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PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN

June 14 - 26, 2010

Escorted By



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Hello!

Join me for a walk in the footsteps of the Lord!

When you meet Jesus you cannot stay the same, and when you walk where Jesus walked, you meet Him in a most very special way.

I am inviting you to join me for an exciting trip to the Holy Land this coming June, 2010 to visit and investigate the places you might have only read about in the scriptures. The impact of seeing these scriptural places is a teaching in itself and forms what many have called "The Fifth Gospel." Nothing can take the place of a personal experience and I would like to invite you to join me in seeing and walking in the very places where Jesus lived.

Our twelve day trip will have a special emphasis on the archaeological information available for each site. Our guides have special expertise in this important scientific area. I know they will be highly informative whether you are already familiar or brand new to the field of archaeology.

This is a well planned trip by my friends at George's International Tours, which was founded in 1931 in Jerusalem. They are a trusted and reliable company that for years planned many trips for our Archdiocese to this same area.

More and more people are returning to the Holy Land now as the prospects for long term peace become a reality. That is why I cannot resist the chance to visit again the place where Jesus Himself revealed, in actual historical places that we will see, the plan for the salvation of the world. I hope you will join me there!

Fr. Dave

ITINERARY

Day 1 - June 14: Depart U.S.A.

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our flight to Israel. Meals and drinks served aloft.

Day 2 - June 15: Arrive Tel Aviv / Jerusalem

After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met by our local guide who will arrange the schedules of our visits and make the scripture come alive as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Drive to our hotel in Jerusalem.



The Old City of Jerusalem

Day 3 - June 16: Jerusalem

This morning, drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of Pater Noster, Ascension, and

then walk the "Palm Sunday Road" to Dominus Flevit, where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. Proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Church of All Nations for Mass on the Rock of Agony. This afternoon, enter the Old City of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of St. Anne, the Pool of Bethesda, the Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos, and the Arch of the "Ecce Homo".

Day 4 - June 17: Jerusalem

Drive to Bethlehem to celebrate Mass at the Nativity Church which was built by Constantine in the 4th Century above the traditional Grotto of Jesus' birth. Then tour the Grotto of St. Jerome, the Church of St. Catherine, and the Shepherd's Fields. This evening enjoy a cocktail reception atop the Notre Dame Center.



Fr. Dave at Qumran

Day 5 - June 18: Jerusalem

After early Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre return to our hotel for breakfast. Then drive through the Judean Wilderness and along the Dead Sea (the lowest spot on earth) to Masada. An exciting ascent by cable car will take us to this last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots in their war against the Romans in 73 A.D. Proceed to the Oasis of Ein Gedi, famous for its spring and waterfalls. Swim in the salty, mineral laden and unsinkable waters of the Dead Sea. Next, to Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Onto ancient Jericho to visit the ruins of the ancient city which was conquered by Joshua. From the top of the ancient "tel." we'll have an excellent view of Elisha's Fountain and the Mt. of Temptation. Motor over the winding mountain roads and via Good Samaritan Inn back to Jerusalem.

Day 6 - June 19: Jerusalem

This morning view the Temple Area of the Old City featuring the Dome of the Rock, Mosque el Aqsa, and the Wailing Wall. Follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to visit Golgotha and the Tomb of Our Lord. Continue to Mt. Zion to visit the Cenacle, King David's Tomb, Dormition Abbey, and St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times. In the afternoon proceed to the Israel Museum to see the Shrine of the Book which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls and a scale model which depicts Jerusalem as it appeared during the time of Jesus.

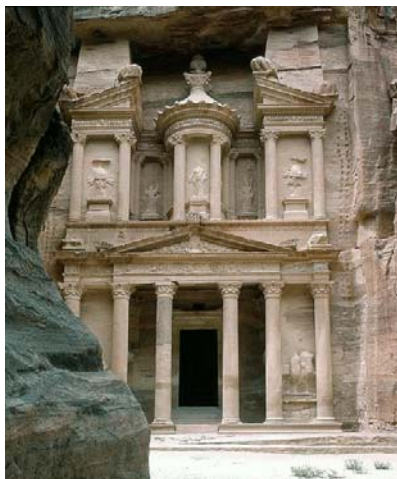
Day 7 - June 20: Jerusalem / Petra

Drive to the Allenby Bridge and cross into the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Visit the traditional Baptismal Site on the Jordan River which was visited by the Pope during his pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2000. Travel south along the Desert Road to Mount Nebo where Moses viewed the promised land. If we have a clear day, we may even capture a glimpse of Jerusalem's sky line. Continue to Madaba, a Byzantine center of master mosaics, to see the oldest surviving map

of the Holy Land. Pass through Machaerus, site of the Fortress of Herod the Great. It was here that John the Baptist was imprisoned and later beheaded at the wish of Salome. The highlight of our day will be the descent into Petra, one of the most magnificent sites in the Middle East.

