

HOLY LAND CATHOLIC TOUR

Fr. Greg Klich

November 8 - 17, 2022

Bethlehem - Nazareth - Sea Of Galilee - Capernaum - Tabgha
River Jordan - Jericho - Jerusalem



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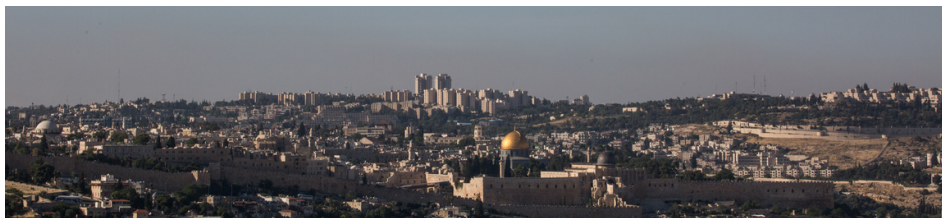
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DAY 1 - Departure from the USA, November 8, 2022

Departure will be from your gateway city & International airport. The **flight to Israel, Tel Aviv**. Meals served on board the plane.

DAY 2 Arrivals to Israel, Tel Aviv - Bethlehem, November 9, 2022

Upon arrival to Israel, the group will meet with their guide, board the bus, and head to church for the opening Holy Mass celebrated by your priest in the group. Time permitting group will visit Caesarea Maritima, the city built by Herod the Great and dedicated to **Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus**; it is an impressive archeological site. The same day we will visit Mt. Carmel overlooking Haifa with the prophet Elijah's cave! Tonight, our **first night in Holyland, hotel**, and dinner in Bethlehem!



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DAY 3 Bethlehem, March, 16th, 2022

In the morning, after breakfast, we drive to **Bethlehem** (house of bread in Hebrew). First is the visit to **Shepherd's Field**, where Angels appeared to the shepherds (Luke 2) to announce **the birth of Jesus**. Later, to visit the church of Nativity built over **St. Jerome's tomb**, In the Grotto under the central altar, we will walk by the **Holy Manger** and the **Silver Star** with the Latin inscription "Hic de Maria Virgine Jesus Christus Natus est."

In the second part of the day, we will be visiting the **village En Karem**; you will visit the **Church of Visitation**, the site of the Blessed Virgin Mary's visit with her cousin Elizabeth. This is the place where Our Lady said Her "Magnificat." Visit here will also include the birthplace of **St. John the Baptist**. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4 Bethlehem – Nazareth – Cana, March 17th, 2022

In the morning after breakfast, you will leave for Nazareth; hereupon arrival group will celebrate Holy Mass and visit **Nazareth**, the **boyhood home of Jesus** and the place where He spent the first 30 years of His life. We will pray in the churches of St. Joseph and the **Annunciation** where the **Angel Gabriel** announced to Mary that She would be the **Mother of God**. A walk through old Nazareth brings us to see the Well where Mary went for water, visit the Orthodox church there. After lunch, the break tour will continue to **Cana**, the site of Jesus' first miracle. In this little town, we will have the Renewal of the Marriage Vows. From Cana, we are back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.



DAY 5 Nazareth – River Jordan – Capernaum – Tabgha, March 18th, 2022

This morning pilgrimage "In the Footsteps of Jesus" continues with the visit to **Capernaum**, where Jesus lived; new church built at the site of the **Home of St. Peter**, ruins of the synagogue where Jesus preached, here we will get to know more of the **Life of Jesus in Capernaum**. The same day you will enjoy a boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee** before going to Tabgha, the site of the **Multiplication of the loaves and fishes** and the church of St. Peter's Primacy & to Mt. Of Beatitudes where the Lord Jesus preached **Sermon on the Mountain**. At the end of the day, we are on river Jordan, the same river Jesus was baptized in by St. John, to renew our baptismal vows.

INCLUDED:

- Flights from USA, your departure airport
- Airport taxes
- 4* First-class Hotels:
 - 2 nights in Bethlehem
 - 2 night in Galilee
 - 4 nights in Jerusalem
- Full buffet breakfast and dinner daily
- High-class tour coach
- Wi-Fi on board the coach
- Tour escort with group
- Full sightseeing with professional Catholic guide
- Porterage in/out the hotel of one piece of luggage
- Entrance fees as per itinerary

NOT INCLUDED:

- Lunches daily - except on the day we have lunch at the Sea of Galilee included
- Tips for guides ,drivers
- **Travel Insurance**
- Personal expenses
- Visa, passport costs



Capernaum, Jewish Temple from the time of Jesus

DAY 6 Mt. Tabor – Jericho, March 19th, 2022

This morning to beat the afternoon crowd, we will drive to **Mt Tabor**. We will take a short taxi drive up to the mountain to visit the **Church of Transfiguration** and celebrate Holy Mass. After the visit, we will head south through the **Jordan Valley** to **Jericho**, the oldest known continuously inhabited city in the world. After a stop to tell the story of Zacchaeus and renew ourselves "**The Parable of Good Samaritan**," we will have a stop for lunch. Later you will drive through the Judean Desert, passing by the **Mt. of Temptation**. The same day tour continues to **Qumran**. Here are found **Dead Sea Scrolls**, more than 900 pieces in 30 caves. Stop for the "Dead sea experience" floating on the surface of the Dead Sea – bring your swimsuits. The long and inspiring day ends with dinner at the hotel in Jerusalem.

