

# Walking with Jesus & Witnessing to Christ: A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Suggested Pilgrimage #2 (8 nights/11 days)

## Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service. The destination is Tel Aviv

## Day 2

**Tel Aviv / Bethlehem (D)**

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport

Meet your Faith Journeys Tour Manager who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to the town of David, Bethlehem

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome dinner and overnight

## Day 3

**Bethlehem / Hebron (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

This morning we will travel to the Shepherd's Fields to rejoice over the glad tidings of the birth of Jesus. We will return to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity and celebrate Mass in the Chapel of the Massacre of the Innocents. Visit Milk Grotto and Mamre, site of God's promise to Abraham  
Lunch, on own

Take an excursion to Hebron where we will visit the 2000-year old Herodian building marking the Tomb of the Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and their wives. Return to Bethlehem for time at leisure to shop for famous Bethlehem crafts

Meet with a prominent member of the Palestinian Catholic community, to hear the struggles of Christians to maintain their faith in difficult times

Evening dinner and overnight

## Day 4

**Bethlehem / Nazareth / Tiberias (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Drive to the Judean Desert via Bethany to stop at Wadi Qelt for a short devotion by the road of the Good Samaritan. Continue to Jericho, the world's oldest city, climbing the ancient Tel to view the Mount of Temptation. We then drive through the Jordan Valley to Nazareth

Lunch, on own

Celebrate Mass in the Church of the Annunciation and view the ruins of the ancient churches and remains of Nazareth of Jesus' day. Continue to the Church of the Wedding at Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle of turning water into wine. Visit the baptismal site on the Jordan River

Evening dinner and overnight

## Day 5

**Tiberias / Sea of Galilee (B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Celebrate Mass at the Mount of Beatitudes then descend the hillside to Tabgha and visit the Church of Loaves and Fishes, marking Jesus' miraculous feeding of the Five Thousand as well as the Church of the Primacy of Peter  
Lunch, on own

Continue to the headwaters of the Jordan at Banias – Caesarea Philippi, where Peter acknowledged Jesus as the Christ. Return to the Sea of Galilee



and board a wooden boat for Tiberias – sailing in the footsteps of Jesus  
Evening dinner and overnight

**Day 6** **Tiberias / Caesarea / Jerusalem** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel  
Ascend Mount Tabor for a breathtaking view over the Valley of Jezreel, Galilee, Gilead, and Samaria. Celebrate Mass in the Church of the Transfiguration. Travel across the Valley of Jezreel to ancient Har-Megiddo or Ar-mageddon  
Lunch, on own  
Continue to Caesarea to visit the aqueduct, the ancient Herodian harbor, the remains of the seaside palace of Pontius Pilate, and the theater. Continue through the Sharon Plain to the Holy City of Jerusalem. As we catch our first glimpse of the city from Mount Scopus, your guide will welcome you with a short ceremony of bread and salt  
Evening dinner and overnight



**Day 7** **Jerusalem** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel  
We begin our day with a birds' eye view of the Old City from the Mount of Olives and descend the traditional Palm Sunday Road, to the Church of Dominus Flevit to Celebrate Mass. Continue to the Western (Wailing) Wall, remnant of the Temple in which Jesus preached  
Lunch, on own  
Continue to the Temple Mount, viewing the Muslim Dome of the Rock, built on the site of the Holy of Holies of the Temple. Visit the Crusader Church of St. Anne and the Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the man paralyzed for 38 years. This evening we will walk through the underground tunnels to see the remnants of the Temple Mount of Jesus' day  
Evening dinner and overnight



**Day 8** **Jerusalem** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel  
Visit the Garden of Gethsemane to meditate on the sorrow of Jesus the night preceding his judgement in the Church of the Agony. Drive to Mount Zion to visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, where Jesus may have been questioned before the High Priest Caiaphas and visit the Upper Room, traditional site of the Last Supper  
Lunch, on own  
View a 1:50 scale model of the City of Jerusalem of Jesus' Day and Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed. Visit the pastoral village of Ein Karem, traditional birthplace of John the Baptist. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Visitation. This evening, we will hear from a peace activist on the current situation in the Holy Land and the prospects for peace  
Evening dinner and overnight



**Day 9** **Jerusalem** **(B,D)**

Brekfast at the hotel  
This morning we will proceed up the Via Dolorosa and make our way past the 14 stations of the cross. We enter the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, proceeding to the Hill of Golgotha, the Chapel of the Skull of Adam, and the empty Tomb. In the chapel alongside the tomb, we conclude our pilgrimage with a celebration of Christ's resurrection  
Lunch, on own  
Enjoy the afternoon at leisure for shopping or additional sightseeing



Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

**Day 10**

**Emmaus / Depart for home**

**(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Hotel check-out

Time at leisure in Jerusalem to wander the Old City and explore with newfound friends

Visit Emmaus for a possible worship service attendance at the site of the post-resurrection revelation of Jesus to his disciples

Transfer to the airport for the late night/early morning return flight home

**Day 11**

**Depart for Home**

Return Home

***This is a very flexible itinerary.*** Except for confirmed appointments, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable.

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