10 Day Pilgrimage "In the Footstep of Jesus" in the Holy Land

April 29th – May 8, 2019



Spiritual Director Very Rev. Charles Elvis Otsiwah

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip Air from Houston or New York
- Deluxe Motorcoach
- English Speaking Guide
- 4 & 5 Star First Class Hotels
- Breakfast & Dinner Daily
- Sightseeing as per itinerary •
- Daily Mass and Rosary •



Pilgrimage Price from Houston: \$3,599.00 per person Double Pilgrimage Price from New York: \$ 3,499.00 per person Double Single Supplement: \$ 700.00

ITNERARY

Mon. April 29th: HOUSTON – NEW YORK - ISRAEL Depart Houston or New York on your overnight flight to Tel Aviv. Dinner served in flight.

Tue, April 30th: ARRIVE - EMMAUS - EIN KAREM - JERUSALEM

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, you will be met by your guide and transferred to your motorcoach. En route to Jerusalem stop at Emmaus for Mass. After Mass we drive to the village of Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptist for visits of the Church of the Visitation and the Church of St. John. Continue to Jerusalem for check in at our hotel.

Wed, May 1st: MOUNT OF OLIVES – MOUNT ZION

The day begins on top of the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of the Old City and visits to the Chapel of the Ascension, Pater Noster (Our Father) Church, Dominus Flevit Chapel, Church of All Nations and the Garden of Gethsemane. Continue to the House of the High Priest Caiaphas where St. Peter's denial of Jesus is marked within the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. In the afternoon, visit King David's Tomb, the Room of the Last Supper and the Dormition Abbey on Mount Zion.

Thu, May 2nd: BETHLEHEM - NEW JERUSALEM

Drive to Shepherds Fields where the day starts with a Mass in the Grotto. Continue to **Bethlehem** for visits around Manger Square. Sites here include the Church of the Nativity, the Church of St. Catherine and St. Jerome's Caves

The Holy Hour in Gethsemane - The group will attend a special Holy Hour at 8 pm this evening in the Church of All Nations in Gethsemane. We share in Christ's Agony in the Garden before his betrayal.

Fri, May 3rd: THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM

Enter the Old City through the Dung Gate for visits of the Western Wall, El Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock. Walk to the Pool of Bethesda on the grounds of the Crusader Church of St. Anne and end the morning at the Roman pavement of the Lithostrotos under the Ecce Homo Convent. Next, follow the Way of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa in the streets and alleys of the Old City culminating at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Leave the Old City through Damascus Gate.

Sat, May 4th: DEAD SEA - JERICHO

Drive to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Next to the Dead Sea. Relax and swim in the mineral waters of the Dead Sea. Last visit of the day is **Jericho** where you can view the Mount of Temptations. Return to Jerusalem through Wadi Qelt.

Sun, May 5th: JERUSALEM - GALILEE - MOUNT TABOR - NAZARETH

Head to Galilee via the Jordan Valley. En route we stop at **Mount Tabor** for a visit of the Church of the Transfiguration. Continue to **Nazareth** for a visit of the Church of the Annunciation, the Fountain of the Virgin and the Ancient Synagogue. After spending some time in the Souq, proceed to the Sea of Galilee to visit the Wedding Church of Cana in Galilee. *All married couples will have the opportunity to renew their Wedding Vows.* We continue to our hotel for check in.

Mon, May 6th: THE LAKESIDE MINISTRY - UPPER GALILEE

Start the day with a boat ride across the **Sea of Galilee** in a traditional wooden "*Jesus Boat*". Drive up to the **Mount of Beatitudes** and visit the Church which commemorates the famous Sermon on the Mount. Continue to the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes at Tabgha and the Church of St Peter's Primacy in Mensa Christi. Next we visit Capernaum which Jesus chose as the base for his Galilean Ministry. Continue north to view Mount Hermon and end the day with a drive around the lake back to Tiberias.

Tue, May 7th: ACRE - CAESAREA - JAFFA - TEL AVIV

Visit Mohraqa the site of the Prophet Elijah's challenge with the prophets of Ba'al. From here drive south to Caesarea Maritima the ancient Roman Capital with visits to the Theatre, Aqueduct and Crusader Ruins. Before arriving in Tel Aviv, pass by Jaffa, view the old harbor.

Wed, May 8th: TEL AVIVI/DEPARTURE TO THE USA

Morning departure to Tel Aviv airport. Afternoon arrival in JFK.

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