

**Join an unforgettable Pilgrimage to the Holy including Cairo and
Mt. Sinai - led By Fr. John Cafiero and Fr. Brian Walker
Nov 28 - Dec 10, 2022**



Monday, November 28

Depart the USA on our way to Egypt.

Tuesday, November 29

Arrive to Cairo airport. Meeting and assistance by Ami Travel representative. Transfer to our Cairo hotel. Dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, November 30

Cairo and the Khan al Halil Market.

Full day orientation of Cairo including a visit to the Egyptian Museum. Designed by the French architect Marcel Dourgnon, the museum is located in a handsome neo-classical building on Tahrir Square. Its collections exceed 120,000 masterpieces, ranging from the pre-dynastic era, to the Pharaonic and Greco-Roman periods. Undoubted highlights are the collection of rare treasures of King Tutankhamen. Before returning to your hotel stop by the vibrant coloured Khan al Halil market. The shops and bazaars display and sell a dizzying array of trinkets and artworks, giving you the chance to take home a small piece of Egyptian culture and civilisation. Buy souvenirs for your friends or simply meander around the bustling shops. Dinner and overnight Cairo.

Thursday, December 01

Giza Pyramids, Sphinx and Sakkara -Full Day Tour. Finally, you'll head over to Memphis. Not the home of Elvis, of course, but the ancient capital of Egypt. Start your tour by visiting the Great Pyramids - Cheops, Chephren and Mykerinos. The highlight of this section is getting close up to the Sphinx - the legendary guardian with a lion's body and the head of King Chephren. Admire the impressive statue and get your photo taken beside it. You will then visit Sakkara, a 27 km journey away from Cairo. The highlight of this section is the Step Pyramid. Built for King Zoser, it is considered an important part in the process of the pyramid evolution. Dinner and overnight Cairo.

Friday, December 02

This morning we begin our "Exodus" out of Egypt crossing the Sinai Desert to Mt Sinai. We shall overnight at the foot of the Mountain. Dinner and overnight at St. Catherine. For the very early risers and hikers amongst

us: we shall ascend to the top of Mt Sinai to experience a stunning view of the creation of G_D.

Saturday, December 03

Following breakfast we shall visit St. Catherine Monastery; the church, the library and the "Burning Bush". Continue our drive through the desert crossing into Israel to begin our journey in the Holyland. We shall spend the balance of the day on the shores of the Red Sea. Dinner and overnight in Eilat on the waterfront of the Sea.

Sunday, December 04

Drive north to Masada site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Romans. See the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were written and discovered and enjoy a floating experience in the Dead Sea. Visit Jericho - the oldest and the lowest city to see Zacheu's Tree and the Mt of Temptation. Ascend into Jerusalem Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

Monday, December 05

Begin our journey in nearby Bethlehem to visit the ancient Church of the Nativity where we shall celebrate Mass. Enjoy your shopping in a Bethlehem bazaar and later visit Manger Square and the beautiful Shepherds' Fields. Return to Jerusalem to explore Mt. Zion: David's Tomb, the Room of the Last Supper and the Dormition Abbey - site of the Assumption of the Virgin. Dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem.

Tuesday, December 06

Celebrate Mass inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Ascend Mt of Olives to the Chapel of Ascension and re-enact the Palm Sunday Road - the Entry of Jesus for Holy Week. Walk inside the Old City of Jerusalem along the Stations of the Cross; visit the various quarters and the underground excavations. See the Temple ruins and the Western Wall amidst the buildings of old Jerusalem. End the day at St Peter in Gallicantu (cock-crowing) built over the palace of the High Priest Caiaphas. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

Wednesday, December 07

Celebrate Mass at the Garden of Gethsemane and depart Jerusalem on our way to Galilee. 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 impressive Roman ruins including the theater and the aqueduct. Cross the Valley of Armageddon to Cana of Galilee - site of the First Miracle and renew marriage vows. Continue to our home on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight in Galilee.

Thursday, December 08

Tour the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of the Beatitudes and Tabgha - the site of the Feeding of the Multitudes and the Church of St. Peter's Primacy. Visit Capernaum and Simon Peter's house for Mass celebration. We shall take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and enjoy a lunch of St. Peter's Fish. Visit the newly excavated Magdala and renew Baptismal vows at the Jordan River. Dinner and overnight in the Galilee.

Friday, December 09

Start the day by celebrating Mass in Nazareth at the magnificent Annunciation Church built on top of the Virgin Mary's house. Visit the synagogue where Jesus stood to proclaim and preach the stirring words of Isaiah (Luke 4:16-27). See Mt Precipice - the "brow of the hill". Ascend the top of Mt Tabor to the Basilica of the Transfiguration. Continue to Jafa where Jonah set sail on his journey to Nineveh, St Peter revived Tabitha

and had the Vision on the rooftop at the house of Simon the Tanner. We shall have our farewell dinner at the port of this picturesque city and make our way to the airport for our overnight flight back home.

Saturday, December 10

Morning arrival to the USA