

# PILGRIMAGE THE HOLY LAND WITH FATHER ROBERT ROSEBROUGH

Tiberias ✝ Nazareth ✝ Cesari Philippi  
Cana ✝ Capernaum ✝ Mt. Tabor ✝ Jericho ✝ Bethany ✝ Jerusalem  
Bethlehem ✝ The Holy Sepulcher  
Dead Sea ✝ Mt. Carmel ✝ Baptisaml Site ✝ The Tomb of Christ  
Garden of Gethsemane ✝ Mt. Beatitudes

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8** - We depart from our home city for an evening connecting overnight flight to Tel Aviv. Dinner and breakfast served aboard. **D (dinner) & B (breakfast)**



**MONDAY, JANUARY 9** - We land at Ben Gurion Airport in the morning. We clear customs and drive a short distance to the west to arrive at the coastline and reach the old city of **Jaffa**, now a suburb to the south of modern Tel Aviv. In biblical history we read that **Jonah** sailed from this port city in his flight from God. In Acts we read that here **St. Peter** stayed at the house of Simon the Tanner and also performed the miracle of raising Tabitha from the dead. In **St. Peter Church in Jaffa** is where at 11:30 AM we will celebrate the **OPENING MASS OF OUR PILGRIMAGE**. In the afternoon we transfer by motor coach north to **Mount Beatitudes Guest House** overlooking the Sea of Galilee. We check in to our hotel and have dinner together. **D MT. BEATITUDES GUEST HOUSE**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10** - This morning we drive to **Nazareth**. Arriving in Nazareth, where Jesus spent most of His Life, we go to the beautiful **Basilica of the Annunciation**. There in the **Grotto of the Annunciation** we venerate the very spot where the Word Was Made Flesh. At 11:00 AM we will celebrate **HOLY MASS at the MAIN ALTAR in the BASILICA OF THE ANNUNCIATION**. We will also visit the nearby Church of St. Joseph's Workshop. After time for lunch on our own, we drive to the Mediterranean coast, where we stop at **Caesarea**, capitol of the Roman Province of Judea. We recall that St. Paul was imprisoned in Caesarea before being sent to Rome. Also here St. Peter baptized the first Gentile converts. We see the Crusaders' Moat and fortifications built by St. Louis the King, as well as the well-preserved Roman Amphitheater and ancient Aqueducts. Back at our Guest House this evening we dine together and enjoy the beautiful view.

**B & D MT. BEATITUDES GUEST HOUSE**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11** - This morning we drive north to **Caesarea Philippi**, where, in response to the profession of faith by Peter, Jesus promised him leadership in His Church - telling Peter that He would give to him the "Keys of the Kingdom." Returning to the north shore of the Sea of Galilee, we head to **Magdala**, site of recent excavations and discoveries, including a first century synagogue. Our morning concludes with the celebration of **HOLY MASS AT DUC IN ALTUM IN THE BOAT CHAPEL (MAGDALA)** at 11:00 AM. Across the road and a few steps uphill we can see the site revered as the place of **Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount**. Then we stop and have a lunch which is included, featuring for those we want it a local favorite called "**St. Peter Fish**." This afternoon we are again at the shore of the Sea of Galilee, where we embark on a **boat ride**, remembering the scripture passages of Jesus and His apostles on this lake. Where we embark we visit a museum that houses a fishing boat that was discovered buried at the bottom of the Lake. It is 2000 years old and very typical of the boats used by the Apostles who had been fishermen. Back at our hotel we have some free time in the afternoon and then dinner together this evening.

**B, L (lunch) & D MT. BEATITUDES GUEST HOUSE**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12** - This morning, we visit the Church of the **Primacy of Peter**, the place where Our Lord bestowed upon Peter the role of leadership, replying to Peter's triple Profession of Love for Jesus with His Words, "Feed My Lambs, Feed My Lambs, Feed My Sheep." Here we will pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. Up the road along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, we enter **Capernaum**, known as the Second City of Jesus. At 10:00 AM we will celebrate **HOLY MASS IN ST. PETER CHURCH OF CAPERNAUM**, which is located directly over a structure believed to be Peter's house in this city. We will see the ruins of the second century Synagogue (John: 6), important because here Jesus promised the Holy Eucharist to His followers. In this city Our Lord called a number of the Apostles, he taught the Good News of our Redemption and he cured many people of their afflictions. We drive around to the east side of the Sea of Galilee, stopping for lunch on our own. Then along the lake shore we visit **Kursi** where Jesus delivered and healed a man possessed by demons. Returning to the north shore of the Lake, we visit the excavations of the site of **Bethsaida**, another fishing village in the time of Christ and from which a number of Apostles were called by Our Lord. Back at our Guest House we dine together this evening.