DAY 7 Jericho – Jerusalem – Mount of Olives, March 20th, 2022

Breakfast and on to Jerusalem, we will **head to Mt. of Olives** to visit the **Ascension Chapel** – we believe that it was here Jesus ascended to heaven 40 days after the Resurrection. Next on the schedule is the **Pater Noster Church**. Here Jesus taught his disciples the Our Father – "Pater Noster." Enjoy the view of the **Holy City** from atop the Mount of Olives. We then walk down the **Palm Sunday Road**, the road Jesus followed on **His way to Jerusalem**. We stop at the chapel of Dominus Fleuit, where our Lord wept and shed a tear for Jerusalem (Luke 19: 37- 42). We then proceed to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and pray at the **Church of All Nations**(Church of Gethsemane), where Jesus prayed: "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours will be done". At the end of the day, you will visit the church of **St. Peter Gallicantu**, the church built on the site of the house of high priest Caiaphas. This is where Jesus spent the night in the dungeon after his arrest. On this site, **Peter denied Jesus three times**, and the cock crowed (Gallicantu).



"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

DAY 8 – The Old City of Jerusalem and "Via Crucis.", March 21st, 2022

As Jerusalem is our destiny, today, you will enter the **Old City** and begin with the **Church of St Anne**. One of the rare churches spared from Moslems' destruction, Islam knows Mary, was built over **Joachim and Anne's house**. Here we also visit and pray at **Bethesda's pool**, where Jesus Christ healed a man who was crippled for 38 years. After the tour here, we will follow & pray the Stations of the Cross, the Via Dolorosa, from **Pilate's fortress** and **Flagellation Chapel** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, site of **Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ**. From here at the open market of Jerusalem, the area made for "bargaining and shopping" - free and on our own for the rest of the day.

DAY 9 Jerusalem Old City, March 22nd, 2022

This morning, we will visit the **Holocaust Museum** in the morning, and then in the afternoon group will stop to see the model of Jerusalem from the time of Jesus in the Israel Museum. After the lunch break, we are back to Jerusalem, first on to **Mount Zion Church of Dormition**, where Mary fell into Eternal sleep and the Last Supper Room. Then, we will go to the **Temple Mount** area with the **Cardo Maximus** (the street from Roman times) and then end at the **Western Wall of Solomon's Temple**, with the Al-Aqsa Mosque, Dome of the Rock mosque above it (no entrance there). Tonight is the final and farewell dinner at the hotel in Jerusalem.

DAY 10 Jerusalem – Tel Aviv – the USA, March 23rd, 2022

Today **we will fly back home**, depending on the flight arrangements, and your arrival back home will be the same day!



Jerusalem, view from Mount of Olives

Have a blessed Pilgrimage to Holyland

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TOUR INCLUDES:

- Round trip airfares the USA to Tel Aviv, tax included- SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY AIRLINE
- 2 nights in Bethlehem – first-class 4*
- 2 nights Galilee – first-class 4*
- 4 nights Jerusalem – first-class 4*
- Full buffet breakfast and dinner daily
- All entrance fees
- Lunch, St. Peter’s fish by the Sea of Galilee, drink included
- Transportation by deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach, WI-FI onboard
- Full sightseeing with a professional Christian guide
- Portage in/out the hotel of one piece of luggage

NOT INCLUDED:

- Travel Insurance - **strongly recommended and available upon request**
- Lunch daily - except on the day we have **lunch at the Sea of Galilee** included
- Tips for guides, escort, and drivers
- Personal items & expenses, visa costs

Price per person in double room:

Land and Air from Atlanta, Boston, Chicago.....\$ 3.345,00
Single room supplement.....\$ 460,00

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- PRICE IS CLOSE ESTIMATE UNTIL AIRLINE TICKET ISSUED IN YOUR NAME
- FOR PRICE FROM YOUR AIRPORT PLEASE SEND US EMAIL
- RATE IS BASED ON A MINIMUM 20 PILGRIMS IN THE GROUP



En Karem, St. John & Jesus, Baptism In River Jordan