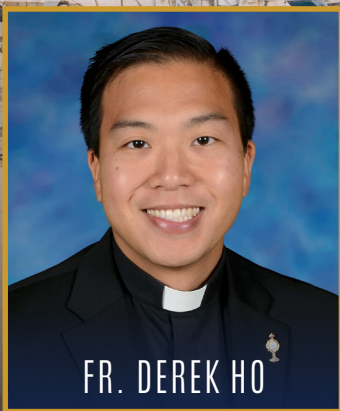


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itinerary

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 • DEPART USA

Depart USA via overnight flights on scheduled airline to Tel Aviv, Israel.

DAY 2: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 • ARRIVE TEL AVIV | SEA OF GALILEE 🍵 🏰

Arrive in Tel Aviv and meet your professional Tour Manager, then transfer by private motor coach to the Sea of Galilee and check into your hotel in the town of Tiberias. **Celebrate Mass** (pending flight arrival time). This evening enjoy a Welcome Dinner at the hotel in Tiberias.

DAY 3: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 • MOUNT TABOR | CANA | NAZARETH 🍵 🏰

Drive to Mount Tabor where Jesus met Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration. Then, travel to the town of Cana in Galilee where married couples will have the chance to renew their wedding vows at the site of the first miracle of Jesus. Travel to Nazareth and **celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation**. Pray at the grotto where the Incarnation began and visit the Church of the Holy Family. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

DAY 4: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 • BANIAS | TABGHA | MAGDALA | MOUNT OF BEATITUDES 🍵 🏰

This morning, **celebrate Mass at the Church of the Beatitudes** and pray in the place where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount, teaching on the ethics of a disciple. Then, travel north to Banias (Caesarea Philippi) where Jesus anointed Peter as the first Pope. Travel back down to Galilee to visit Kursi, where the demons were cast from the Gadarene. Finally, journey to Tabgha where Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes and appeared to the Apostles on the Sea of Galilee after the Resurrection. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

DAY 5: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 • CAPERNAUM | MAGDALA | SEA OF GALILEE | JERUSALEM 🍵 🏰

Today, walk the banks of the Sea of Galilee and take a boat ride to visit Capernaum. See the ancient synagogue where Jesus taught about eating his Flesh and Blood. Then, visit the ancient city of Mary Magdala, with newly discovered excavations. **Celebrate Mass at the Chapel of the Boat**. Then, travel south, through the Jordan Valley, where Jesus healed the ten lepers and taught parables about the relationship between rich and poor. Along the way see many biblical sites; look across to Moses' Mount Nebo and see Jericho, where the blind man was healed and the conversion of Zacchaeus towards the poor. Renew baptismal vows in the Jordan River at the authentic site. Arrive in Jerusalem to check in to hotel for the next five nights. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 6: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 • BETHLEHEM | EIN KEREM | EMMAUS 🍵 🏰

Depart this morning for Bethlehem to **celebrate Mass at Shepherds Field**. Visit the Church of the Nativity, to see the cave where Jesus was born, and spend some time in prayer at the Chapel of St. Catherine. After lunch on your own, travel to Ein Kerem to visit the Church of the Visitation. End the day with a visit to Emmaus. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 7: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 • OLD CITY | MT. OF OLIVES | GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE 🍵 🏰

Begin the day with a walking tour of the Old City, where Jesus taught parables on the great commandment of love. Enter St. Stephen's Gate and visit the Church of St. Anne, where Mary was born. See the Pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed a lame man. Drive to the Mount of Olives and visit Church of Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept. Visit the Garden of Gethsemane and pray at the Grotto of the Arrest. **Celebrate Mass at the Church of all Nations at the Garden of Gethsemane**. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 • PASSION OF CHRIST | MT. ZION | UPPER ROOM 🍵 🏰

Depart for an early morning meditation on suffering in the world by walking the Way of the Cross (the Via Dolorosa) and praying the Stations of the Cross ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where Jesus demonstrated mercy by his crucifixion and resurrection. At the church are the tomb of Christ and Calvary. **Celebrate Mass** (pending confirmation) and take time for personal prayer and meditation. Return to the hotel for breakfast. In the afternoon, visit Mount Zion and the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu ("where the cock crowed"). Then, visit the Upper Room (Cenacle) where the first ordination of priests took place in addition to Pentecost. Visit Dormition Abbey where Mary "fell asleep." Visit the Western Wall. Farewell Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 9: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 • FREE DAY | OPTIONAL DAY TRIP 🍵 🏰

This morning, **celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Stephen the Martyr**. Then, enjoy free time in Jerusalem to explore on your own and to revisit some of your favorite places in the area. Partial overnight in Jerusalem (flights depart through the night).

OPTIONAL DAY TRIP: Visit the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, Masada (a Herodian stronghold, situated on top of an isolated rock plateau, overlooking the Dead Sea) and the Dead Sea. (Additional cost. Your tour guide will announce the price upon arrival in Israel).

DAY 10: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 • RETURN TO USA

Return home from Tel Aviv after a memorable spiritual journey to the Holy Land.

🍵 = BREAKFAST | 🏰 = DINNER

*Itinerary is tentative and subject to change; specified Masses are pending confirmation



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TOUR INCLUDES

- Round trip scheduled commercial economy air from Chicago (ORD) – Tel Aviv (TLV) (including fuel surcharges and government-imposed fees of \$300 as of April 2022; final amount subject to change)
- 8 nights' accommodations at 4-star hotels:
 - 3 nights in Galilee
 - 5 nights in Jerusalem
- Continental breakfast daily
- 8 dinners
- Welcome and Farewell Dinner with beer and wine
- Luxury motor coach for airport transfers in Israel and specified sightseeing
- Local, Catholic tour manager while in Israel
- Local guides according to the itinerary
- Sightseeing and entrance fees according to the itinerary
- Arrangements of daily Mass including donations in unique and historical churches (all locations are tentative and subject to confirmation)
- Hotel & city taxes and portorage for 1 piece of luggage
- Whisper sets
- Gratuities payable to managers, guides, and drivers

YOUR TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Airport transfers for travelers not on group flights
- Tour manager from the USA
- Meals not specifically identified
- Beverages with meals unless specified
- Other personal expenses
- Items not specifically mentioned above
- Optional day trip to the Dead Sea

MORE DETAILS TO COME

- "Tour is confirmed" Email – Sent upon minimum number of travelers met and no later than 75 days prior to departure
- Hotel Information Email – Sent approximately 45 days prior to departure
- Final Travel Document Mailing – Sent approximately 10 days prior to departure

PAYMENT & CANCELLATION TERMS:

- Deposit: **\$500** per person due upon registration + travel protection, if selected
- Second Payment: **\$1,250** additional due on or before June 11, 2023
- Final Payment: Balance due August 25, 2023

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