A PILGRIMAGE TO THE
HOLY LAND

With Msgr. Jim Lang

11 Days
February 16 – 26, 2017
$3,095.00 Land and Air from JFK

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Thursday, February 16 Day 1: DEPART JFK airport on overnight flight to Tel Aviv.
Add-on flights are available upon request. We depart for Tel Aviv airport, with dinner and breakfast served on the flight.

Friday, February 17 Day 2: Arrival Tel Aviv – Caesarea Maritima – Sea of Galilee
Upon arrival, we are greeted by our English-speaking Christian tour guide and assisted with customs and passport control. Caesarea Maritima is the ancient port where we visit the theatre, Herod’s Palace, the hippodrome, as well as the ports and aqueducts. Peter came here to understand that the Good News was not for Jews only, but for the whole world. Here he baptized the Roman Centurion, Cornelius, and his family. St. Paul sailed from this port on his Missionary Journeys. Board our bus and drive to the Sea of Galilee area where we have a well-deserved night of rest. Overnight Sea of Galilee area-Tiberius. (D)

Saturday, February 18 Day 3: Cana – Mt. Tabor- Nazareth
We begin with a visit to Cana of Galilee, site of Jesus’ first miracle, where couples will have an opportunity to renew their wedding vows. Be sure to bring your wedding rings and dress up for this special occasion as Msgr. Lang presides at the renewal of your sacred wedding vows. Continue to Mt. Tabor to see the Church of Transfiguration. We stop at Mt. Precipice, from where we have a great view of the Jezeel Valley. The angry multitudes wanted to throw Jesus from this mountain after his teaching at the Nazareth Synagogue. A short drive takes us to Nazareth, the town of Mary’s home, where Jesus played as a child, learned a trade, and grew to manhood. Lunch is at the International Center of Mary where we view a video depicting what life must have been like for Mary in Nazareth. We celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation, just as St. John Paul II celebrated Mass here during his historic visit to the Holy Land in the Year of Our Lord 2000. Visit the archaeological site to see the remains of Nazareth from the time of Jesus. Also see St. Joseph’s Church and Mary’s Well. Tonight we join the local Christians in the Candlelight Procession at the Church of the Annunciation. Dinner is at the hotel. (B.L.D.)

Sunday, February 19, Day 4: Sepphoris – Akko- Mt. Carmel
We see Sepphoris, capital of Galilee during the time of Christ. Steeped in medieval Crusader history, Akko is an atmospheric old town surrounded by lofty fortifications. Much of its picturesque stone architecture has been preserved making this one of the most interesting towns to explore in the country. With a caboodle of khans (caravanserais), fortifications, and Crusader buildings packed amid the narrow alleyways, history-fiends will be in heaven. Following lunch we drive to Mt. Carmel passing through the beautiful scenery along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Mass is celebrated at the Stella Maris Monastery. Take in the breathtaking view of the northern kingdom of Israel and Phoenicia from the monastery on top of Mt. Carmel. Dinner is at the hotel. (B. L. D.)

Monday, February 20, Day 5: The sea and the shores of the Galilee
Depart for the Sea of Galilee to enjoy a morning boat ride and visit the “Jesus Boat”, a boat from the time of Jesus. We see Magdala, home of St. Mary Magdalene. Mass is celebrated at the Mt. of Beatitudes. Have a taste of St. Peter’s Fish for lunch before departing for Capernaum, where Jesus began His Galilean ministry. Here we explore the synagogue which dates to the time of Christ and see the site of St. Peter’s home. We see the church with a glass floor which is constructed over the site, allowing us to look down into the excavated ruins of Peter’s house. Next we visit the Church of the Primacy of Peter, situated on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, where after His resurrection, Jesus met with his disciples and told Peter, ‘feed my lambs; feed my sheep’ (John 21:9). Our last stop is the Church of Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes, commemorating where Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000. We return to the Mt. of Beatitudes with a reading of the Sermon and a walk to Eremos Hill. Dinner is at our hotel. (B. L. D.)

Tuesday, February 21 Day 6: Korazim- Jericho-Dead Sea-Jerusalem
In Korazim, a town condemned by Jesus for failing to accept His teachings. This was another site visited by St. John Paul II and here we celebrate Mass. Then depart for Jericho – the first city to be captured by Joshua as part of his conquest of the Land, site of the
Mount of Temptation. Stop for a Baptismal Blessing at Qasr Al Yehoud. This site holds the oldest and most ancient tradition for being the place of Jesus’ baptism by John the Baptist in the River Jordan (Mathew, 3: 13-17). Time permitting we stop in Qumran to see where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found by the shepherds. Later, drive to the Dead Sea and take a dip in the salty waters before driving to Jerusalem. Enjoy the Genesis Welcome before ascending to Jerusalem where we settle into our rooms at the beautiful and newly renovated Vatican owned hotel, the Notre Dame. Buffet dinner is at the hotel for the next four nights. (B. L.D.)