**B & D MT. BEATITUDES GUEST HOUSE**



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13** - This morning we drive to **Cana**. Here we recall the scene of Our Lord's first miracle, remembering His Blessed Mother's words, "Do whatever He tells you." At 9:00 AM we will celebrate **HOLY MASS IN CANA**. During our celebration couples in our group will have the opportunity to renew their Marriage Vows. We then head northwest towards the Mediterranean coastline, ascending the **Carmel Mountain Range**. We stop at the site of **Muhraqa**, where Elijah challenged and defeated the 450 prophets of Baal. A stop will be provided for lunch on our own. We continue on to **Stella Maris** on **Mt. Carmel**, the largest monastery of the Carmelite Order and its headquarters. Here we see the **Cave of Elijah**. We pass through the northernmost port city of Israel, **Haifa**. Back at our Guesthouse we have some free time before our dinner together.

**B & D MT. BEATITUDES GUEST HOUSE**



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14** - This morning as we ascend the heights of **Mt. Tabor**, where Jesus took Peter, James and John and was gloriously **Transfigured** in their sight. There at 11:00 AM we celebrate **HOLY MASS IN THE BASILICA OF THE TRANSFIGURATION**. Coming down from the mountain, we will stop nearby for lunch on our own. Then we drive to **Nain**, even today a small town and not far from Mt. Tabor. Jesus had entered the village and encountered a funeral procession heading out to the cemetery. He had compassion on the grieving mother of the deceased, a widow woman who had lost her only son. He laid hold of the coffin, raised her son from the dead, and He **"gave him back to his mother."** Once again we come to the shore of the Lake. Now we are at the shrine at Tabgha (place of 7 springs). Here we visit the Church that commemorates Jesus' feeding of 5,000, called the **Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes**. We return to our Guest House for a little free time before dinner.

**B & D MT. BEATITUDES GUEST HOUSE**



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15** - This morning at 9:00 AM we celebrate **HOLY MASS** on **MOUNT BEATITUDES** at an outdoor altar overlooking the Sea of Galilee, we remember Our Lord's profound teaching of the **Eight Beatitudes**. Today we drive south through the fertile Jordan River Valley, arriving just above the place where the Jordan empties into the Dead Sea. We go directly to its bank and recall that here, when St. John was baptizing those who responded to his call for repentance, he heard Our Lord and obediently Baptized Jesus Himself. We will renew our own **Baptismal Promises** at the river. Then we reach **Jericho**, the most ancient city in the Holy Land. We recall its prominence for events in both the Old and the New Testaments. We will see the foundations of this city and Elisha's Spring. We then board a cable car and ascend **Mt. Temptation**. At the top we are provided lunch. Before arriving to the **Holy City of Jerusalem**, we will stop at **Bethany**, home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, for a visit to its beautiful little church and even to peer into the **tomb of Lazarus**. In Jerusalem we check in to our hotel across the street from the Walls of the Old City of Jerusalem and our lodging for the next six nights. We have dinner together.

**B, L & D JERUSALEM**



**MONDAY, JANUARY 16** - Traveling a short distance south of Jerusalem, we arrive in **Bethlehem**. We begin our visit in the countryside at the **Shepherds Fields of Boaz**, remember the angels' glad tidings to the shepherds. At 9:00 AM we celebrate our **HOLY MASS** in a **GROTTO OF SHEPHERDS FIELDS**. Within the Town of Bethlehem at Holy Nativity Church we go to venerate the **Holy Grotto of the Nativity** and the adjacent **Holy Manger**, as well as the **Grotto of St. Jerome**, the setting where this early saint translated the Bible into the Vulgate (into the Latin language). We also will be in the Franciscan church of St. Catherine, scene of Bethlehem's Christmas Midnight Mass. As a special experience in the nearby neighborhood, a "suburb" of Bethlehem called Beit Sahour, we divide into small groups and are provided with **lunch in the homes of Christian families**. This will be a great opportunity to communicate with the people in this city of Christ's Birth. Time permitting, we will stop at a Bethlehem store that offers olive wood religious carvings and many other items.

