

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND ROME

Tiberias † Nazareth † Cana † Capernaum † Mt. Tabor
Jericho † Qumran † Bethany † Jerusalem † Bethlehem † Rome
Basilica of St. Peter † Papal Audience

OCTOBER 13 - 26, 2019

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 - We depart from the U.S. for our evening connecting flight overnight to Tel Aviv. Dinner and breakfast served aboard. **D (dinner) & B (breakfast)**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 - Our arrival at Ben Gurion Airport will be late afternoon. We clear customs and transfer by motor coach to our hotel in Tiberias, located directly on the Sea of Galilee. We check in and have dinner together. **D TIBERIAS**



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 - 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 MAIN ALTAR IN THE BASILICA OF THE ANNUNCIATION**. We will also visit St. Joseph's Workshop. We have time for lunch on our own. Then we go to ascend the heights of **Mt. Tabor**, where Jesus took Peter, James and John and was gloriously **Transfigured** in their sight. Back at our hotel we have dinner together. **B & D**

TIBERIA



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16 - This morning we drive to **Mount of Beatitudes**, which overlooks the Sea of Galilee. In this scenic setting Jesus preached His Sermon on the Mount. Down 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**. 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. Here we will pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. Further along the lake shore we are provided lunch today with a local favorite call "**St. Peter Fish**." We begin the afternoon by embarking on a **boat ride**, remembering the scripture passages of Jesus and His apostles on this lake. We drive on to **Capernaum**, known as the Second City of Jesus. Our tour will show us the ruins of the second century Synagogue (John: 6). 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. We conclude our visit with **HOLY MASS in the CHURCH OF ST. PETER**, built directly over the ancient structure of the House of Peter. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. **B, L & D TIBERIAS**



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 - 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**



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 - 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

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



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 - 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 Moslem 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 **Caiphas' 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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 - 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



MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 - Early this morning, with the **Franciscans** chanting the common hymns, we celebrate **HOLY MASS AT THE TOMB OF JESUS**. 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



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 - This morning we celebrate **HOLY MASS IN NOTRE DAME CHAPEL**. 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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 - This morning begins with a highlight of our **Roman stay**, attendance at a **PAPAL AUDIENCE** at the **Vatican** with His Holiness **Pope Francis**. After the **Audience** we return to the hotel and will have time for **lunch on our own**. This afternoon 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 afternoon we will celebrate **HOLY MASS near the TOMB OF ST. PAUL**. We return to the heart of **Rome** and 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



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 - 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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 -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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 - 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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