Day 8 - June 21: Petra / Amman

This morning will be spent in Petra, one of the most magnificent sites in the Middle East. This "Rose Red City" is literally carved into the sides of a deep gorge. Petra's most famous monument, the Treasury, appears dramatically at the end of the canyon. Used in the film "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," the towering facade of the Treasury is only one of myriad archaeological wonders to be explored at Petra. Riding on horseback (no riding experience required) between the 100 foot cliffs we will see a remarkable sight: temples, tombs, and dwellings chiseled right into the limestone walls. After touring Petra we will drive north to the Crusader Fortress of Shobak. Then continue to Amman, the capital of Jordan. Amman is a city of wide streets, modern shops and spacious villas dotting the hills - all signs of growth; yet the entire area reflects a bygone civilization. A drive around the city takes us to the impressive Roman amphitheater which once accommodated 6,000 spectators. Then visit the Amman Archaeological Museum. This evening we will visit a local Catholic parish in Amman.



Petra

Day 9 - June 22: Amman / Galilee

This morning depart Amman for Galilee. Drive north to Jerash, which was founded by the soldiers of Alexander the Great in 300 B.C. Jerash now stands as the best preserved ruins of a provincial Greco-Roman city in the world. Along a 2-mile stretch we'll see the oval shaped forum encircled by 56 graceful Roman columns, Hadrian's Arch, the Temples of Artemis and Zeus, and the massive Roman theater. Here you will have an opportunity to see an optional live re-enactment of a Roman chariot race and a demonstration of Roman army tactics. Continue to Sheikh Hussein Bridge and cross into Israel. Transfer to our hotel in Galilee.

Day 10 - June 23: Galilee

Enjoy a scenic boat ride on the Sea of Galilee from Tiberias to Kibbutz Ginossar where we will see a perfectly intact 2,000 year old wooden boat recently discovered on its shores. Continue to Capernaum, home of Our Lord during his ministry. After visiting the Synagogue where he taught we proceed to Tabgha - the site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The Church of St. Peter's Primacy will be our next stop, followed by a visit to the Mt. of the Beatitudes for Mass at the site of the Sermon on the Mount. In the afternoon, drive to Cana of Galilee, where Our Lord performed the first miracle - changing water into wine at the wedding feast. Next we visit the summit of Mt. Tabor to commemorate the Transfiguration of Jesus before his disciples.

Day 11 - June 24: Galilee

Following breakfast, drive to Megiddo, the Armageddon of the Book of Revelations where it is said the last battle between good and evil

will occur. Then drive to Nazareth for Mass at the Annunciation Basilica and a complete visit of Our Lord's boyhood town including Mary's Well. Proceed to Sepphoris where we will have an opportunity to explore the excavations of this ancient capital city of Galilee.

Day 12 - June 25: Galilee / Jerusalem / Tel Aviv

This morning drive to the sparkling port city of Haifa and ascend Mt. Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, for a scenic view of the city and the port. After visiting the Stella Maris Convent, drive along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, capital of the ancient Roman Procurators of Judea. Here St. Peter preached and St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. Visit the Roman Theater, Crusader's Moat, and Byzantine churches. Continue to picturesque Old Jaffa, one of the most ancient port cities in the world. Visit St. Peter's Church where St. Peter raised to life the widow Tabitha. Return to Jerusalem for a free afternoon to explore on our own. Then enjoy a farewell dinner before transferring to the airport to catch our late evening return flight home.

Day 13 - June 26: Tel Aviv / U.S.A.

This morning our overnight flight from Tel Aviv arrives back to Los Angeles marking the end of our pilgrimage.

The sequence of sightseeing and schedule of events detailed in the preceding itinerary may be subject to change based upon availability at the time of arrival and at the discretion of our local guide and Fr. Dave.

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- * Accommodation in First Class hotels
- * All hotel taxes
- * Breakfast and dinner daily
- * Farewell dinner party in Jerusalem
- * Land transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- * All transfers & baggage handling
- * Sightseeing with professional Christian guides
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- * Entry visa to Jordan
- * Daily Mass
- * Gratuities to guide, driver and hotel staff

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