



Pilgrimage of Faith: A Journey Through Israel/Palestine



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- Round Trip Airfare from Washington, DC
- Deluxe Motor-Coach Transportation
- Daily Breakfast & Dinner
- Guided Sightseeing and Entrance Fees
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- Small, Intimate Group
- Tourist Hotels (3*)
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Your Daily Itinerary Includes

Day 1 and 2: DEPART from your Gateway City. On your overnight flight to Tel Aviv you will enjoy dinner, breakfast and the movie of the evening. Upon arrival in the afternoon you will transfer to your hotel for dinner. The evening is free for rest as you prepare for the exciting days ahead.

Day 3: BETHLEHEM

Visit the Herodian, one of Herod's palaces and recently excavated site of his burial. This afternoon engage with local Bethlehem residents, learning about their life in Palestine.

Day 4: CAESAREA/MT CARMEL/MEGIDDO

Visit Caesarea by the Sea and the ancient Roman Aqueduct. Hear afresh the story of the prophet Elijah atop Mt. Carmel. Cross the Valley of Armageddon to visit Tel Megiddo.

Day 5: GALILEE

Begin the day at the Mt. of Beatitudes listening again to The Sermon on the Mount. Visit Tabgha, the site of the famous miracle, and the Church of the Loaves and Fishes. Hear the words of Jesus to Peter, "feed My sheep," as you visit the Primacy of Peter Church and celebrate communion together.

Day 6: GALILEE

See the 1st century boat before boarding a boat to cross the Sea of Galilee. Visit the Biblical city of Capernaum and see the old synagogue and the house of Peter's mother-in-law. This afternoon engage with local residents, learning about their life in the West Bank.

Day 7: SAMARIA

Visit the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth. Travel through Samaria and visit Sebastia, the city gifted to Herod the Great in 27 BCE. Visit Nablus (ancient Shechem) and see Jacob's Well. Remember the recitation of the blessings and curses of the Law by the Israelites as you see Mt Ebal and Mt Gerizim.

Day 8: MT of OLIVES/ISRAEL MUSEUM

The day begins standing on the Mt. of Olives overlooking the Kidron Valley and the walled city of Jerusalem. Visit the Pater Noster and walk the Palm Sunday path to Dominus Flavit and the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Church of All Nations built over the Rock of Agony. Visit the House of Caiaphas, the High Priest, where Jesus was held and Peter denied Him. This afternoon visit the Israel Museum, seeing the model of 1st Century Jerusalem and the Shrine of the Book, which houses ancient texts and some of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Day 9: OLD CITY - JERUSALEM

Begin your day at the Western Wall. Visit the Rabbi Teaching Steps and see the Dome of the Rock. Walk the Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross), and visit the Pool of Bethesda. Proceed to the Antonia Fortress where the crown of thorns was placed on Jesus' head and take time at the Stations of the Cross for prayer and reflection. Enter the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Walk through the Jewish Quarter and see the Cardo and the Broad Wall.

Day 10: BETHANY/ JERICHO/QUMRAN/JORDAN RIVER

Visit Bethany and see the Tomb of Lazarus. In Jericho see the Sycamore Tree and Mt. of Temptation. This afternoon visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. End the day take time at Bethany beyond the Jordan to renew your baptismal vows.

Day 11: FREE MORNING/BETHLEHEM

Enjoy a leisure morning in Jerusalem. Visit the Church of the Nativity and kneel at the star which marks the birth of our Savior. Visit Shepherd's Field where the angels first sang "Glory to God in the Highest". After a Farewell Dinner head to the airport for the overnight flight home.

Day 12: Arrive home with a treasure of memories.

You will see all of the above sites during your Pilgrimage. Flexibility in the itinerary may be necessary due to unforeseen circumstances such as airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions.



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