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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17** - This morning we travel to Ein Karem to visit both **Visitation** and **St. John the Baptist Churches**. Mary came to this town in the hill country of Judea to visit her cousin Elizabeth and here spoke praise of God with her *Magnificat*. We pray the rosary as we ascend a hill, arriving at the top to celebrate **HOLY MASS IN VISITATION CHURCH** at 9:00 AM. We then go to St. John the Baptist Church. At the point of our re-entry into Jerusalem we stop at the **Israel Museum**, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls and features an outdoor display of the City of Jerusalem and the Second Temple as it was in the time of Our Lord. We make a stop for a bite to eat on our own. Next near the Mount Zion section of the Old City we visit the traditional site of the **Upper Room**, remembering there with devotion the Last Supper, Easter Sunday night and Pentecost Sunday. Nearby we go to **Dormition Abbey Church** which honors the passage of Our Lady from this life to Heaven. We will have some free time in the latter part of this afternoon. After dinner we go to the base of Mt. Olives to the **Church of All Nations at Gethsemane** for a **Holy Hour from 8:00 to 9:00 PM** with an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18** - This morning we are privileged at 6:30 AM to celebrate **HOLY MASS on CALVARY in HOLY SEPULCHRE CHURCH**. After breakfast our drive east takes us below Sea Level and then south along the shoreline of the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth. We reach **Masada**, a popular Israel tourist attraction accessed by cable car, on which we ascend to its ancient settlement atop a rock plateau. Here the Jewish rebels resisted the onslaught of the Roman occupying troops, but finally ended the siege by their own suicide. We can find a bite to eat in the cafeteria here. Next we go to the **Dead Sea**, where we can even take the opportunity for a dip in these mineral rich waters. We drive to **Qumran** for a tour of the site of the ancient Essene Community, important because of the Dead Sea Scrolls discovery. We have dinner together back at our hotel.

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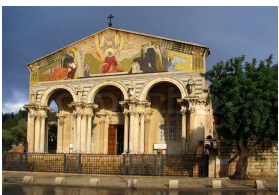
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19** - This morning we drive to the **Summit of Mt. Olives** to visit the **Chapel of the Ascension** and the **Church of Pater Noster**. Walking the Palm Sunday Road, we visit and at 10:00 AM celebrate **MASS IN DOMINUS FLEVIT CHAPEL**. There, too, we have a wonderful panoramic view of the City of Jerusalem. At the base of Mt. Olives we enter the **Garden of Gethsemane**. Also nearby is the **Church of the Tomb of Mary**, which has beautiful Marian Icons on display. This afternoon we enter the Old City of Jerusalem at St. Stephen's Gate where our first stop is at the **Church of St. Anne** and the **Pools of Bethesda**. Next, in preparation for making the Way of the Cross, we visit the **Chapel of Flagellation**. Carrying a wooden cross and praying the **Way of the Cross** along the streets and among the markets and shops as Jesus did on His journey to Calvary, we follow the Via Dolorosa to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Within the church, we visit Golgotha and complete our devotions at the **Sacred Tomb of Jesus**. This evening we go out to be served a special Middle East Dinner.

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20** - Our bus takes us to a Gate of the Old City where we enter and are at the sacred Jewish Temple area of the **Western Wall or Wailing Wall**. Prayers are offered up at these remaining holy stones of the glorious second temple. We are aware that now the only structures standing above on the Temple Mount itself are the Moslem Shrines of the Dome of the Rock and Mosque el Aqsa. Just across the square south of the Western Wall we enter a small excavation called the Jerusalem Archaeological Park, and view a video that will enlighten us regarding the area of the Second Temple. We continue our drive along the walls of the Old City to Mt. Zion, and there at 11:00 AM we celebrate **HOLY MASS in the CHURCH OF ST. PETER IN GALLICANTU**. This church is built over the spot where Jesus was held in the dungeon of **Caiphas' house**, and the site of St. Peter's triple denial of Our Lord. This afternoon is free, perhaps so we can do some last minute shopping. We have dinner together at our hotel. Then we head to Ben Gurion Airport for our flight home which departs a few minutes after midnight.

**B & D JERUSALEM**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21** - Our flight from Tel Aviv arrives in the U.S. very early this morning, and after clearing Customs we will connect to a flight that will bring us to our home city.





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