. Peter**. As we walk through and pray, our thoughts are flooded with events that have taken place here and the people who have worshiped in this great center of our Church. Next we will enter the world-famous **Vatican Museum** and the **Sistine Chapel** with its awesome frescos by Michelangelo. The tour concludes with an inside visit to the Basilica. There is some time this afternoon for last minute shopping, and then we prepare for our evening together, celebrating a **Farewell Dinner** with wine and music. **B & D ROME**

Tuesday, October 27 - We check out of our hotel and transfer to the Rome airport for our return flights to the U.S., arriving this same day in our home cities.



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