



# JORDAN & THE HOLY LAND

February 16 to February 28, 2016



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Spiritual Director

Fr. Angelo Beda, Franciscan Priest, is the Emissary of the Vatican in Israel. He will be our Spiritual Director and our Expert Tour Guide. There are numerous sites/ articles about him online.

**All Included: \$3,311 (double occupancy)**

Day	Detailed Itinerary
Feb 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depart Los Angeles with LY006 ELAL Airlines at 1:30 p.m.</li> </ul>
Feb 17 Jerusalem Caesar Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upon arrival in <b>Ben Gurion Airport</b> (1:55 p.m.) you will find your luggage and exit the baggage claim into the arrivals hall where you will be greeted by guide and driver.</li> <li>After a warm welcome, you will be escorted to your transportation to our hotel. Check in to Caesar hotel (Jerusalem) for dinner and overnight.</li> </ul>
Feb 18 Jerusalem Caesar Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We begin our day with a visit to the <b>Mt. of Olives</b> to walk the Palm Sunday route stopping at <b>Dominus Flevit</b>, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem.</li> <li>Our journey takes us to <b>Gethsemane</b>, where we will visit the Rock of Agony where Jesus prayed his last prayer before being arrested.</li> <li>We continue on to the <b>Cave of Betrayal</b> and the Cave of Assumption of Mary to Heaven. We visit <b>Pater Noster</b>, where the universality of the Catholic Church is evident in the tiled mosaics of the Lord's Prayer in many languages.</li> <li>We visit the <b>Chapel of the Ascension</b> from where Jesus ascended to Heaven.</li> <li>In the afternoon, we visit the <b>Yad Veshem</b> the National Holocaust Memorial (time permitting).</li> <li>We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight</li> </ul>
Feb 19 Jerusalem Caesar Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This morning we wake very early for one of the highlights of our trip. As the sun rises we retrace the last steps of Jesus on Good Friday. As we walk along the <b>Via Dolorosa</b> (Way of Sorrow), through the Old City; we will pray along <b>the Stations of the Cross</b> as we walk the same path Jesus took.</li> <li>We visit <b>St. Anne's Church</b>, the home of the Virgin Mary and her parents Saints Joachim and Anne. We will see the <b>Ecce Homo</b> where Pilate proclaimed "Behold the man...". We reflect on the greatness of His sacrifice as we arrive at the <b>Church of the Holy Sepulcher</b> where we will have Mass.</li> <li>We continue to the <b>Wailing Wall</b> (the most holy place for Jews). We exit at <b>Mt. Zion</b> gate to visit the Upper Room the location of the Last Supper and the Dormition Abbey where we believe the blessed Mary died. We end the day at <b>St. Peter in Gallicantu</b> where Peter denied Christ three times.</li> <li>Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.</li> </ul>
Feb 20 Jerusalem Caesar Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We begin the day at the newly renovated <b>Israel museum</b>.</li> <li>We will then head to the village of <b>Ein Karem</b>, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and to the Church of Visitation where the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth, and proclaimed the 'Magnificat.'</li> <li>In the afternoon, we drive to <b>Shepherd's Fields</b> where the angels announced the birth of Jesus and celebrate Mass. We visit the <b>Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem</b>, which stands upon the site where Jesus was born.</li> <li>Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.</li> </ul>
Feb 21 Tiberias Astoria Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our first stop is <b>Qumeran</b>, the site where the dead sea scrolls were unearthed.</li> <li>We will have time for a <b>swim</b> (or rather a float) in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea.</li> <li>Our next stop is <b>Jericho</b>, the ancient Canaanite city destroyed by the power of God (Josh. 5-6). It is the oldest known inhabited city in the world. Ascended by cable car to Mt. Temptation and visit the monastery. It was Jericho that Jesus encountered Zacchaeus (Lk.19).</li> <li>We drive north through the Jordan Valley to our Tiberias hotel for dinner and overnight.</li> </ul>
Feb 22 Tiberias Astoria Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Today we will focus on the Ministry of Christ during his time in Galilee. We will enjoy a peaceful <b>boat ride</b> across the Sea of Galilee where Christ walked on water.</li> <li>We also visit the holy site <b>Capernaum</b> to see the synagogue and St. Peter's house, where Jesus would have stayed while ministering in the area.</li> <li>Visit the breathtaking <b>Mt. of Beatitudes</b> where the Sermon on the Mount was given. There will be an unforgettable Mass near the shores of the Sea of Galilee at the Primacy of Mt. Beatitudes.</li> <li>We continue on to <b>Tabgha</b> where we will see the splendid mosaic commemorating the miracle of the loaves and fishes, and to the nearby Church of Peter's Primacy where Peter was told "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep" [John 21:9].</li> <li>We'll end our day with a stop in <b>YARDENIT</b> at the <b>Jordan River</b>, where we will renew our Baptismal Vows. Overnight and dinner in Tiberias.</li> </ul>
Feb 23 Tiberias Astoria Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After breakfast, our first stop is <b>Nazareth</b>, where we will visit the <b>Basilica of the Annunciation, Mary's Well</b> and the <b>Church of the Angel Gabriel</b>.</li> <li>We head on to <b>Cana</b>, the village where Jesus performed his first miracle changing water into wine. Our pilgrim couples will have a special opportunity to renew their wedding vows..</li> <li>In the afternoon we'll drive to <b>Mt. Tabor</b>, scene of the Transfiguration, where we will have Mass in the beautiful small church atop the mountain.</li> <li>Overnight and dinner in Tiberias.</li> </ul>

