

# Pilgrimage to the Holy Land



**November 1 – 10, 2008 \$ 2,299.00 (plus airline tax of approx. \$559)  
from Chicago**

To participate in this affordably priced journey sign up by June 25, 2008. Space is limited.

**Day 1 - Saturday.** Depart Chicago for our transatlantic flight.

**Day 2 – Sunday.** Mid-day arrival in the Eternal City of Rome. After a visit to St. Peter's Basilica and a panorama of the city we check in to our hotel. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

**Day 3 - Monday.** Morning departure from Rome. Arrive in Tel Aviv and proceed to our hotel in Nethanya. Dinner and overnight.

**Day 4 - Tuesday. Nethanya-Caesarea-Haifa-Tiberias.** This morning we depart Nethanya, on our way to Tiberias, we visit Caesarea, where St. Peter baptized the first Gentile converts and where St. Paul was imprisoned. Time permitting, we continue to Muhraqa, where the Carmelite Monastery of St. Elijah marks the place where the prophet Elijah set up his altar and triumphed over the false prophets of Ba'al. Then we proceed to Mt. Carmel and the Chapel of Stella Mares, where we celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Tiberias.

**Day 5 - Wednesday. Around the Sea of Galilee.** This morning we begin with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, then proceed by motor coach to the Mt. of Beatitudes to gain a panoramic view of the Sea of Galilee. We visit Tabgha to commemorate the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, celebrate Mass at the Heptagon (Peter's Primacy), and then visit Capernaum, the home of St. Peter before continuing on to the baptismal site at the Jordan River. Return to Tiberias for the balance of the day. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Day 6 - Thursday. Tiberias – Nazareth - Jerusalem.** We depart for Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast. Here couples are invited to renew their marriage vows, then on to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation for Mass, St. Joseph's Workshop and Mary's Well. Our last stop today is Mt. Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration. We continue on to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

**Day 7 - Friday. Jerusalem: Old City, Mount of Olives & Mt. Zion.** We begin our day by entering the Old City through St. Stephen's Gate with a visit the Church of St. Anne, marking the birth place of the Blessed Mother and the nearby Pools of Bethesda; then proceed to the Chapel of the Flagellation (where Our Lord was scourged), and the Ecce Homo Arch, where we will celebrate Mass. Afterwards, we participate in the Via Dolorosa (Stations of the Cross) ending with a visit to the Holy Sepulchre Church. After the stations, our afternoon continues with a drive to Mt. Scopus and to the Mt. of Olives, where we gain a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem. We visit the place of the Ascension, Pater Noster (commemorating the "Our Father", Dominus Flevit where Jesus wept over Jerusalem, and the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. After lunch we continue onto the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu (where Peter denied Christ), the House of Caiphas, the Church of the Dormition of Our Lady, and the Upper Room, site of the Last Supper. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

**Day 8 – Saturday. Holy Sepulchre, Bethlehem, Ein Karem and Visitation.** Today begins with Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Then we make our way to Bethlehem, visiting first the Shepherd's Field, followed by the Church of the Nativity, St. Jerome's Chapel and St. Catherine's Church. Returning, we stop in Ein Karem where we visit the Church of St. John the Baptist and the Church of the Visitation. The rest of the day is at leisure to browse in the local markets. Dinner and overnight in our hotel.

**Day 9 - Sunday. Jericho, Qumran, and the Dead Sea.** This morning we stop in Jericho to view the Mt. of Temptation from a distance and to see the traditional Zaccheus site. This city was the site of Joshua's first dramatic conquest. From a distance we view the Mt. of Temptation, now home to a Greek Orthodox Monastery. Our next stop is Qumran, site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. We stop at the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth for a visit or swim if you like. Then on our way back to Jerusalem we stop in Bethany, site of the resurrection of Lazarus. Here we celebrate Mass. The rest of the day is free in Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in our hotel.

**Day 10 - Monday.** Early morning departure from Tel Aviv with connection in Rome. Afternoon arrival in Chicago.

Enclosed is my deposit (\$300 per person) for the *Holy Land and Rome Pilgrimage* (08-1102):

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip economy class jet service provided by IATA carrier, based on advanced purchase fare, subject to participation of 1 person on the entire flight itinerary. Air fares subject to government approval/change without notice.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Lodging is based on twin occupancy. For single accommodations (if available), a single-room supplement will be quoted and may be charged. We reserve the right to substitute hotels as required.

**MEALS:** Breakfast and dinner are provided daily. Extra charges for additional beverages.

**LAND ARRANGEMENTS:** As outlined in the itinerary; however, we reserve the right to modify or adjust the itinerary.

**SIGHTSEEING:** By deluxe motor coach, including services of English-speaking guides.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Those normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as "service" included, as are all governmental and local taxes on hotels, meals.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airport taxes; passport and visa fees; laundry; meals not included in itinerary; beverages; additional sightseeing not listed in itinerary; event tickets, personal items; excess baggage and airport service charges.

**MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:** We reserve the right to cancel or modify the itinerary if the total number of participants falls short of the number required to meet our contract with our ground operators and airlines.

**DEPOSIT AND FULL PAYMENT:** A deposit of \$300 per person to secure reservation will be applied to the price of the tour. The balance is to be paid in full no less than 70 days before departure. Reservations made within 90 days of departure are subject to a \$50 late reservation charge.

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