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THE HOLY LAND

February 17-28, 2024





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inerary

Day1:Saturday, February17 • Depart USA

Depart USA via overnight flight on scheduled airline to Amman, Jordan.

Day2:Sunday, February 18 • Arrive Amman Jordan 📥

Arrive in Jordan and meet your professional, Catholic tour escort, then transfer by private motor coach to Amman. Depending on flight times, take a city tour of Amman and stop for lunch on your own before checking into the hotel. Celebrate Mass this evening before a welcome dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Amman.

Day3:Monday,February19•Amman|Petra 📼 🐷 📥

Today visit the most famous site in Jordan, the archaeological ruins of Petra. Carved into sandstone in the second century, this fortress is a UNESCO world heritage site that houses treasures and stories that enchant each traveler that passes by. Celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight in Petra.

Day4:Tuesday, February20.Petra | Sea of Galilee ý 🔜 📥

This morning, depart Petra and visit St. George's Church to see the famous Madaba "Holy Land Mosaic Map" and Mt. Nebo where Moses died. Celebrate Mass. Enjoy lunch before continuing on to the Sheikh Hussein Bridge to cross to Israel. After crossing we drive to the Sea of Galilee to check into the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 5: Wednesday, February 21 · Banias Tabgha Mount of Beatitudes | Sea of Galilee 🕁 📥

This morning, depart for Banias (Caesarea Philippi) where Jesus anointed Peter as the first Pope. Continue on to Tabgha where Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Primacy of Peter. After Mass drive to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. End the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and back to the hotel for dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

Day6:Thursday,February22.MountTaborCana Nazareth|Magdala 👱 📥

This morning, 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 opportunity to renew their wedding vows at the site of the first miracle of Jesus. Continue to Nazareth to celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation and visit the grotto where the Incarnation began. Then, visit the city of Mary Magdala, and see the newly discovered excavations and moving art that decorate the beautiful chapels. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

February 23 • Capernaum | Sea of Galilee | Dead Sea | Jerusalem 👱 📥

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Today check out of the hotel and visit the ancient city of Capernaum. Celebrate Mass above the house of St. Peter. See the ancient synagogue where Jesus gave his famous Bread of Life Discourse. Then, travel south, through the Jordan Valley, and have time to float in the Dead Sea . Renew baptismal vows in the Jordan River before arriving in Jerusalem to check in at the hotel for the next five nights. Dinner at the hotel and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 8: Saturday, February 24 • Bethlehem | Ein Kerem 媡 📥

This morning we embark on a drive to Bethlehem to visit Shepherds Field and celebrate Mass in the cave where the Shepherds were keeping watch and the Angels addressed them. We visit the Church of the Nativity to see the cave where Jesus was born. After lunch on your own, travel to Ein Kerem to visit the Church of the Visitation. Dinner at the hotel and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 9: Sunday, February 25 • Jerusalem | Mt. of Olives | Garden of Gethsemane | Mt. Zion 🕁 📥

Today, drive to the Mount of Olives and visit the Chapel of the Pater Noster where Jesus taught his disciples the "Our Father". 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. After lunch visit Mount Zion, the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu ("where the cock crowed") and view the Roman steps. Then, see the Upper Room (Cenacle) where the first ordination of priests and Pentecost took place. From there visit Dormition Abbey where Mary "fell asleep." Drive back to the hotel for dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 10: Monday, February 26 • Church of the Holy Sepulchre | Old City Walking Tour | Church of St. Anne 💻 📥

Early this morning, walk the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow) and pray the Stations of the Cross ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Celebrate an early Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. See the tomb of Christ and Mt. Calvary. Return to the hotel for breakfast before beginning a walking tour of the Old City on the way to the Western Wall. Enter St. Stephen's Gate and visit at the Church of St. Anne where Mary was born. See the Pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed a lame man. Enjoy a special farewell dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 11: Tuesday, February 27 • Free Day 🖢 📥

= BREAKFAST |

Today, enjoy a free day in Jerusalem to shop, explore or pray. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 12: Wednesday, February 28 - Return to USA

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

= LUNCH | 📥 = DINNER

Itinerary is subject to change and pending final confirmations



Price per person after August 17, 2023 (double occupancy)

Per person early booking savings for deposits received before August 17, 2023

Discount for those paying the total cost of the tour by cash or check

Early booking & cash/check payment discount price (double occupancy)

\$5,169*

perperson double occupancy

*price reflects early booking and cash/check payment discount.

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- \$1,300

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YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Scheduled commercial economy air from Detroit, MI (DTW) to Amman, Jordan (AMM) and from Tel Aviv, Israel (TLV) to Detroit, MI (DTW) (including fuel surcharges and government-imposed fees of \$300 as of December 2022; final amount subject to change)
- 10 nights' accommodations
 - o¹ night in Amman
 - 1 night in Petra
 - 3 nights in Galilee
 - 5 nights in Jerusalem
- Continental breakfast daily
- 2 lunches
- 10 dinners with wine, including a Welcome and Farewell Dinner
- 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 porterage for 1 piece of luggage
- Whisper sets
- Gratuities payable to escort, 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

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- Deposit: \$500 + travel protection, if selected, per person due upon registration
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