

JOIN US
FOR A

Trip of a Lifetime

YOUR INVITATION!

Dear Friends,
 It is my pleasure to invite you to deepen your faith through a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Let us together "Walk in the Footsteps of Christ!" Join us as we trace the steps of Jesus from his boyhood home in Nazareth to the banks of the Jordan River where he was baptized. Journey to Cana where he performed his first miracle and walk the paths of his native Capernaum. Stroll along the shores of Galilee in the early morning hours and then set out across the Sea of Galilee where Jesus walked on the water. Ascend with him to Mount Tabor and the Church of the Transfiguration. Sit quietly with him in the Garden of Gethsemane. Follow the footsteps of Christ from his birthplace to the Upper Room where he would celebrate the Last Supper to the "Via Delarosa," where our Lord would walk his final steps to Calvary. Our pilgrimage journey will have a spirit of prayer and reflection. We'll also have the chance to explore the rich culture that shaped the life of Christ as we reflect on the spiritual and religious significance of the land where Jesus's birth, life, death, and resurrection took place. I look forward to walking this journey with you!



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Fr. Tom Lilly

Pilgrimage is a sacred opportunity to set aside time for God and to be open to His will. I am so excited to have the opportunity to bring members of my St. Joseph parish family (and other friends) to experience the Holy Land in November 2023! My brother is organizing this pilgrimage with his parish in Alaska and has invited us to join him. I'd love for you to go with me and walk in the footsteps of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This will be a great pilgrimage that will be a blessing for us all. As we read about the Sermon on the Mount, the Sea of Galilee and the hill of Calvary, it adds a whole new level of devotion and understanding to see and touch those places. How amazing it is to offer Mass in the Shepherd's Cave in Bethlehem and to walk the stations of the cross through the streets of Jerusalem. Jesus can move powerfully in our lives when we give Him our time and effort and ask Him to move our hearts. I hope you will consider coming with me, and I so look forward to seeing how God will use this pilgrimage of faith!

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. Matthew McMorrow

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Departing:
NOVEMBER 7, 2023

from Anchorage, AK (ANC):

\$4,998.00

from Chicago, IL (ORD):

\$4,798.00

All Inclusive!!

(except lunches)



12 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Deposit - \$500

(upon booking)

2nd Payment Due:

June 10, 2023

Full Payment Due:

August 4, 2023

Each tour member must hold a passport that is valid until at least MAY 31, 2024

Application forms are available at your local Passport Office. Any required visas will be processed for US citizens only. **Except visas or requirements related to Covid-19. Non-US citizens are solely responsible for obtaining any required visas.**

Rates based on double - occupancy tax and fuel surcharge and currency exchange rate (s) at the date of quotation to your opost. Subject to change upto 30 days from departure.

DAY 1: TUE NOV 7 - DEPARTURE USA

Depart North America via jet service. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board.

DAY 2: WED NOV 8 - ARRIVAL / TEL AVIV / NETANYA On arrival in Tel Aviv we will be met by your representative and transferred to our accommodations in Tel Aviv/ Netanya where our dinner will be served. Overnight at Hotel.

DAY 3: THU NOV 9 - CAESAREA / CANA / TIBERIAS

Breakfast and check out. We depart for Caesarea, where St. Peter baptized the first Gentile convert (Cornelius) and where St. Paul was imprisoned. We continue our way north to Mt. Carmel.
At 14:00pm: We celebrate Mass at Nazareth – Basilica of the Annunciation /Upper Basilica (TBC). We visit the Home of the Holy Family, St. Joseph’s Workshop, Mary’s Well & The Synagogue
At 16:00 pm - We celebrate Mass at Cana – Church of the 01st Miracle / St. John the Evangelist (TBC)
Finally, we arrive in Tiberias for check in, dinner and the evening.

