



## Catholic Program 10 Days / 9 Nights

### Day 1 WELCOME TO THE HOLY LAND

Arrive Ben Gurion Airport. Our representative will help you through customs and take you to the bus where you will meet your guide. Transfer to our hotel in Natanye. Dinner and overnight. (D)

### Day 2 GALILEE- CANA

After a rich buffet breakfast, drive to Caesarea on the Sea. Visit the Roman Theatre, the new excavations and the Aqueduct. Continue to Mt Carmel. Visit the Church of Stella Maris. Enjoy a special experience of eating a Falafel lunch. In the afternoon, arrival in Nazareth, where Jesus spent most of his childhood and adolescence. Visit the church of the Annunciation and the nearby St. Joseph's carpentry workshop, St Mary's Well and the Old Market. Then drive through the Galilee hills toward Cana of the Galilee, site of the first miracle of Jesus. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth (or Tiberias). (B,D)



### Day 3 GALILEE

Depart in the morning to see the Holy and historical places along the shores of the Sea of Galilee. The tour starts at Capernaum, visiting the remnants of Peter's mother-in-law's house and the old Synagogue where Jesus preached. Proceed to the Mount of Beatitudes, the place of the Sermon of the Mount. Drive on to Tabgha, where the miracle of the Multiplication of the Fish and Bread took place, close to the church of Peter's Primacy and the Miraculous Fishing. Take a boat trip on the waters of the Sea, as was done in the times of Jesus.



### Day 4 MOUNT TABOR- JERICHO

After breakfast, drive along the Jordan Valley to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration and then to Beit Shean. Visit the largest excavation in the Holy Land, with the Roman hot baths and Theatre. Continue to view Jericho and visit the ruins of the ancient city, which was conquered by Joshua (Josh. 6: 1, 2, 20). In Jericho, you can see the traditional site of the Temptation of Jesus (Matt. 4:1-11). Drive up the Judean Hills and enter the Holy City of Jerusalem with a special ceremonial blessing. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B,D)

### Day 5 BETHLEHEM - JERUSALEM

After breakfast, drive to Bethlehem. Visit the Church of Nativity constructed on the site, is the world's oldest functioning church. You'll view the nearby Shepherds' Field where the Good News were first heard. Return to the New City of Jerusalem. Visit the Biblical village of Ein Karem, birth place of John the Baptist.



End your day by visiting the Model of Jerusalem of the second Temple era. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B,D)

#### **Day 6 JERUSALEM**

Start an early walk through the stations of the Via Dolorosa (possibly carrying a wooden cross). Visit the Holy Sepulchre Church and attend the Mass there. Visit the Chapel of Ascension and the Church of Pater Noster. Drive to the Dung Gate to visit the Wailing Wall. Visit the Church of Dormition, David's Tomb, and the Cenacle. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B,D)

#### **Day 7 JERUSALEM**

After breakfast, begin the day overlooking the city of Jerusalem from the Top of Mount of Olives. Walk down the hill to visit Dominus Flevit, the Garden of Gethsemane and the Basilica of Agony. Then ascend, as Jesus did, to the traditional site of the Temple Mount and visit the Dome of the Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque. You may also visit the Western Wall and explore the Ophel excavations south of the Mount, including the Temple steps - on which Jesus and the disciples trod. After lunch, proceed to the Upper Room on Mt. Zion, where you have the chance to remember the Last Supper, and then to Gethsemane for some time. We conclude at Peter in Gallicantu, possibly the site of Caiaphas' house where Jesus was tried and kept overnight.

#### **Day 8 QUMRAN-MASSADA-DEAD SEA**

After breakfast, you may travel to Qumran, the site of the Dead Sea Scroll discovery, and where the mysterious community of Essenes once lived on the shores of the Dead Sea. Explore on-your-own or visit Masada (additional charge), Herod's mountaintop fortress which became the last stronghold of the Jewish Rebellion against the Romans. Ride the cable car to the top to explore. Peer down upon the remains of the Roman camps and siege ramp below. You'll stop briefly at the Shores of the Dead Sea for a quick dip in the salt and mineral laden waters

#### **Day 9 - Jerusalem**

Travel to Ein Karem, known as the birthplace of John the Baptist and the place where the Virgin Mary visited Elisabeth (Luke 1: 26-40). Visit Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial. Visit and worship at the Garden Tomb, possible site of the garden of Joseph of Arimathea and experience the reality of the Resurrection.

#### **Day 10 - Return**

Depart on an exciting extension or you can go back home.

