A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND ROME

With Fr William Holtzinger

St. Anne Catholic Church

October 11 to October 25, 2021

11 October - Depart the US from PDX and it might be from Medford. We will confirm after we contact the airlines.

12 October - Upon arrival, meet the tour escort and drive to the city center - We will enjoy a panoramic tour of Imperial Rome and then we will visit the Basilicas of Rome. Continue to the hotel for check in, dinner and overnight.

13 October - This morning we will join thousands of pilgrims from all over the world, coming to Rome to attend the Papal Audience and Blessing in San Peter’s square. In the afternoon we continue with a visit to one of the great art collections in the world, the Vatican Museums. Continue on to the Sistine Chapel, the private chapel of the Popes. Take in the awesome architecture and the statuary adorning this largest of all Christian churches, including Michelangelo’s magnificent “Pieta.” Pray at the new tomb of St. John Paul II, in St. Sebastian’s Chapel - On the way back to our hotel, we will make a stop at the Trevi Fountain - to enjoy a walking tour through the beautiful monuments of the Baroque Rome - Tonight we will enjoy a pasta and pizza dinner at a local restaurant, overnight in Rome. (Do the Scavi Tour, if possible)

14 October - After a good breakfast we get on bus to travel to Assisi. (3hrs drive) Upon arrival we celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels. Continue to upper Assisi. And after a break for lunch, we will explore the Basilica of St. Clare. Walk through the narrow medieval streets, to reach the Basilica of St. Francis. Return to the hotel in Rome for dinner and overnight.

15 October - Transfer from Hotel in Rome to airport, fly to Tel Aviv airport, Arrival at Tel Aviv international airport. Transfer to hotel in Tiberias. Introduction and welcome by representative. Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv.

16 October - Visit Capernaum (the village of Peter), Tabgha (the place of the Multiplication of the Loaves & Fishes), Mensa Christi (the primacy of Peter), and Mount of Beatitudes. Visit to the “Jesus Boat” followed by a visit to Magdala, the birth place of Mary Magdalene. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth. (Mass in Capernaum or Tabgha)

17 October - Visit Cana, place of the first miracle of Jesus and Mount Carmel. Return to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, St. Joseph’s Church, the old Synagogue, and Mary’s Well. Dinner and final overnight in Nazareth. (Mass in Basilica of Annunciation)

18 October - Visit Mount Tabor (place of the Transfiguration) and baptismal site along the Jordan River. Journey to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (Mass in Tabor)
19 October - Visit Mount of Temptation, Tel Sultan and the Sycamore Tree of Zacchaeus. Visit Qumran, place of the finding of the Dead Sea Scrolls, with the possibility of swimming in the Dead Sea. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

20 October - Visit the Old City of Jerusalem: Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Church of St. Anne, Pool of Bethsaida, Flagellation Chapel, Haram Al-Sharif (Al Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock, if possible), Via Dolorosa and Western Wall. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (Mass in the Holy Sepulcher, cannot guarantee it will be in the Tomb)

21 October - Visit Mount of Olives, panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem, Ascension Chapel, Pater Noster Church, Dominus Flevit, the Garden & Church of All Nations at Gethsemane, Mt. Zion, Dormition Abby, David’s Tomb, the Cenacle (place of the Last Supper), and Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem. (Mass in Domunis flevit or Gethsemane)

22 October - Visit the Nativity Church, Milk Grotto and Shepherds Field. Visit to Carmelite convent to venerate relics of Saint Mariam of Jesus Crucified. Dinner with local Bethlehem Christian families and overnight in Bethlehem. (Mass in Nativity Church)

23 October - Visit to Herodium, King Herod’s Bethlehem-area mountaintop palace and possible burial place. Travel to Hebron, visit the Ibrahimi Mosque and Abraham’s Oak. Visit to Hebron glass and ceramics factory. Return to Bethlehem for a farewell dinner and cultural performance with a Dabkeh (traditional Palestinian folk performance) group. Final overnight in Bethlehem.

24 October - After breakfast, drive to Ein Karem to visit the Visitation Church and Church of St. John the Baptist. Then drive to Silwan, after that we drive to West Jerusalem, passing the Israeli parliament (Knesset), to the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem and prepare for departure.

The price includes
- Round-trip airfare, including all airline taxes/fuel surcharges
- Accommodation in 4 * stars hotels
- All hotel taxes and portages Gratuity
- Meals as per itinerary (Breakfast and Dinner)
- Land Transportation by deluxe motor coach
- Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary with a licensed Christian Guide.
- All entrance fees as per itinerary

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