



Alpha
TOURISM & PILGRIMAGE
SERVICES

Holy Lent

Commemoration of the *Passion* of *Christ*

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
ISRAEL - JORDAN - EGYPT



Spiritual Guidance:

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Day 1:

Depart the U.S.A.

Day 2:

Arrive at Tel Aviv Airport - Israel.

Day 3:

Mount of Olives: visit the place of Ascension; the place where Jesus taught the "Our Father" to his followers, walk the "Palm Sunday" route. Dominus Flevit Church "The Lord Wept" ; Church of All Nations (Basilica of of the Agony); Garden of Gethsemane, it was known as the place where Jesus prayed and slept the night before His crucifixion.

Day 4:

- Visit Church of Saint Anne; Pools of Bethesda - Here Jesus healed a man that lay paralyzed for 38 years. This explanation of healing from an angel stirring up the waters was believed by many of the sick and infirm in the city.
- Walking the Via Dolorosa and 14 Stations of the Cross; visit Church of the Holy Sepulchre and a cave-like chapel marking the place where St. Helen found the True Cross.
- Mount Zion; visit Church of Saint Peter in 'Gallicantu' (meaning cock's-crow) in commemoration of Peter's triple rejection of Jesus); the "Upper Room"; Tomb of the Virgin Mary; Tomb of King David and Western Wall ("Wailing Wall")- the Wall is the holiest place where Jews are permitted to pray



Day 5:

Shepherd's Field- ancient church in the cave where the angels appeared to the shepherds to announce the birth of Jesus; Church of the Nativity; Church of Saint Catherine; St. Jerome's Cave where he lived and translated the Bible.

Chapel of the Milk Grotto, the place where the Holy Family found refuge during the Massacre of the Innocents, before they could flee to Egypt. Nowadays, the Monks at the Franciscan Monastery serve packets of Milk Grotto Rock Powder. Many infertile couples visited and bought them in hope of healing. And then they sent their writings witness to the monastery's office.

Visit the Biblical City of David and walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel. The Pool of Siloam, where Jesus ordered a blind man to go to wash mud out of his eyes.

Day 6:

- Mount of Temptation where Jesus was tempted by Satan; The Zacchaeus Tree.
- Head to Bethany. Visit the house that Lazarus lived with his sisters Martha and Maria; the Tomb of Lazarus; The actual burial places of Abraham.



Day 7:

Visit Mount Tabor; Jordan River- the place of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist; Visit an archaeological site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. On the way back, there is time for a swim in waters of the Dead Sea-Kalia beach.



Jordan River

Day 8:

- Drive to the shores of the Sea of Galilee to Tiberias: Visit the Church of the Beatitudes; Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish; and Church of the Primacy of Saint Peter, the site where Jesus revealed Peter's leadership role among the disciples.
- A visit to Capernaum, Celebration of Mass; The House of Peter; remains of historic synagogue.
- Enjoy a Boat Ride on the Sea of Galilee as was done in the time of Jesus. After that, visit to Migdala - home town of St. Mary Magdaia.

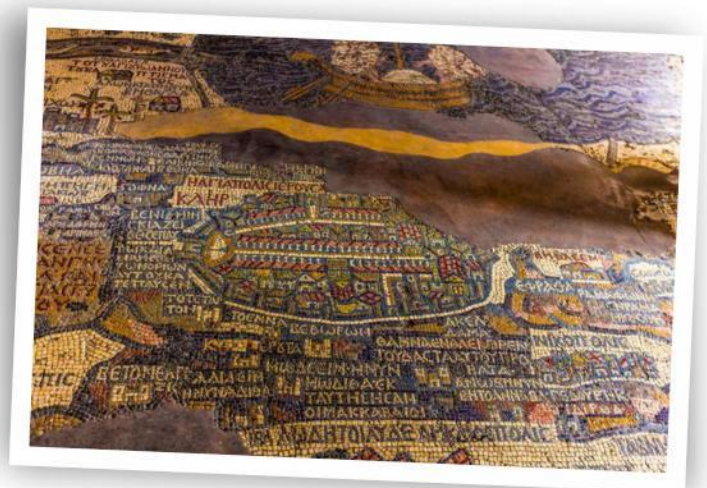
Day 9:

Visit Jacob's Well and The Wedding Church at Cana: celebrate Mass, renew and reenergize the engagement, taste the wedding wine.

Day 10:

In JORDAN

- Toward Mount Nebo where Patriarch Moses had the last vision of the Promised Land. From there we will see the Jordan Valley, Jericho, the Dead Sea and the mountains of Samaria and Judea.
- Visit St George's Church, also known as the Madaba Mosaic Map. Part of it contains the oldest surviving original cartographic depiction of the Holy Land and especially Jerusalem. It dates to the 6th century AD.



Day 11: Explore the Red City of Petra.

It was founded by the Nabataeans in the years 300AC and keeps until this day the secrets in its mountains and sculptures on the pink rocks of sandstone. The first European to describe them was Swiss traveller Johann Ludwig Burckhardt during his travels in 1812. Petra is also called the 'Rose City' due to the color of the Stone out of which it is carved. It has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1985.

We will cross Petra through the Siq narrow riding between high walls of the mountains.