<b>Feb 24</b>  Jerusalem  Caesar Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After breakfast, we stop in Haifa where we will visit <b>Stella Maris</b>, a Carmelite Monastery which houses the Madonna of <b>Mt. Carmel</b>.</li> <li>• We continue on to <b>Mukhraka</b> where Elijah confronted the false prophets of Baal and where the Carmelite Order began.</li> <li>• We then travel up the coast to <b>Caesarea</b>. We will visit the Roman and Crusader ruins, where Paul was held prisoner by the Romans.</li> <li>• We drive to our Jerusalem hotel for dinner and overnight.</li> </ul>
<b>Feb 25</b>  Petra  Petra Palace Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check out of hotel and drive to <b>Allenby Bridge crossing</b>.</li> <li>• Upon arrival at Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan at Allenby Bridge crossing, our English speaking guide will meet &amp; assist the group with immigration.</li> <li>• Drive to <b>Madaba</b>; enjoy a short visit to St. George's Cathedral where the 6<sup>th</sup> century mosaic map is laid down.</li> <li>• Continue to <b>Mount Nebo</b>; a short bus ride to Mount Nebo (the alleged burial place of Moses) to enjoy the panoramic view of the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea –River Jordan, the old church on top of the mountain with its well preserved large pieces of Mosaic that dates back to the Byzantine era.</li> <li>• Drive to Petra for dinner and overnight.</li> </ul>
<b>Feb 26</b>  Amman Toledo Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After breakfast, enjoy a full day visit to <b>Petra</b> one of the new 7 wonders of the world. The city was carved into the rocks by the Nabateans and many ruins from the 2<sup>nd</sup> cent BC to the 2<sup>nd</sup> cent AD; but most famous one Treasury. There are many temples and facades well preserved.</li> <li>• Drive to Amman for dinner and overnight.</li> </ul>
<b>Feb 27</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After breakfast, enjoy a short city tour of <b>Amman</b></li> <li>• Transfer (with guide) to Allenby bridge.</li> <li>• Transfer (with guide) from Allenby bridge to <b>Jaffa</b> for a walking tour.</li> <li>• Tour the <b>World Heritage Site of the White City of Tel Aviv</b>. Tel Aviv was founded in 1909 and developed as a metropolitan city under the British Mandate in Palestine.</li> <li>• Transfer (with guide) to Ben Gurion airport (Farewell dinner on route)</li> <li>• Assistance upon departure flight (Feb. 28 LY005 ELAL Airlines at 01:00, arriving to LAX 06:30)</li> </ul>

**Pilgrimage Tour Includes**

- ❖ Direct round trip air from LA with ELAL plus taxes
- ❖ Daily Holy Mass where and when possible.
- ❖ Transfers and sightseeing in air conditioned motor coach with WI-FI
- ❖ Expert, government licensed English speaking tour guide on sightseeing days & transfers.
- ❖ Accommodation in highly rated hotels
- ❖ Taxes at Allenby bridge
- ❖ Daily Breakfast and Dinner
- ❖ All entrance fees to all sites mentioned
- ❖ Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- ❖ **NOT INCLUDED:** lunches, personal items and tips, travel insurance, Horse drawn carriage in Petra

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**Single Occupancy: \$550 additional**

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