Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus
A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND
Co-hosted by the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem
~ Western USA Lieutenancy ~
and Mount Saint Mary’s University, Los Angeles

15 Days: December 26, 2021 - January 9, 2022

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**OUR DAILY ITINERARY**

**SUNDAY, DEC 26, DAY 1: DEPART LOS ANGELES**
- Depart Los Angeles en route to Tel Aviv with complimentary meals and beverages served on board

**MONDAY, DEC 27, DAY 2: ARRIVE TEL AVIV**
- Arrive at Tel Aviv airport in the evening
- Meet our Catholic Travel Centre tour guide outside of baggage claim in the arrival hall
- Transfer to our hotel in Tel Aviv, check in
- Brief Group Introductory Meeting
- Dinner on our own due to late arrival time

**TUESDAY, DEC 28, DAY 3: TEL AVIV / JAFFA / CAESAREA / NAZARETH**
- Breakfast at hotel, check out
- Visit the harbor, Simon the Tanner’s house, and enjoy views of Tel Aviv and the Mediterranean Sea
- Lunch included at Port Café, Jaffa
- Travel to Caesarea Maritima, where we view the remains of the ancient Roman theater, harbor, and aqueduct
- Drive to Nazareth, the home village of Mary and Joseph
- Upon arrival in Nazareth, check in to our rooms
- Dinner and overnight at our accommodations (B, L, D)
- Mass at St. Peter’s Church
- Visit the Basilica of the Annunciation
- Enjoy a 1st century lunch in Nazareth Village, a well-researched replica of how Nazareth looked during Jesus’ lifetime
- Free time to visit the city, spend more time in the Basilica, or perhaps visit Mary’s well
- Dinner is served at our accommodations (B, L, D)

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 29, DAY 4: NAZARETH: VISIT OF THE SITES**
- Breakfast at our accommodations
- Visit the excavations of a 1st century street of Nazareth, located under the property of the Sisters of Nazareth (subject to confirmation)
- Visit St. Joseph’s Church
- Visit and Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation
- Enjoy a 1st century lunch in Nazareth Village, a well-researched replica of how Nazareth looked during Jesus’ lifetime
- Free time to visit the city, spend more time in the Basilica, or perhaps visit Mary’s well
- Dinner is served at our accommodations (B, L, D)

**THURSDAY, DEC 30, DAY 5: NAZARETH / SEPPHORIS / CANA / MAGDALA / GALILEE**
- Breakfast at our accommodations, check out
- Mass at the Nazareth Synagogue Church
- Travel to Sepphoris, the capital and most important city of Galilee at the time of Jesus; view remains of the old Roman city with cardo and mosaic floors
- Visit the nearby Sindyanna Fair Trade visitors’ center, with an included lunch
- Continue to Cana, where Jesus, a guest at a wedding party, performed His first miracle
• Visit the Franciscan chapel in Cana, where our married pilgrims may renew their wedding vows
• Arrive at our accommodations on the Mount of Beatitudes
• Dinner is at our accommodations (B, L, D)

FRIDAY, DEC 31 (New Year's Eve), DAY 6: GALILEE: BOAT RIDE, CAPERNAUM, TABGHA, PETER'S PRIMACY, MAGDALA
• Breakfast at our accommodations
• Visit Jesus Boat Museum
• Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee from Ginosar kibbutz to Capernaum
• Mass at St. Peter Memorial Church, Capernaum
• Tour the remains of Capernaum's Synagogue and town
• Included lunch at Pilgerhaus in Tabgha
• Visit the Church of the Loaves and the Fishes
• Visit the Church of Peter's Primacy
• Visit Magdala, the home village of Mary Magdalene, with time for reflection and exploration
• Return to our accommodations for dinner (B, L, D)
• Ring in the New Year with a prayer service and social gathering (optional)

SATURDAY, JAN 1, DAY 7: GALILEE: BANIAS / CAESAREA PHILIPPI / MOUNT OF THE BEATITUDES
• Breakfast at our accommodations
• Mass at Mount of Beatitudes
• Travel to the northern limits of Galilee, to Banias National Park, biblical Caesarea Philippi
• Included lunch at a local restaurant
• Return to our accommodations for dinner (B, L, D)

SUNDAY, JAN 2, DAY 8: GALILEE / MOUNT TABOR / JERICHO / ARRIVE IN JERUSALEM
• Breakfast at accommodations, check out
• Depart from Galilee and set off for Jerusalem
• Mass at the Church of the Transfiguration
• Travel south, through the Jordan River Valley
• Arrive in Jericho for a short stop and included lunch at Limoneh Restaurant
• View the remains of the ancient walls of one of the oldest cities in the world
• Stop at a viewpoint of the Mount of Temptation
• Stop briefly at a Sycamore tree, to recall the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19)
• Arrive in Jerusalem, check in
• Dinner is at our hotel
• After dinner, we have a group orientation meeting followed by an optional walk around the Old City (B, L, D)

MONDAY, JAN 3, DAY 9: JERUSALEM: EIN KAREM & ISRAEL MUSEUM
• Breakfast at hotel
• Visit Ein Karem, the village of Elizabeth and Zechariah
• Visit the Church of John the Baptist
• Mass at the Basilica of the Visitation
• Included lunch at a local restaurant in Ein Karem
• Return to Jerusalem and visit the Israel Museum, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls and a model of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus
• Dinner is at our hotel
• Citadel Light Show included after dinner (B, L, D)

