

Nazareth-Jerusalem-Bethlehem HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

March 30th - April 8th, 2011

Spiritual Director, Msgr. Leonard F. Troiano

\$2899.00 per person. (Double Occupancy)

Single Room \$3499.00 (\$250.00 Deposit per person)

TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- * Non-stop roundtrip airfare from JFK.
- * Accommodations in first class hotels.
 - * Tel Aviv: Grand Beach Hotel (1 night)
 - * Nazareth: Golden Crown Hotel (2 nights)
 - * Jerusalem: Grand Court Hotel (4 nights)
- * Departure taxes and fuel surcharges.

- * Buffet breakfast & dinner daily.
- * Christian English speaking guide.
- * Luggage handling (1 piece per person).
- * All gratuities.
- * Mass & Rosary daily.

NOT INCLUDED: Lunch, beverages, optional travel insurance and items of a personal nature.



"Church of the Holy Sepulcher"

ITINERARY:

MARCH / 30: Departure from New York. Overnight flight including dinner, breakfast and in-flight entertainment.

MARCH / 31: Tel Aviv / Jaffa. Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport. We are met by our guide and escorted to *St. Peter's Church* in the historical port town of Jaffa. This church, is dedicated to St. Peter, who according to the [Acts of the Apostles, 9:36-43](#) performed the miracle of the resurrection of *Tabitha*. Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv.

APRIL / 1: Caesarea / Haifa / Cana. Today on way to Nazareth we will stop in Caesarea by the Sea along the Mediterranean Sea. In this Roman city, St Paul was imprisoned by the Romans before being expelled to Rome. We will stop at *Mt. Carmel* and the monastery of the Carmelites *Stella Maris Monastery* in Haifa. We then continue to Cana, site of Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast and invite couples to renew their marriage vows. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

APRIL / 2: Mt. of Beatitudes / Tabgha / Capernaum. Our day starts with a visit to the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the *Sermon on the Mountain*. Our next stop is Tabgha, the site of the *Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fish*. Continue to Capernaum to visit the ruins of an ancient synagogue and the Byzantine chapel at the site of *Peter's House* and then take a boat ride on the *Sea of Galilee* to the shores of Tiberias. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

APRIL / 3: Nazareth / Mt. Tabor / Jordan River. We begin our day with a visit to the *Church of the Annunciation* (built over the Holy Family's home). We then continue to Mt. Tabor – the site of the *Transfiguration of Jesus*. Then to the Baptism site at the Jordan River, where those who wish, may renew their Baptism in this unique place. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

APRIL / 4: Mount of Olives / Mount Zion. Our day begins at the Mount of Olives with a panoramic view of both the "old" and "new" Jerusalem and then follow the path down the Palm Sunday road to the *Garden of Gethsemane* and the nearby *Church of All Nations*. Visit *Dominus Flevit*, site of Jesus weeping over Jerusalem. We will also visit the Church of the *Pater Noster* with the Lords Prayer in many languages, and the chapel of the *Ascension* from where Jesus ascended to Heaven. Afternoon visit to Mount Zion and visit the Church of *St. Peter in Gallicantu* (where Peter denied Christ), the *House of Caiphas*, the Church of the *Dormition of Our Lady* and the *Upper Room*, commemorating the *Last Supper*. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

APRIL / 5: Ein Karem / Bethlehem. Today we begin visiting the village of Ein Karem the birthplace of *St. John the Baptist* and the *Church of the Visitation* where the *Blessed Virgin Mary* visited her cousin *Elizabeth* and proclaimed the *Magnificat*. Then continue to the "little town of Bethlehem" and its *Church of the Nativity* and its Grotto. On our way back to Jerusalem, we will stop at *Shepherds field*. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

APRIL / 6: Jerusalem. Today we begin the day by entering the old city through Stephen's Gate, with a visit to the *Church of St. Anne*, marking the place of birth of the *Blessed Mother*, visiting as well the nearby *Pools of Bethesda*. We then proceed to the *Chapel of the Flagellation* (where Our Lord was scourged), then carry the cross as we follow the *Via Dolorosa* (Stations of the Cross) ending in the *Church of The Holy Sepulcher*. We will also visit the *Wailing Wall*, the most holy place for Jews. The rest of the day is on your own, to explore old Jerusalem and last minute shopping. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

APRIL / 7: Bethany / Jericho / Qumran / Dead Sea. We begin our day with a visit to Bethany where Jesus raised *Lazarus* from the dead. At the oasis town of Jericho, visit the excavations of the oldest city in the world and view *Mt. Temptation*, where Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan. Proceed to Qumran, to visit the caves where the *Dead Sea Scrolls* were found. Short bus ride along the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. Farewell dinner.

APRIL / 8: Tel Aviv – New York. Early morning flight to JFK. *Welcome home*, you have just returned from a lifetime experience.



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