

ITINERARY 2019 – HOLY LAND AND JORDAN.

MAY 6: DEPARTURE TORONTO

Departure Toronto Pearson airport at 2050 hrs for Tel Aviv via Munich Meals on board.

MAY 7: TEL AVIV

Arrival Tel Aviv at 1645 hrs. Met upon arrival by our guide and transferred to our hotel in Nazareth for overnight.

MAY 8: BANIAS – MOUNT OF BEATITUDES - CAPERNAUM - TABGHA - MAGDALA

AM Today's travel to visit Caesarea Philippi (Banias) at the Golan Heights (subject to security clearance) then back, and take us around the lake: the Sea of Galilee and into the Upper Galilee. Board a boat to sail on the Sea of Galilee and continue to Capernaum; then Tabgha/Heptapegon. We will have our Mass at? in Magdala - the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes and then continue on to the Mount of Beatitudes.

PM Visit the Church of the Primacy of St Peter and the beautiful Baptismal Site constructed where the Jordan River flows from the lake.

Renew (optional) our baptismal vows in the Waters of the Jordan River. Back to our hotel in Nazareth for dinner/overnight

MAY 9: NAZARETH - CANA - MT. TABOR

AM After breakfast we visit Mary's Well, the Church of the Annunciation with Mass at? and the Church of St Joseph and the museum; the Synagogue of Nazareth. Continue to Cana, where Jesus blessed the marriage feast and where Jesus' first miracle took place. Married couples will have the opportunity to renew (optional) their marriage vows here.

PM In the afternoon visit the Church of Transfiguration atop Mt. Tabor. And then continue to Haifa, ascending to the top of Mount Carmel, "home" to the Prophet Elijah and Elisha, for the panoramic view of the Mediterranean Sea. Visit the Church Stella Maris. Armageddon on the way back to the hotel. Dinner/overnight in Nazareth.

MAY 10 – BETHLEHEM - EIN KAREM

AM This morning tour Bethlehem, birthplace of King David and Jesus. Visit Shepherd's Field, the Church of the Nativity, where we will have our Mass at?, the Manger, Crusaders' Cloister, the Grotto of St. Jerome and the Milk Grotto.

PM This evening drive to Ein Karem home of Elizabeth and Zacharias. Visit the Church of the Visitation where Mary proclaimed the Magnificat and the Church of John the Baptist. Dinner/overnight in Bethlehem.

MAY 11 – MT. OF OLIVES - JERICHO

AM We follow in Jesus' footsteps from the Triumphal entry. From the Mount of Olives we visit the Garden of Gethsemane, the Church of Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit, the Church of Ascension and the Church of Gethsemane. Mass will be offered in the Cave of Gethsemane at?

PM Proceed to Jericho, the oldest city in the Western world. View over the Temptation Mountain by cable car (included), the Sycamore tree, Jacob's Well at Shechem. Begin your ascent to Jerusalem by passing the lunar-like landscapes of Wadi Qelt. Upon arrival, enjoy your first dramatic view of the golden city. Dinner/overnight in Bethlehem.

MAY 12: JERUSALEM - MT. ZION

AM Start early morning with the Via Dolorosa and assist Holy Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at.....? Visit the Basilica, the Holy Sepulchre, the Tomb of Jesus Christ and the Calvary.

PM Evening visit Mt Zion, the Upper Room (Cenacle), King David's Tomb, Dormiton Church. If possible visit the Tombs of the Patriarch Abraham and of Rachel, wife of Jacob. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

MAY 13: JERUSALEM - EMMAUS

AM Today we visit the Temple Mount. Proceed to visit the Pools of Bethesada, the Church of St Anne and the Ecce Homo Arch and Grotto. Mass at.....??

PM: Visit Emmaus the town mentioned in the Gospel of St.Luke from the New Testament. St. Luke reports that Jesus appeared, after His death and resurrection, before two of his disciples while they were walking on the road to Emmaus. Visit in Abu Gosh the Benedictine Monastery of the Ark of the Covenant and the most beautiful Crusader Church of Notre Dame. Return to our hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

MAY 14: MASADA - QUMRAN - DEAD SEA

AM: After breakfast, descend through the Judean Wilderness below sea level to the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on Earth. On to the Dead Sea to enjoy a swim in the highly therapeutic waters. View Masada by cable car (included) where Jewish people laid down their lives rather than surrender to the Roman conquerors. Visit Qumran, the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.

PM: This evening we visit Bethany (subject to security permitting) where Lazarus lived and died and celebrate Mass at 17:00. Back to our hotel in Bethlehem late evening for dinner/overnight.

MAY 15: TRANSFER TO AMMAN

AM: After breakfast transfer to the Sheik Hussein Bridge for the crossing into Jordan. Met by our Jordanian rep and driven to our hotel in Amman. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. Mass at??

MAY 16 – MADABA – MT. NEBO - PETRA

AM: After breakfast drive to Madaba "the City of Mosaics" only 30km South of Amman. This lovely town is home of St. George`s Church which houses the Madaba Map, a 6th century Byzantine Mosaic map showing ancient Palestine, Egypt, Jerusalem and other holy sites. Then on to Mt. Nebo, where we will have our Mass at.....??. Mt. Nebo, the most revered site in Jordan, is presumed to be the site of Moses` death and burial place. At the top of Mt. Nebo is a Franciscan Church with beautiful 4th and 6th century mosaics. From a platform in front of the church you take in a breathtaking view across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea to the rooftops of Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

PM: Continue on to Petra to visit this lovely “pink city” and one of the 7 wonders of the ancient world. Continue on foot into the narrow canyon that leads to the Red Rock. Tour includes a visit to the Khazneh, the Small Temple, the Roman Amphitheatre and the caves in the rock between dozens of imposing obelisks and monuments. Return to our hotel in Amman for dinner and overnight.

MAY 17 - AMMAN - TORONTO

Early morning proceed to the airport for our flight back home departing at 0310 hrs. Arrival Toronto Pearson at 1630 hrs via Frankfurt. Meals on board

Please note, at times due to reasons beyond our control the order of the itinerary may be altered.