TUESDAY, JAN 4, DAY 10: JERUSALEM: BETHLEHEM VISIT
• Breakfast at hotel
• Travel to Bethlehem
• Visit the Church of the Nativity and celebrate Mass
• Visit other sites in Bethlehem, including Manger Square and the Milk Grotto
• Included lunch is served at Casa Nova Franciscan House in Bethlehem
• Visit nearby Shepherds' Field and caves
• Visit the Holy Land Handicraft Cooperative Society in Beit Sahour to support local Christian artisans
• On our way back to Jerusalem, we drive by Herodium with a short stop for a brief view of the two hills; one of them with the ruins of the fortress and burial place of King Herod the Great
• Return to Jerusalem for dinner at our hotel (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY, JAN 5, DAY 11: JERUSALEM: BETHANY, JORDAN RIVER, QUMRAN & THE DEAD SEA
• Breakfast at our hotel
• Travel to Bethany; visit Lazarus' Tomb
• Mass at Lazarus Church
• Travel along the “Good Samaritan Road” to the Jordan River Valley
• Stop at the Jordan River, in the area most likely to have been the site of John the Baptist's ministry, where we have the opportunity to renew our baptismal promises
• Travel to Qumran, with included lunch at Qumran Restaurant
• Visit the Essene Monastery at Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found
• Continue to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, where we have some time for an optional saltwater swim (weather permitting)
• Return to our hotel in Jerusalem
• Dinner is served at our hotel (B, L, D)

THURSDAY, JAN 6, DAY 12: JERUSALEM: WESTERN WALL, OLD CITY
• Breakfast at hotel
• Walk through the Jewish Quarter of the Old City and pray at the sacred Western Wall of the Second Temple, all that remains of the center of Judaism in the time of Jesus
• Visit the Temple Mount (conditions permitting)
• Visit the Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda
Registration Information for Tour Number 21-037-1226

**REGISTRATION**
Your group coordinator will send you via email a PDF version of the brochure and registration form once registration opens. You will have a window of three weeks within which to submit your initial $500 per person registration deposit to Catholic Travel Centre (CTC). After registering, you will receive an invoice from CTC, with final payment due to CTC 90 days prior to departure.

**PRICE**
- Full Package Cash Discount Price (check or cash): $4,399
- Full Package Standard Price (credit card): $4,668
- Land Only Price (passengers makes their own airline reservation): Subtract $800 from the above prices
- Single Room Supplement: $995

**PRICE INCLUDES**
- Airfare: Roundtrip on non-refundable, economy class group airline tickets from Los Angeles (LAX) on regularly scheduled IATA carrier and also includes any current fuel surcharges, taxes, and fees
- Accommodations: Superior Tourist class hotels, Religious House, or best available accommodations, all with private bathroom facilities, and also includes porterage of one suitcase per person at hotels only
- Meals: Per itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

**Transportation & Sightseeing:** By private motor coach per the itinerary with English-speaking guide and entrance fees as shown in itinerary

**Gratuities:** For hotels and restaurants

**PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE**
Gratuities to tour manager ($10 per person per day) and motor coach driver ($5 per person per day), to be collected overseas by your tour coordinator. Instructions to be provided.

**HEALTH DOCUMENTATION AND MEDICAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**
The traveler is responsible for securing any health/medical certification documents required by the airlines and/or countries visited on the itinerary. If a country on the itinerary requires proof of COVID vaccination and/or a negative COVID test, it is the responsibility of the passenger to secure same. If a country on the itinerary requires medical insurance coverage for possible COVID treatment and/or quarantine while abroad, each passenger agrees to secure said coverage as a requirement for traveling with the group.

**YOUR LOCAL CONTACTS**
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FRIDAY, JAN 7, DAY 13: JERUSALEM: MOUNT OF OLIVES, GETHSEMANE, MOUNT ZION
- Breakfast at hotel
- Drive to the Mount of Olives and stop at the Chapel of the Ascension
- Walk partly down the “Palm Sunday Road”
- Mass in a small church called Dominus Flevit
- Walk down the Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations
- Included lunch is at Tanur Restaurant
- Visit the Mount Zion to visit the Church of the Dormition of Our Lady & the Upper Room—the traditional site of the Last Supper, the appearances of the risen Jesus, and Pentecost
- Continue on to the remains of the Palace of Caiaphas, where Jesus was interrogated by the High Priest, known today as St. Peter in Gallicantu, since its courtyard was the site of Peter’s denial of Jesus
- Dinner served at our hotel (B, L, D)

SATURDAY, JAN 8, DAY 14: JERUSALEM: VIA DOLOROSA, HOLY SEPULCHRE
- Early breakfast at hotel
- Morning walk of the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- Brief tour of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
- Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre / Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Lunch is on our own
- Remainder of the day is at leisure, to explore other sites in Jerusalem on our own or in small groups (Reminder: it is Saturday, the Jewish sabbath)
- Farewell dinner included at Nafoura Restaurant
- Return to our hotel for overnight (B, D)

SATURDAY, JAN 9, DAY 15: JERUSALEM / RETURN TO LOS ANGELES
- Early this morning we travel to the Tel Aviv airport to board our flight back to Los Angeles

**Note:** While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations to this itinerary become necessary, either due to changes in airline schedules or for other reasons. All Masses are subject to local church schedules and substitution with alternate Mass sites if churches mentioned are not available.