Wednesday, February 22 Day 7: Bethlehem – Shepherds’ Field

We begin our day in Bethlehem with a visit to the Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity – the birth place of Christ. Bending low as we enter through the Door of Humility, we enter the Church and descend into the Grotto of the Nativity. Beneath the Altar, a 14 pointed Silver Star marks the exact spot surrounded by the Latin inscription: HIC DE VIRGINE MARIA JESUS CHRISTUS NATUS (Here Jesus Christ was born to the Virgin Mary). We celebrate the joyous Christmas Mass in the Church of St. Catherine and see St. Jerome’s Grotto. Visit Shepherds’ Field and Grotto. We visit Bethlehem University and meet with the students who share with us stories about their life in Palestine. Next, we visit a Christian cooperative store, owned by the Kando family that helps support dozens of local families. We stop to pray for peace at the Separation Wall, just as Pope Francis did during his historic visit to the Holy Land. Tonight we are invited to enjoy “Share the Bread” meal in the homes of the local Christians in Bethlehem. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B. L. D.)

Thursday, February 23 Day 8: Mt. of Olives – Mt. Zion – Temple Mount- Wailing Wall

Explore the Ascension Chapel and visit the Church of Pater Noster, where Jesus taught the Lord’s Prayer. Marvel at the panoramic view from the Mt. of Olives seeing the eternal golden city. We walk along Palm Sunday Road stopping at Dominus Flevit where Jesus wept over the city. Continue along the Jewish cemetery with a view over the Eastern Gate. Have some quiet time in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Garden of Betrayal. Since the fourth century, tradition has placed the betrayal of Judas here. Walk over to the Basilica of Agony, where we celebrate Mass. Nearby we visit the empty tomb of the Virgin at the Church of the Assumption. Following lunch, visit Caiphas Palace and the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. Our next stop is the Upper Room. We also visit the Temple Mount and the Wailing Wall. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B. L. D.)

Friday, February 24, Day 9: Old City – Via Dolorosa – Israeli Museum (Optional)

Start the day early by praying the Stations of the Cross along the Way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa). We are blessed to be able to celebrate Mass this morning at the Tomb of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site where Jesus was crucified and buried (6:30am). We see St. Anne’s Church and the Pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the Paralytic and the Chapel of Flagellation. This afternoon you may choose to have time at leisure or take an optional tour to visit the Israeli Museum where we see the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Model City of Jerusalem from the time of King David. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B.D.)

Saturday, February 25, Day 10: Ein Karem-Jaffa- Airport

This morning we enjoy a morning at leisure. Following the hotel check out you may enjoy lunch at the hotel or the nearby Mamilla Mall. We then depart for Ein Karem to visit the Church of the Visitation. See Mary’s Spring and the birthplace of John the Baptist. In the afternoon, we visit the Monastery of Emmaus to celebrate Mass in this peaceful spot. We visit the Crusader Church and meditate in the beautiful gardens tended by the nuns. The farewell dinner is in a restaurant on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea in Joppa, where we also see the Church of Peter’s Vision, before transferring to the airport for our midnight flight home. (B. Special Dinner.)

Sunday, February 26, Day 11: Arrive in the USA

Dinner and lunch are served on the flight home.

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL PROGRAM INCLUDES

- Round trip airfare from JFK to Tel Aviv
- Airline surcharges
- Accommodations in hotels as listed for 9 nights (4 Sea of Galilee and 4 in Jerusalem)
- Open buffet breakfast daily
- Dinner daily (beverages are not included)
- 6 Lunches as per itinerary
- Two special dinners with beverages
- Private Air conditioned bus
- English speaking Christian guide for 9 days
- Whisper sets
- All admission charges as per the itinerary
- Baggage handling for one suitcase per person only included at the hotels
- Parking fees for busses
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RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Trip cancellation and medical insurance optional and highly recommended
- Anything not mentioned in above inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Gratuities for guide / driver and hotel staff (please look at list that we recommend). At lunch we recommend a tip of $ 1.00 per person per day. For extra luggage please tip $ 1.00 per person per bag.
- Church donations

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