

HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE 2

Nov 26 - Dec 05, 2022



Saturday, November 26

Depart on our journey to the HOLYLAND

Sunday, November 27

Arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport. Meet our Ami Travel staff who will give us an introduction to the forthcoming trip. Ascend to Jerusalem - view the holy city from the top of Mt of Olives. Dinner and overnight at our Jerusalem hotel.

Monday, November 28

Begin our journey on the top Mt of Olives: visit the Chapel of Ascension; walk down Palm Sunday Road - view the Holy City from where Jesus did as he entered the city. Visit Dominus Flevit Church - "the Lord wept" (Luke 19:37-44) marking the site and the event of Jesus weeping over Jerusalem. Celebrate Mass at the Garden of Gethsemane - Church of the Agony - place of betrayal and arrest. Following lunch enter into the last night of Jesus - at St Peter in Gallicantu (cock crowing), built over the house of the High Priest Caiaphas - site of imprisonment of Jesus and denials of St Peter. Return to our hotel for a welcoming gettogether evening. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Tuesday, November 29

Begin our journey today in nearby Bethlehem to visit the beautiful Shepherds' Fields to view the Biblical landscape and the site where the Shepherds received the Good News. Enjoy your shopping in a Bethlehem bazaar. (BNP invites you for a shopping experience at the most reliable and beautiful place: Bethlehem Nativity Store). Following lunch, we shall visit Manger Square and the ancient Church of the Nativity where we shall celebrate Mass. Return to Jerusalem to visit the Chapel of Ascension on top of Mt of Olives. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Wednesday, November 30

Walk Inside the Old City of Jerusalem visiting the various quarters and the underground excavations. Visit and observe the Western Wall. Walk through the markets. Enter the Pools of Bethesda and St Anne's church - the birthplace of the Virgin - for Mass celebration. Following lunch walk the Station of the Cross re-enacting the Via Dolorosa on the way to Calvary. End our touring day by exploring the Church of the Holy Sepulcher - site of the Crucifixion Burial and Resurrection of Jesus. Following dinner join a farewell celebration before we

depart the Holy City. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Thursday, December 01

Depart Jerusalem on our way to Galilee - via the Judean Desert and the Jordan Valley. Ascend Masada on a cable car to the majestic mountain site fortified by King Herod - the last stronghold of the Jewish zealots against the Romans. Drive by the Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. During our lunch break, you may enjoy a floating experience in the Dead Sea and a camel ride - at the lowest point on the surface of the earth. We shall end our day at the Jordan for renewal of Baptismal vows. Continue to our home in Galilee for dinner and overnight.

Friday, December 02

Visit the Sea of Galilee: Begin our day at the Mount of the Beatitudes marking the Sermon on the Mount. Continue to Capernaum, known as Jesus' home in Galilee and Simon Peter's house. Visit Tabgha the site marking the Feeding of the Multitudes. We explore the newly excavated Magdala- village of Mary Magdalene which was recently uncovered. Enjoy a complementary St. Peter's Fish lunch, Celebrate Mass, and CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE BY DEDICATING A TREE TO ESTABLISH OUR ROOTS IN THE HOLYLAND - FOR ETERNAL COMMEMORATION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BNP, SIS. SALVE STUART. End our day on a boat ride sailing on the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight in Galilee.

Saturday, December 03

Begin our day in Cana – site of the wedding - the first Miracle where we shall celebrate Mass and renew marriage vows. Continue to the Carmelite Monastery at the summit of Mt. Carmel - where Elijah marked the victory of G-D over the pagan prophets (1st Kings 18). Following lunch walk the streets of old town Nazareth to visit the synagogue where Jesus stood to proclaim and preached the stirring words of Isaiah (Luke 4). Return to our hotel for our “newlyweds” reception and dinner. Overnight in Galilee.

Sunday, December 04

Start the day by celebrating Mass in Nazareth at the magnificent Basilica of the Annunciation built on top of Virgin Mary's house. We shall bid good-bye to the Australians departing on way to the airport. Visit Caesarea Maritima where St Peter baptized Cornelius and where St Paul was imprisoned for 2 years before his last journey to Rome. See the Roman ruins including the theater and the aqueduct. Following lunch, we shall bid good-bye to other chapters departing on their way back home. Enjoy farewell dinner and overnight in Galilee.

Monday, December 05

Early morning departure to the airport for our journey back home.

* Itinerary is subject to change