

Your Invitation

I invite you to come with us and visit the places where the history of our salvation was played out, the places where Jesus taught and worked His signs, where He offered Himself in sacrifice, where He rose and ascended. To visit these places and to worship in them connects us with the history of our salvation with a special immediacy, and makes it more real. And often, since Jesus was very much aware of His physical surroundings, seeing the place where a teaching was given or parable told can give us a new and more lively understanding of passages that had seemed obscure on paper.

I am excited at the opportunity to visit the Holy Land and to share with you the wonder and the power of these holy places.

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Your Journey Features:

- Roundtrip air transportation from Charleston, SC (CHS). Additional departure available from New York City (JFK)- \$3,848.00
- First Class & Deluxe Hotels
- Land transportation via deluxe, private motor coach; free WiFi and DVD capability
- Tips (\$85) and Taxes & Fuel Surcharge (\$710) Included
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Entrance fees to all sites on itinerary
- A boat ride on the Sea of Galilee included
- Daily Masses included
- Whisper headsets included

Please Read This Important Information:

Deposit: \$300.00 (payable upon booking)

50% of Balance: Due by **December 14, 2018**

Full Balance: Due by **February 27, 2019**

Single Supplement: \$665.00 (limited availability)

Each tour member must hold a valid passport until at least **November 30, 2019**. Application forms are available at your local Passport Office or U.S. Postal Service. Any required visas will be processed for US citizens only. **Non-US citizens are solely responsible for obtaining any required visas.**

Rates are based on double-occupancy. The airline tax and fuel surcharge (\$710) and currency exchange rate(s) at the date of quotation. Subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure.

THE HOLY LAND



10 DAYS



MAY 13 - 22, 2019

Departing:
from Charleston, SC (CHS)

\$3,998.00

ALL INCLUSIVE!

(except lunches)

HOSTED BY:
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THE CATHOLIC PILGRIM OFFICE, INC.

The Holy Land

DAY 01 - MON MAY 13: BEGINNING OUR PILGRIMAGE. Depart North America via jet service. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board.

DAY 02 - TUE MAY 14: INTO THE LAND OF THE BIBLE. Upon arrival in the afternoon, you will be met by our representative who will assist you with formalities. A luxury motor coach will transfer you to your hotel in the Tel Aviv suburbs for dinner and overnight.

DAY 03 - WED MAY 15: ALL THE PAST YEARS WITH HISTORY. Morning departure to Caesarea Martima in the Plains of Sharon to visit the ruins of the Crusader's City, surrounded by a moat and a city wall enclosing the ruins of the Roman City. Visit the Roman Theater and proceed along the shores of the Mediterranean to Haifa. Visit Mount Carmel and the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Visit the Cave of the Prophet Elijah. Proceed to Nazareth where we visit the Basilica of the Annunciation enclosing the remains of the House of Joachim and Ann and the site where the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary to announce that she was to become the Mother of God. **Mass** is celebrated here followed by a visit to the Home of the Holy Family, St. Joseph's workshop, Mary's Well and the Synagogue where Jesus preached. Continue to Cana, where Christ performed his first miracle, the Transformation of Water into Wine, and where any married couples can renew their marriage vows. Proceed to your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.



DAY 04 - THU MAY 16: THE SEA OF GALILEE AND UPPER GALILEE. In the morning, we cross the Sea of Galilee by boat and enjoy a worship service while traveling from Tiberias to Capernaum; which is now in ruins but once a thriving town where Peter lived and where much of the public ministry of Christ took place. Visit Tabgha - the chapel dedicated to the multiplication of the loaves and fishes -

(Mark 6:34-44). See the Church of the Primacy of Peter, where Christ taught the Eight Beatitudes to his Disciples. **Mass** will be celebrated at the Mount of Beatitudes. Continue to the ruins of Magdala where Mary Magdalen lived. In the afternoon, drive to the Golan Heights, overlooking Upper Galilee. Cross the River Jordan via Jacob's Daughters Bridge and return to your hotel for dinner.

