

0120 Fr Seth Kellermann and Fr. Brad Helmuth Pilgrimage to the Holyland

Jan 15 - Jan 26, 2020



Wednesday, January 15

Depart SMF Airport on your way to Tel-Aviv, Israel.

Thursday, January 16

Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport where an Ami Travel's representative greets us and gives us an introduction about the forthcoming pilgrimage. Drive to our home in the Galilee. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

Friday, January 17

Tour the Sea of Galilee region. Explore recently uncovered Magdala. Visit Capernaum and Simon Peter's House, the Mount of the Beatitudes, Chorazin, and Tabgha-the site of the feeding of the multitudes. Enjoy a St. Peter's fish lunch in Tiberias and take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight stay in Nazareth.

Saturday, January 18

We drive to Cana - site of the first miracle - renew marriage vows. Continue north to ascend the Golan Heights and to Caesarea Philippi where St. Peter made his confession of Jesus as the Messiah and the "Son of the living God". Return to Nazareth to visit the "brow of the hill". Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

Sunday, January 19

In Nazareth explore the site of the Annunciation - home of Mary and Joseph, the synagogue where Jesus taught and preached. Worship at Christ Church - Anglican - Nazareth. Later today drive to Mt. Carmel, where Elijah confronted the Pagan prophets. Drive to the coast to Caesarea where Paul was imprisoned and Cornelius was baptized, visit the Roman Theatre, Aqueduct and the Crusader ruins. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth

Monday, January 20

Depart the Galilee, travel south via the Jordan Valley via Beth Shean (Scythopolis). At the Jordan River renew your Baptismal vows. Visit Jericho: Zacchaeus Sycamore Tree and view the Mt of Temptation and the unique picturesque Judean Desert. Ascend to the Holy City - Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Tuesday, January 21

Continue our journey of faith by visiting Bethlehem – birthplace of King David and Jesus. Return to Jerusalem to visit: Mt Zion; the room of the Last Supper and the Tomb of King David. Church of Peter in Gallicantu – marking the house of Caiphas and the site of the imprisonment of Jesus and Peter's denial. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Wednesday, January 22

Morning visit to Mount of Olives, Chapel of Ascension and Palm Sunday Road. We enter the Old City of Jerusalem. Experiencing the Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Armenian quarters. the Temple ruins, Pool of Bethesda, Holy Sepulcher. In the afternoon visit the Garden Tomb (Gordon's Calvary). Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Thursday, January 23

Drive to Masada, site of the Jewish zealots' last stand against the Romans. Experience the salty water of the Dead Sea. Visit the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered and ascend to the Holy City of Jerusalem – via the Judean Desert. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (After dinner tour of the Western Wall Tunnels).

Friday, January 24

Enjoy a free morning to visit sites on your own. Afternoon we shall enjoy a Shabat experience at the Jewish Quarter and at the Western Wall. Dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem

Saturday, January 25

Today we drive through the Jerusalem mountains via Ein-Karem - the birthplace of St John the Baptist and site of the Visitation to the Ella Valley (1st Samuel 17) to visualize the battle and confrontation between David and Goliath. Continue to Jaffa, the ancient seaport mentioned in the biblical narrative of Jonah, and in the story of Solomon's import of the Cedars of Lebanon. Visit the port and House of Simon the Tanner where St Peter revived Tabitha and had the vision in the rooftop. Farewell dinner and drive to the airport for our night flight.

Sunday, January 26

Morning arrival back to SMF Airport.