PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & ITALY

UNDER SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OF FR. MANI ZACHARIAS AND FR. JOSEPH LAZAR

Sep 08 – 21, 2019 - 14 days, CA$4,399.00 taxes & tips included

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Sep 08 Depart Toronto for Tel Aviv via Rome.

Sep 09 Morning arrival in Tel Aviv. En route to Galilee we stop in **Cesarea** by the Sea. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

Sep 10 After breakfast we will travel by boat on the Sea of Galilee, visit **Capernaum**, home of St. Peter and the site of Christ's preaching, see the Church of Multiplication with its beautiful 5th century fish mosaic and the Church of St. Peter's Primacy. Celebrate mass on **Mt. Beatitudes**, where Jesus delivered his famous Sermon on the Mount. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

Sep 11 This morning we start our tour with visiting **Nazareth** and the Basilica of Annunciation, Mary's Well and St. Joseph's carpentry shop. On to **Cana** – the site of Jesus' first miracle, where couples will be able to renew their marriage vows. In the afternoon, we ascent **Mount Tabor** – the Mount of Transfiguration. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

Sep 12 Today depart for Jericho, oldest city in the world. En route we visit **Haifa** and **Mt. Carmel** the "burning place" where Elijah called the fire down to confound the prophets of Baal. Celebrate mass in Stella Maris (Star of the Sea) Church. Afternoon journey takes us to the **Ein Karem**, a serene, picturesque Jerusalem suburbs, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and the Church of Visitation. Dinner and overnight in Jericho.

Sep 13 Today we descent to the **Dead Sea**- the lowest place on earth (423 meters below sea level). The area around the Dead Sea was one of the world's first health resorts. The salt and the minerals from the Dead Sea are used to create cosmetics and sachets which are well known around the world. Time to enjoy the sun and "swim" in the Dead Sea. In the afternoon, we stop for renewal of our baptismal vows at Qasr El Yahud, baptismal site on **Jordan River**, where according to tradition, Jesus was baptized by St. John the Baptist. Also, we stop at monastery on **Mount of Temptation**, in Qumran, where Dead Sea scrolls were found and we see Sycamore Tree in Jericho. Dinner and overnight in Jericho.

Sep 14 After breakfast we visit **Bethlehem** where Jesus was born. We visit the oldest church in the Holy Land, the Church of Nativity at Manger Square, built over Manger cave. We celebrate Christmas mass here. We also see Crusader's Cloister, the Grotto of St. Jerome and Shepherd Field. In the afternoon we visit the **Mount of Olives**, Dominus Flevit Church where Jesus cried upon prophesying the destruction of the Temple, walk through the Garden of Gethsamane, pray at the Church of all Nations and the Pater Noster Church. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Sep 15 We start our day with the Stations of the Cross on Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrows). We walk the same pathway Jesus walked from Pilate's Judgment Hall, where he was condemned to death in Calvary, the site of his crucifixion presently inside Holy Sepulchre Church. Mass in one of **Jerusalem** churches. In the afternoon we continue tour of Jerusalem and we visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, built on the site of the House of the High Priest Calaphas, where Jesus was imprisoned for a night. We also visit the Dormition Abbey, St. Ann's Church and Pool of Bethesda. We experience an inspiring visit to Mount Zion, home to King David's tomb and the Upper Room where the Last Supper is said to have taken place. We also stop at Western Wall, the holiest Jewish site in the world. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Sep 16 Morning transfer to Tel Aviv airport for direct flight to Rome. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel for dinner & overnight.

Sep 17 After breakfast, panoramic tour of **Rome** including famous landmarks: the Colosseum, Forum Romanum, and the Trevi Fountain. We also stop at the place of St. Pauls' final Roman imprisonment in the Mamertine Prison. Here Paul wrote these words to his protege, Timothy:" I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith". Mass. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Sep 18 This morning we are transferred to St. Peter's Square for an audience with the Holy Father. In the afternoon - with visit to St Paul Outside the Walls Basilica, rising on the legendary burial place of St Paul Apostle, The Basilica, rebuilt after the fire on 1823, is the second largest Church after St. Peter at the Vatican. Here, under the major altar, there's the tomb of St Paul Apostles and for this reason this Basilica has been a pilgrimage destination. Mass. Next we'll visit the Three Fountain Abbey raised on the spot where St. Paul was beheaded by order of the Emperor Nero. Legend accounts for the three springs (fontane) with the assertion that, when severed from Paul's body, his head bounced and struck the earth in three different places, from which fountains sprang up. These still flow and are located in the sanctuary. Dinner & overnight in Rome.

Sep 19 Full day in Vatican. We start with visit to the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, world' s famous for Michelangelo's paintings of the Last Judgment. Then we walk to St. Peter's Square and have a guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica. In the afternoon, we see St. Mary Major's Basilica, St. John's Lateran Church. Mass. Later afternoon, transfer to Assisi for dinner and overnight.

Sep 20 Morning, travel to Assisi. Upon arrival, tour of **Assisi**, the city of St. Francis, patron saint of Italy. The town of Assisi with its winding medieval streets and sacred shrines has been one of the most popular pilgrimage destinations. We visit the Lower Basilica housing the tomb of St Francis and the Upper Basilica with famous Giotto frescoes, illustrating scenes from St Francis life. We also visit the Basilica of Santa Chiara. In the afternoon visit to Santa Maria Degli Angeli Basilica, where we celebrate a private Mass. Inside the Basilica we can see the Porziuncola, original stone chapel restored and frequently used by St. Francis and Chapel of Transition, small room in which St Francis died on October 3, 1226. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

Sep 21 From Assisi we travel to Rome airport, fly from Rome to Toronto by direct flight

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