DAY 05 - FRI MAY 17: ALONG THE JORDAN VALLEY. After breakfast, we leave Tiberias and drive (or walk) to the top of Mt. Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration where **Mass** will be celebrated. Continue to Megiddo, Armageddon, a very important point on the Via Maris connecting Egypt and Damascus. It is a city which has witnessed many wars and suffered many destructions throughout the different periods of time. We proceed through the Jordan Valley / Judean Wilderness to Jericho stopping at the site of the Inn of the Good Samaritan. Visit Elijah's Fountain and the ancient city of Jericho from which you can view the Mount of Temptation, where Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights. Continue along the shores of the Dead Sea. Time is allowed for a float on the Dead Sea. Proceed to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered by a shepherd boy in 1947, before continuing to Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.



DAY 06 - SAT MAY 18: JERUSALEM AND BETHLEHEM. Drive to Bethlehem. Visit the Basilica of the Nativity, built over the site of the birthplace of Christ where **Mass** will be celebrated. Visit the Cave where Christ was born and it is the occasion to sing the traditional Christmas Hymns. A visit is made to the Chapel of St. Jerome, who lived here for many years and translated the Bible into Latin. The nearby Church of St. Catherine is the venue for the midnight Mass which is broadcast all over the World from Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. Visit the Milk Grotto ("Grotto of the Lady Mary"), a serene grotto only a few minutes' walk from Manger Square. Meet local Palestinian Christians in Bethlehem. Continue to the Shepherds field, recalling the "great throng of the heavenly hosts" who appeared to the

Shepherds and told them of the birth of the Savior. In the afternoon, pass by Rachel's Tomb and then visit Ein Karem, the place of the Visitation where Our Lady came to visit her cousin Elizabeth. View the plaques with the Magnificat in most languages of the World. Visit the parish church of St. John the Baptist, and the Grotto of his birth. Return to your hotel for dinner. This evening we request a meeting with his Beatitude, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem.

DAY 07 - SUN MAY 19: MOUNTAINS OF JERUSALEM. This morning tour the Old City of Jerusalem, visiting the Chapel of Flagellation, the chapel of Condemnation and the Lithostrotos, the site of the Antonia Fortress where Julius Caesar resided at the time of Christ and where Christ was tried and condemned to death. Beginning the way of the Cross here, join the walk along the Via Dolorosa led by the Franciscans - ending at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, built over the site of the Crucifixion and the Tomb. **Mass** at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. Visit the Garden Tomb. Visit Calvary and the Tomb of Our Lord followed by a short tour of the Basilica. This afternoon we drive to the Mount of Olives and visit the Church of the Ascension, the spot where Christ ascended into Heaven; the Pater Noster Church commemorating Christ's teaching of the Our Father to his disciples; Dominus Fleuit, the spot where Christ wept over Jerusalem and onwards to Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations which houses the Rock of the Agony of Christ on Holy Thursday. In this Church is a beautiful mosaic donated by the United States. Visit the Cave of the betrayal of Jesus and the Tomb of Our Lady. We return to the Old City and walk from Zion Gate to New Gate through the Jewish, Armenian, and Christian Quarters to know the city better and meet local Palestinian Christians in the Old City. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.



DAY 08 - MON MAY 20: JERUSALEM. This morning visit the Church of St. Anne, built on the site of birthplace of Anne (Hanna), the mother of Our Lady where **Mass** will be celebrated. Continue to the Pool of Bethesda, where Christ healed the paralytic. Visit the Temple area, the spot where the original temple was built and which was the scene of many episodes from the life of Christ, such as the expulsion of the money changers. Here now stands the Dome of the Rock, the third holiest spot in the world for the Moslem faith. Visit the El Aksa Mosque and then the Wailing Wall which is the most sacred spot in the world for the Jews. In the afternoon proceed to the Shrine of the Book, enclosing the Dead Sea Scrolls. Continue to Mount Zion, visiting the room of the Last Supper and the Church of the Dormition. Then visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu built on the site of the house of Caiphas which encloses the dungeon where Christ was kept on Holy Thursday night and where Peter denied Christ thrice. Dinner at the hotel.



DAY 09 - TUE MAY 21: JERUSALEM - BETHANY - JOPPA - AIRPORT. This morning we drive to Bethany and visit the new Church, built on the site of the house of Mary and Martha. Celebrate **Mass**. Visit the Tomb of Lazarus. This afternoon, we have time of leisure prior to going to a local restaurant for our Farewell Dinner. Continue to the airport for our late evening flight to the U.S.

DAY 10 - WED MAY 22: ARRIVE USA. Arrive early in the morning and continue home - the end of a most enjoyable pilgrimage.



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