

Holy Land Classic 2020

February 4 – 13, 2020

\$3,696/pp from DFW

Feb. 4 & 5 – USA to the Holy Land

Your pilgrimage begins as you depart the USA on an overnight flight. You will be welcomed at the Tel Aviv airport by our representative and transferred to your hotel to enjoy dinner before retiring for the night.

Feb 6 – The Galilee

Worship as you sail across the Sea of Galilee. Visit Capernaum, center of Jesus' ministry in the Galilee, and visit the synagogue built on the site where Jesus taught (Matt.4:13,23). On the Mount of Beatitudes, contemplate the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matt.5-7). Explore the Church of the Fish and the Loaves at Tabgha, traditional site of the feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 9:10-17). See the Chapel of the Primacy, where Peter professed his devotion three times to the risen Christ (John 21). In Magdala, once home to Mary Magdalene, visit a recently discovered first-century synagogue. Recall Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist at the Jordan River and renew your baptism.

Feb. 7 – Cana, Nazareth, Megiddo & Caesarea

Visit the Franciscan Wedding Chapel in Cana, site of Jesus' first miracle, before continuing on to Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home (Matt. 2:23). Look out over Tel Megiddo (Armageddon) to view one of the most important archaeological sites in Israel. Today's last stop is Caesarea, a center of the early Christians where an angel visited Cornelius, the first Gentile believer (Acts 10), and where Paul was imprisoned for two years before appealing to Caesar.

Feb. 8 – Jericho, Qumran & Mount of Olives

As you stop in Jericho to view the ruins of the city conquered by Joshua (Josh.6:1,2,20), in the distance you can also see the traditional site of the Temptation of Jesus (Matt 4:1-11). Continue to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. End your day with a group photo taken from the Mount of Olives, where Jesus ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9-12)

Feb. 9 – Jerusalem & Bethlehem

In Bethlehem, visit the cave revered as Jesus' birthplace and see the Church of the Nativity constructed over the site (Matt. 1:18-25). Gaze out over Shepherds' Field before returning to Jerusalem. Pray in the Garden of Gethsemane and envision the scenes of the night before Jesus' crucifixion. (Matt. 26:36-44).

Continue to Mount Zion to visit the House of the High Priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was questioned the night of His betrayal (Matt. 26:57) Meditate on the events of the Last Supper as you visit the traditional location of the Upper Room (Mark 14:12-26).

Feb. 10 – Jerusalem & the Old City

Walk the Cardo, the ancient main street of the Old City. Explore ancient Jerusalem at the Teaching Steps and the Western Wall, view the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus performed the Sabbath miracle (John 5:1-31). Sing a hymn in the Church of St. Anne and experience its rich acoustics. Visit Herod's Antonia Fortress, where Jesus appeared before Pontius Pilate (Luke 23:1), and follow in Christ's steps on the Via Dolorosa ("the Way of the Cross"). At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, take time to reflect on His sacrificial love.

Feb. 11 – Leisure Day or Masada/Dead Sea Optional Tour

Today, you have time to explore on your own or you may choose to visit Masada and the Dead Sea (optional charge of \$75/pp). Ascend by cable car to Masada, Herod's legendary mountaintop fortress which became the last desperate stronghold of the Jewish Zealots against the Romans. You can still look down on the remains of the Roman camps and the siege ramp below. End your day with a dip in the salt and mineral laden waters of the Dead Sea.

Feb. 12 – Jerusalem

Travel to Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptist and where Mary visit Elisabeth (Luke 1:26-40). Explore the poignant exhibits of Vad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial. Visit the Garden Tomb for a time of reflection and communion.

Feb. 13 – Return to the USA

Extend your Journey with a Post Tour

• Jerusalem Extended Stay - \$398/pp

Feb. 13 – 15: Extend your stay in the heart of Jerusalem. You are on-your-own to enjoy sightseeing, meditation, reflection and renewal. Hotel, buffet breakfasts & dinners are included.

Feb. 16 – Return home

Included in Price:

- Roundtrip international air from DFW
- Deluxe motorcoaches
- First class hotels
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Guided sightseeing
- Hotel gratuities
- Entrance fees and Program fees
- Fuel surcharges of \$600, Taxes \$98 (Subject to change)

\$300 Deposit Per Person Required

**Final Payment Due
October 15, 2019**

Not Included in Price:

- Love offering for guide (\$6/pp per day) & driver (\$3/pp per day)
- Optional sightseeing as listed
- Miscellaneous fees
- Personal expenses