DAY 4: FRI NOV 10 - CAPERNAUM / MT. OF BEATITUDES

Breakfast at the Hotel. This morning we begin with a boat ride on The Sea of Galilee. We will visit a replica of a fishing boat from the time of Christ. Our visit continues to the Mt. of Beatitudes to gain a panoramic view of the Sea of Galilee.
At 11:00am we celebrate Mass at Mt. Beatitudes Church (TBC).
We will visit Tabgha where it is believed that Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000. From there we will visit Capernaum where Jesus began his Galilean ministry, visiting the synagogue which dates to the time of Jesus and the site of Peter’s home and enjoy a St. Peter’s Fish Lunch (TBC).
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THE TOUR
Itinerary

PILGRIMAGE FEATURES

- **Roundtrip Air Transportation**
from Anchorage, AK or Chicago, IL
- **First Class & Deluxe Hotels**
- **Land Transportation**
via deluxe, private motor coach with wi-fi
- **Taxes Fuel Surcharge**
Included & Tips (\$120) Included
- **Professional English-Speaking Guide**
- **Entrance fees**
to all sites on itinerary
- **Breakfast & Dinner Daily** with wine included for 3 dinners. A Peter’s Fish Lunch is included.
- **Daily Masses** and a boat ride

We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5: SAT NOV 11 - MT. TABOR / CAESAREA PHILIPPI

Breakfast at the Hotel.
We visit Caesarea Philippi and have Lunch on own.
Mt. Tabor Taxi (Booked)
At 16:00 am we celebrate Mass at Mount Tabor/ Basilica of the Transfiguration (TBA)
We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: SUN NOV 12 - JORDAN VALLEY / JERICO / DEAD SEA

Breakfast and check out. We continue throughout the Jordan Valley where Jesus walked with His disciples, we stop at the baptismal site on the banks of the Jordan River, Qasr al-Yahud. Then we head to Jericho to view, from a distance, the Mt. of Temptation now home to a Greek Orthodox Monastery and to see the traditional sycamore tree of Zacchaeus. Our last stop is at The little village of Bethany, on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives about 3km from Jerusalem it was a favorite place of rest and refuge for Jesus. Here he knew the friendship of his friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Here, in the cemetery just below the village, he raised Lazarus from the dead. Then transfer to the Dead Sea, check in dinner and overnight at hotel.

DAY 7: MON NOV 13 - DEAD SEA / QUMRAN / BETHANY / JERUSALEM

Breakfast, we drive to Qumran, site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. We stop to view the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth and optional swim in the salty water. We visit Qumran and Bethany.
At 14:00pm we celebrate Mass at Bethany Church – Bethany, then transfer to Jerusalem for check in, dinner and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 08: TUES NOV 14 - BETHLEHEM DAY

This morning we begin our day with breakfast at the Hotel. Followed by a visit to the Shepherds, and at 11:00 am we celebrate Mass at Shepherd’s Field / The Big Grotto (01st Altar) (TBC).
We then will visit the Church of the Nativity, St. Wood & Mother-of-Pearl Gifts in Bethlehem. Then back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 9: WED NOV 15 - JERUSALEM / MOUNT OF OLIVES

We begin this day with a ride to the Mt. of Olives, where we gain a panoramic view of the old City of Jerusalem. Thereafter we stop at the Wailing Wall and the Temple Mount - Dome of the Rock- Winter: October through March: 7:30 – 10:30 am and 12:30 – 1:30 pm. Then to the place of the Ascension, Pater Noster (commemorating the “Our Father”), Dominus Flevit, (where Jesus wept over Jerusalem), and the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane.
At 11:00 am we celebrate Mass @ Gethsemane/ Basilica (TBC).
Visit the Cave of Betrayal and the Tomb of our Lady. Then back to our hotel for dinner and the evening.

DAY 10: THU NOV 16 - JERUSALEM / OLD CITY

Breakfast at Hotel. We proceed to St. Anne Church & Pool of Bethesda then to Way of the Cross . Visit Calvary & The Tomb of our Lord. Holy Sepulcher Church – Mass (TBC)
Walk through the Old City and Shopping in the Old City and visit the Western wall. Then back to our hotel for dinner and the evening.

DAY 11: FRI NOV 17 - EIN KAREM | JERUSALEM

Breakfast @ Hotel & check out.
Ein Karem - Visit the Church of St. John the Baptist.
Mass at Ain Karem – Visitation / Upper Basilica (TBC)
Head to Mt. Zion and visit the Upper Room, the Dormition Church & the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu House of Caiaphas.
Farewell Dinner
Departure to Ben Gurion Airport (late night flight or morning flight TBD)

DAY 12: SAT NOV 18 - SATURDAY: ARRIVAL BACK TO THE USA