



WORLDWIDE PILGRIMAGE MINISTRIES

A Beloved Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

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Charlotte, NC**

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DAY 1, Saturday, December 26, 2009- Depart the United States on a wide-body jet for a trans-Atlantic flight. Dinner on board the aircraft. **D**

DAY 2, Sun. - Our Pilgrimage in this Holy Land begins: After meeting our guide for the **Holy Land**, transfer by deluxe motor coach to our hotel on the shores of the Mediterranean sea at **Netanya** for dinner and overnight. **BLD**

DAY 3, Mon - We have come to see for ourselves (John 1:45-46): After breakfast, we head north toward **Caesarea**, once capital of the Roman province, where we visit the **Roman and Crusader remains** and the **harbor** from which St. Paul was taken prisoner to Rome. Now on to the fertile valley, also known as the **plain of Megiddo**, has been the scene of horrible carnage and almost constant strife. Legend portrays this area as the stage for the final battle of history: **Armageddon** (Rev. 16:16). The excavations at **Megiddo** have uncovered a fortified city built by Solomon (1 Kgs. 9:15). We continue on to **Nazareth**, home of the **Basilica of the Annunciation**, the place where the Angel Gabriel told Mary that she would bear God's Son. We visit **Nazareth Village**, based on solid New Testament scholarship and the most up-to-date archaeology, **Nazareth Village** brings to life a farm and Galilean village, recreating **Nazareth** as it was 2,000 years ago. We depart for the **Sea of Galilee** arriving at the **Kibbutz Museum** which houses the 1st century boat discovered in the mud around the sea. We will visit the museum and see the boat. Dinner and overnight at the kibbutz, **Nof Ginnosar**. **BD**

DAY 4, Tues. - "He is going ahead of us to Galilee" (Mt. 28): *The Sea; On the Boat; Capernaum; Tabgha; Mount of Beatitudes; Mt. Hermon; Korazin:* We shall visit **Tabgha**, the site of the Feeding of the 5000, to view the mosaic of the Loaves and Fishes and here we will celebrate Holy Eucharist. We will visit **Capernaum** and **St. Peter's House** and then board a boat reminiscent of those fishing boats used in Jesus' time and sail across the **Sea of Galilee** to **Tiberias** where we will meet our motorcoach. We shall continue to **Korazin** (Mt. 11:21), then to the springs of **Banias** (Mt. 16:13)

where Peter said: "You are the Messiah, the Christ." There will be a walk along the mouth of the **Jordan River** where we may renew our Baptismal vows. We will continue to **Caesarea Phillipi** before returning to **Nof Ginnosar** for dinner and overnight. **BD**

DAY 5, Wed. - From Galilee to the Dead Sea: We will first drive to **Mt. Tabor** and then to **Jericho**, the oldest human settlement in the world. From the vantage point of the site in **Jericho** we have a spectacular view of the "**Mt. of Temptation.**" We drive along the Dead Sea to **Masada** and ride the cable car to the top. We will have time to swim in the **Dead Sea** prior to heading to the **Ein Gedi Kibbutz** for dinner and overnight. **BD**

DAY 6, Thurs. - This morning we will go to **Ein Gedi** where we will hike to the spectacular oasis/waterfall where David hid from Saul; then on to the **Essene Center** at **Qumran**, where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found before continuing into **Jerusalem**. Once we arrive in this Holy City we will hike to the "valley of the shadow of death," the setting for Psalm 23, the **parable of the Good Samaritan**, and **St. George's Greek Orthodox Monastery**, literally carved out of a cliff. Before continuing on to our hotel we will visit the model of 1st Century Jerusalem and find a site high above on **Mt. Zion** or the **Mt. of Olives** in order to orient ourselves. Then it's on to the hotel for dinner and overnight in **Jerusalem**. **BD**

DAY 7, Fri. – The Passion: Palm Sunday Walk; Dominus Flevit; Church of the Agony; Garden of Gethsemane; Cave of the Olive Press; We will continue to **Dominus Flevit**, the **Church of the Agony** and the **Cave of the Olive Press**. From here we shall move on to walk the **Via Dolorosa**, beginning at **Antonio's Fortress**, winding through the busy markets of the **Old City** and stopping at the **Stations of the Cross**. We shall end our walk at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, scene of the Crucifixion and site of the Tomb. We will have lunch at **Biblical Resources** where we will eat as Jesus and the disciples ate during the **Last Supper**. We will visit the **Scottish Hospice** craft store (a consortium of Palestinian women sell their wares and the profits are returned to the women) and have dinner and overnight in **Jerusalem**. **BLD**

DAY 8, Sat. – Life's Bread, Jerusalem: Through **St. Stephen's Gate** to the **Holy City**, we walk to **St. Anne's Church**, standing on a property facing the **Temple Mount** just as it was built by the crusaders. Once inside we find ourselves singing (the acoustics are glorious). Nearby, we visit excavations which speak to us of Jesus' healing at the "pool with the five porticos." We walk together to the **Temple Mount Dig** to see the excavated stones where Jesus walked, to the **Dome of the Rock**, to the **Western Wailing Wall** and the **Jewish Quarter**. From there we go to **St. Mark's Syrian Orthodox Church**, possible site of the Upper Room. **BD**

DAY 9, Sun. – This morning we go to the **Kidron Valley to the House of Caiaphas** and then to **Herodian**, a fortress looking like a desolate hill from the outside built by King Herod. We continue on to **Bethlehem** for lunch at **Two Mustaches** (a wonderful Arab restaurant in Bethlehem). Afterwards, we visit the **Church of the Nativity**, built on the site of Jesus' birth, and **Shepherd's Field** where we will celebrate Holy Eucharist before returning to **Jerusalem** for our farewell dinner and overnight. **BLD**

DAY 10, Monday, January 4, 2010 - Depart from the **Tel Aviv** airport for your return to the United States arriving back this afternoon into **Charlotte**. **BL**

B - Breakfast L - Lunch D - Dinner

* Itinerary is subject to change due to leader's and or local Israel office discretion or due to local conditions. *