

PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO THE HOLY LAND

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

UNDER SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE OF FATHER FELIX ANTONY,
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NOVEMBER 14 – 22, 2019 - 9 days – CA \$3,099.00 (INCLUDING TAXES AND TIPS)

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Nov 14 Depart Toronto for Tel Aviv by direct flight.

Nov 15 Upon arrival in Tel Aviv we collect our luggage and meet our local guide. Transfer by bus to our hotel in Galilee. En route 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. We also see the Hanging Gardens of Haifa, famous garden terraces around Bahai shrine. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.



Nov 16 We start our day with a boat ride on the peaceful **Sea of Galilee** where Jesus miraculously walked on water. In **Tabgha** (also known as Heptapegon, the Seven Springs) we see the Church of Multiplication with its famous 5th century fish mosaic and the Church of St. Peter's Primacy. Later visit **Capernaum**, home of St. Peter and the site of Christ's preaching. Celebrate mass on **Mt. Beatitudes**, where Jesus delivered his famous Sermon on the Mount. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

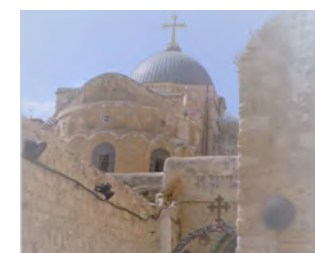


Nov 17 This morning we start our tour with visiting **Nazareth** and the Basilica of Annunciation. Built over the remains of Byzantine and Crusader churches, it incorporates the cave in which the Virgin Mary received the news from Gabriel that she would give birth to Jesus. The upper part of Basilica is adorned by huge mosaics of the Virgin Mary donated by communities from around the world. We also see 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. Mass. In the afternoon we ascent **Mount Tabor** – the Mount of Transfiguration. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

Nov 18 After breakfast we travel to **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. Late afternoon we stop at baptismal site at Qasr al Yahud on **Jordan River** where Jesus was baptized and we renew our Baptismal Vows. Dinner and overnight in Jericho.



Nov 19 After morning mass 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 in Qumran, where Dead Sea scrolls were found, we see monastery on Mount of Temptation and Sycamore Tree in **Jericho**. Dinner and overnight in Jericho.



Nov 20 In the morning 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, we pray at the Church of all Nations and the Pater Noster Church. Mass. Afternoon journey takes us to **Ein Karem**, a serene, picturesque Jerusalem suburbs, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and the Church of Visitation. Later we also stop at Western Wall, the holiest Jewish site in the world. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Nov 21 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 experience an inspiring visit to Mount Zion, home to King David's tomb and **the Canacle** (the Upper Room) where the Last Supper is said to have taken place. We also 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 and the Hagia Maria Zion Abbey (the Dormition Abbey) that commemorates the Dormition of Mary. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.



Nov 22 Morning transfer to Tel Aviv airport for our direct flight to Toronto.

