

1223 St John Vianney Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Fr. Scott Wooten

Dec 04 - Dec 13, 2023



Monday, December 04

Depart DFW on our way to the Holyland

Tuesday, December 05

Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport where an Ami Travel representative greets us and give us an introduction about the forthcoming trip - Travel North via the Lower Galilee valleys to our hotel in Nazareth for dinner and overnight stay.

Wednesday, December 06

Explore the Sea of Galilee region. Ascend the Mount of Beatitudes - site of the Sermon on the Mount. Celebrate Mass in Capernaum - the Home Town of Jesus, see the first-century remains including the house of Simon Peter's mother-in-law. Continue to Tabgha - the site of the Feeding of the Multitudes and the Church of St. Peter's Primacy. Visit the newly excavated Magdala and enjoy a lunch of St. Peter's Fish. We shall take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

Thursday, December 07

Ascend to the top of Mt Tabor - the site of the Transfiguration for Mass celebration. Cross the Valley of Armageddon to Caesarea Maritima where Cornelius was baptized, and St. Paul was imprisoned before his last Journey. See the theater, the aqueduct, and other Greco - Roman - Byzantine remains of what was one of the most significant sites around the Mediterranean basin. Visit Sepphoris - the traditional home town of Sts. Anne and Joachim - plus exquisite mosaics and more. Evening procession at the Basilica of the Annunciation. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth. (procession)

Friday, December 08

Celebrate Mass at Cana of Galilee where we shall renew our marriage vows. Drive to visit Caesarea Philippi, where Peter acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah. Explore old town Nazareth and the synagogue where Jesus stood to proclaim and preach the stirring words of Isaiah (Luke 4:16-27). End our touring day on top of "the brow of the hill" for a spectacular view from atop marking the site where Jesus went "through the midst of them" (Luke 4:30). Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

Saturday, December 09

Mass celebration in Nazareth at the magnificent Basilica - the site of the Annunciation built on top of Virgin Mary's house. Drive via the Jordan Valley to the Jordan River to renew baptismal promises. Continue to Masada - the site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Romans. View the Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered and enjoy a floating experience in the Dead Sea. Ascend to the Holy City; Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Sunday, December 10

Journey to Bethlehem to visit the ancient Church of Nativity where we shall celebrate Mass. Enjoy your shopping in a Bethlehem bazaar and later visit Manger Square the beautiful Shepherds' Fields. In Jerusalem explore Mt. Zion: David's Tomb, Room of the Last Supper, and view the Dormition Abbey – a traditional site of the Assumption of the Virgin. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (Western Wall Tunnels).

Monday, December 11

Celebrate Mass inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Explore the history and experience the faith within the walls of the church. Walk the streets of Jerusalem's Old City to the Church of St Anne next to the Pools of Bethesda. Walk the Stations of the Cross through the various quarters. See the underground excavations and the Temple remains including the Western Wall. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Tuesday, December 12

Visit Bethpage and enter the Holy City from the top of Mt of Olives to see the Chapel of Ascension and to walk the Palm Sunday Road. Mass inside the Basilica of Gethsemane. Visit St Peter in Gallicantu (cock-crowing) built over the palace of the High Priest Caiaphas and the site of the three denials. Visit Yad Vashem-Holocaust memorial. Drive to the city of Jafa where St Peter revived Tabitha and had the Vision on the rooftop at the house of Simon the Tanner. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Wednesday, December 13

Morning depart to the airport for our journey back home...