

Visit Rome, Assisi And the Holy Land

A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & ROME

With Fr. Tom McMichael
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April 17th to the 29th, 2023

(Day 1): Depart the USA to Rome.

(Day 2): Arrival Rome – Transfer to Hotel:

Arrive Rome airport and after going through immigration and customs, meet our English speaking Tour Manager, who will welcome us to Italy. According to the arrival flight, we will enjoy a guided tour of Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls. Celebrate Mass. Check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight (D)

(Day 3): Rome – Papal Blessing – Imperial Rome:

Today transfer to the Vatican to attend the Papal Blessing. Our Group will meet with His Eminence Francis Cardinal Arinze (Former prefect, Congregation for Divine Worship and Sacraments, Vatican City). If time allows in the afternoon we will enjoy a panoramic tour of Imperial Rome passing through the Roman Forum and the Coliseum. Then continue with a walking tour of the Baroque Squares such as Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and Navona Square. Some time at leisure for shopping. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight (B,D)

(Day 4): Rome – St. Mary's – Assisi :

After breakfast we will celebrate Mass. Then we start our guided tour of the Major Basilicas of Rome to discover the Relics of Passion of Christ in Rome (Basilica of St. John in Lateran with the Holy Stairs, the Basilica of St. Mary Major and Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme). After an independent lunch we drive to Assisi. Check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight (B,D)

(Day 5): Assisi – Castel Gandolfo:

This morning we will explore the hilltop of Assisi and enjoy a tour of the city as we visit the medieval city, including the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, where the "Porziuncola" is located, the Basilicas of St. Clare and St. Francis (included) with the tomb of the beloved Saint. In the afternoon we drive to Castel Gandolfo. Time permitting we will stroll the street of this village where there is the Pope's summer residence. Check in at the hotel. Farewell dinner.

(Day 6): Departure Rome – Arrival Tel Aviv:

Following breakfast, we will depart from Rome for our flight to Tel Aviv. Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, we will meet our local guide and driver where we head directly to our hotel in Tiberius/Nazareth for dinner and overnight. We may do Caesarea on the way.

(Day 7): Sea Of Galilee

After breakfast, we will start the day with a boat ride around the Sea of Galilee (included). We stop at Ginoasr to view the Jesus Boat Museum (included) which dates to the time of Jesus. Group will continue to visit Capernaum (included) to view the remains of an old house where we celebrate mass. Then we continue to visit Tabgha the Church of the Multiplication of the Fishes and Loaves. End of the day will be visiting the Mt. Beatitudes the site of the Sermon on the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight at a Hotel in Tiberius/Nazareth



(Day 8): Cana and Nazareth

After breakfast, drive to Cana of Galilee, the place commemorates the first miracle of Jesus. After that drive to view Mt. Carmel and Haifa, visit Stella Maris, and then continue back to Nazareth to visit Basilica of the Annunciation, Mary's well, St. Joseph church and the old Synagogue. Dinner and overnight at a Hotel in Tiberius/Nazareth.

(Day 9): Mt. Tabor – Baptismal Site – Jericho – Bethlehem

Following breakfast at hotel, we will depart to Cana where Jesus made the first Miracle. Then we go to visit Mt. Tabor (Taxi included) where we visit the Basilica of the Transfiguration where we celebrate mass. Continue to visit the Baptismal Site at Beit Arrvah, where group can renew their baptismal vows. Then we continue to visit Jericho, the oldest inhabited city in the world (included). Following the visit of Jericho, we will start ascending towards Bethlehem, on the way we will visit Bethany (included) where we visit the Tomb of St. Lazarus. Check in at our hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and overnight

(Day 10): Bethlehem – Shepherd's Field

Following breakfast, we will start the day with a visit to Bethlehem where we visit the Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity, where we celebrate mass. Continue to visit the Shepherd's Field where the Shepherd's saw the star of the nativity. Back to our hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and overnight

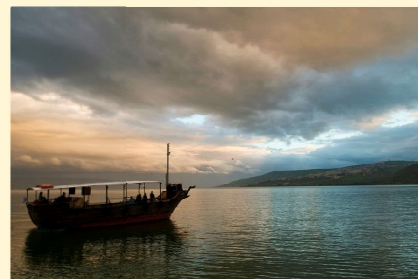
(Day 11): Mt. Olives – Mt. Zion

Following breakfast, we will depart to visit Mt. Olives in Jerusalem, where we start the day with a visit to Ascension Chapel (included). Then we drive to visit Mt. Zion where we visit the Upper Room and St. Peter in Gallicantu Church (included) where Peter denied Jesus three times, then we visit the Church of St. Anne (included) where Jesus healed the paralytic and we will also visit the Cenacle. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem

(Day 12): Via Dolorosa – Holy Sepulchre – Old City –

Early in the morning, we will walk the Via Dolorosa (14 Stations of the Cross). Stopping at Church of the Holy Sepulchre where we celebrate mass. Back to hotel for breakfast. After breakfast group will go back to old city whoever wants to or rest of the day is free to explore Jerusalem on your own. Then we will have a– Farewell Dinner. Overnight at Bethlehem

(Day 13): Abu Gosh – Emmaus – Ein Karemif times allows then head to the airport for departure.



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- Accommodation in Deluxe hotels
- All hotel taxes and portages
- Meals as per itinerary (Breakfast and Dinner)
- Land Transportation by deluxe motor coach
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- All entrance fees as per itinerary

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