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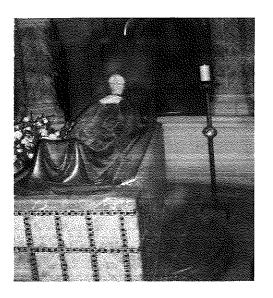
Mar 14 to March 25, 2023 \$4,500.00 per person dbl occupancy

- Mar 14 Depart USA to Tel Aviv. Dinner and breakfast served on the flight.
- Mar 15 Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport, meet your local guide and driver who will escort you to your hotel in Cana of Galilee. Dinner and overnight
- Mar 16 Drive to Cana of Galilee where Jesus performed his first miracle at the request of his mother (John 2:1-11). In Cana we will visit the Franciscan chapel for a renewal of wedding vows. This afternoon we take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. Our stop will be on the shore of Capernaum where Peter lived and where Jesus began his public ministry (Matth. 4:13), there he began teaching in its Synagogue, healed a man who had an unclean spirit and healed St. Peter's mother-in-law of a fever (Luke 4:31-41) followed by a visit to the Mount of the Beatitudes to gain a panoramic vista of the Sea of Galilee and where one of Jesus' famous teaching episodes Sermon on the Mount was given (Matthew 5-7). Then to Tabgha the fruitful garden where Jesus fed five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish (Mark 6:30-46), we shall see the magnificent mosaic commemorating the miracle of the multiplication, we head to the nearby Chapel of St. Peter Primacy. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Nazareth.
- Mar 17 Today we head to Haifa through Carmel Mountains we will visit the Carmelite Monastery Stella Maris and Murhraqa located on the spot where the profit Elijah confronted the false priests of Baal on our way to Nazareth. On the way we will pass the beautiful Bahai Gardens. Continue to the Basilica of Annunciation in Nazareth (Mass). Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.
- Mar 18 Today we travel to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8). We shall ascend by a smaller motor vehicle due to its narrow route and visit the Catholic Church for Mass. We drive on passing the small town of Nain where Jesus raised the widow's son (Luke 7:11-17). We drive through the Jordan Valley and drive on up through the Jordan Wilderness pass to the town of Jericho, the most ancient city in the world. We view Mt. Temptation the place where Jesus spent forty days and forty nights fasting and meditation during the temptation of Satan. We make our way through the Judean Hills towards the house of the Lord. We will also visit the Jordan River to renew our baptismal vows in the River where Our Lord was baptized by John (Mark 1:9).

In Jerusalem, Mount of Olives from which Jesus ascended to heaven after his resurrection. We shall have an eye on history through a majestic view over Jerusalem, visit the Convent of Pater Noster where the Lord's Prayer is displayed in 110 languages. Next we will visit the Upper Room of the Last Supper and King David's Tomb. Then we go to Dormition Abbey where we believe the Blessed Mary died. We end the day at St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Him thrice. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight at a hotel in Jerusalem.

It is an inspiring, full day of meditation. In the early morning we retrace the last steps of Jesus. As we walk along the Fourteen Stations of the Via Dolorosa, praying the Stations of the Cross, we reflect on the greatness of His sacrifice as he bore the burden of our sins on the cross at Golgotha. Finally we arrive at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for Mass. Return back towards St. Stephen Gate to visit St. Anne's Church, the home of the Virgin Mary and her parents Saints Joachim and Anne. We pass the Ecce Homo where Pilate proclaimed "Behold the man"; then the Wailing Wall, the most holy shrine for Jews. Nearby is the Dome of the Rock of Temple Mount. We exit at Mt. Zion. We will walk down the "Palm Sunday route" stopping at Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41) and visit Gethsemane, the Rock of Agony where Jesus praved His last praver before his arrest. We will visit the cave of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. We will drive along the Kedron Valley where you will see the tombs of Avishalon, Zachariah and the Prophets. We will head into the hill country to a city of Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and visit the Church of the Visitation where the Blessed Virgin Mary visited the home of Zachariah and Elizabeth and proclaimed the 'Magnificat' (Luke 1:39-80). Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Mar 19



Mar 20 After breakfast we will drive to Shepherd's Then we visit the Church of the Nativity In Bethlehem. We kneel in the Grotto, the birth place of our redeemer as we celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight.

We will also visit Bethany where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, hometown of Martha and Mary. Here we shall visit Lazarus' tomb. We visit the Orthodox Church, then the Inn of the Good Samaritan. The desert east of Jerusalem is rich in Christian tradition. Further east, just off the Roman road that Jesus walked, is Wadi Qelt, site of the Monastery of St. George. We will then drive to the Dead Sea where you can enjoy a swim (or rather a float!) in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea, renowned for its minerals and healing properties. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Jerusalem.

- Mar 21 Transfer to airport flight to Rome. Arrive in Rome, Italy. Afternoon walk through the ancient Rome.
- Mar 22 After breakfast attend Papal Audience; then travel to Monte San Angelo to visit St. Michael Cave. Overnight
- Mar 23 After breakfast visit St. Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo; next to Loreto. Overnight
- Mar 24 In the morning we will visit Holy House of Nazareth in Loreto. From there to Assisi, where we will visit Queen of Angels Basilica with Porziuncola chapel. Overnight
- Mar 25 After breakfast visit Assisi's St. Claire Basilica, birthplace of Francesco and St. Francis Basilica. Afternoon Transfer to the airport, filled with cherished memories, for your return flight home.