



WED., SEPTEMBER 17 INDIANAPOLIS

Meet your group at the Indianapolis International Airport for your overnight transatlantic connecting flight to **Tel Aviv**. Relax and enjoy dinner as you rest in preparation for one of the most meaningful trips of a lifetime, experiencing the countryside where Christ spent his earthly ministry. Continental breakfast served shortly before arrival. (D)

THU., SEPTEMBER 18 TEL AVIV-NETANYA

Upon arrival at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport, you will proceed to immigration and baggage claim. Afterwards you will be met and assisted to your deluxe motorcoach for transfer to your hotel in **Netanya**. On the way, drive to the ancient port of **Joppa** where Peter raised Tabitha from the dead (Acts 9:36-43). Joppa is also the city where Peter, while at the home of Simon the Tanner, had his housetop experience of God instructing him to witness to the Gentiles (Acts 10:9-16), a group that Jews considered to be "unclean."

Joppa is also the port where Jonah departed after God instructed him to go to Nineveh and witness to the citizens of the city considered one of the most wicked cities of ancient times (Jonah 1: 1-3). Walk along the charming cobblestone streets, now filled with boutiques and galleries. Dinner and overnight at the Seasons hotel. (B, D)

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FRI., SEPTEMBER 19 NETANYA-GALILEE

Begin your journey north today by taking the coastal highway along the magnificent shores of the Mediterranean to the Roman port of **Caesarea**. King Herod the Great, a stalwart supporter of the Roman Empire, was a skilled architect and oversaw the building of Caesarea, one of the finest, most beautiful cities of the ancient world. See the huge amphitheater and ancient aqueduct that brought fresh water from the **Carmel Mountains**. St. Paul was imprisoned here before he sailed to Rome for his trial and execution. In later days, Caesarea became the capital of several Crusaders' stays in the Holy Land and there remains an almost fully intact moat and fortress. From Caesarea continue to the beautiful port city of **Haifa**. Ascend to the top of **Mount Carmel** to fully enjoy the magnificent views afforded from the summit. It was upon Mt. Carmel that the Prophet Elijah called upon the Lord to disprove the Baal and his prophets (1 Kings 18:19-40). Pass the **Bahai Temple** with its outstanding **Persian Gardens** before driving eastward through the lush, verdant valleys of the **Galilee** to

reach the ancient town of **Cana**, where Jesus performed His first miracle at the wedding celebration. Mass will be said at the Church, and there will be the opportunity to renew your marriage vows. On to Tiberias, check into your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

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SAT.,SEPTEMBER 20 TIBERIAS

This morning you will visit the newly opened excavations of the 1st Century city of **Sepphoris** which tradition holds is the birthplace of the Blessed Mother. Continue to **Nazareth**, boyhood home of Jesus. Visit the **Basilica of the Annunciation**, where **Mass** will be celebrated in the Grotto, the **Church of St. Joseph and Mary's Well**, where the Archangel Gabriel announced the Incarnation. On to the foot of **Mount Tabor** where you will transfer by taxis to the summit of this, the **Mount of Transfiguration**. Time is allowed for your personal meditation and, as well, to enjoy the spectacular view of the entire Galilee from the mountain. Picnic Lunch. Then travel to **Kibbutz Nof Ginosar** where a fishing vessel dating from the time of Christ has been recently excavated from the Sea of Galilee. Board your own boat and sail on the Sea enroute back to Tiberias. After dinner in your hotel, take a short walk to view the special multi-media production, "**The Galilee Experience**," which has been created to increase our understanding of the importance of the region in the history of mankind. Overnight - Tiberias. (B, L, D)

SUN., SEPTEMBER 21 GALILEE

After breakfast, travel to **Capernaum**, a lakeside village frequently referred to in the New Testament as home to St. Peter and the area used by Jesus as his headquarters during his earthly ministry. Note that the ruins of the ancient synagogue are, most likely, the site of Peter's family worships. Continue to **Tabgha**, site of the miracle of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes. Visit both the **Church of the Multiplication** where you will see a beautiful Fifth century fish mosaic and the **Church of the Primacy**, which contains a large rock (**Mensa Christi**) upon which Jesus shared meals with His disciples. Ascend to the **Mount of Beatitudes**, which marks the location of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). **Mass** will be said at the lovely Chapel which overlooks both the Galilean hillside and the **Sea of Galilee**. Remainder of the day at leisure, dinner and overnight Tiberias.(B,D)

MON., SEPTEMBER 22 TIBERIAS-JERUSALEM

Depart from Tiberias and drive south to **Yardenit** where the **Jordan River** flows from the lake. This location is frequently used as a baptismal site for those wishing to be immersed in the Jordan River. We then travel into the **Jordan (Rift) Valley** to view **Jericho**, the oldest known inhabited city of the Western world and site of Joshua's first dramatic conquest when the city walls collapsed at the sound of his trumpets (Joshua 5:13-6:27). Jericho, a true desert oasis, affords you the opportunity to see how the lush verdant fields dramatically disappear into the desert sand. From Jericho, you can see **Qarantal**, the monastery that marks the **Mount of Temptation** where Jesus fasted 40 days before His last ascent to **Jerusalem**. Drive to **Bethlehem**, birthplace of King David and Jesus Christ. Visit the **Manger, Crusaders' Cloister** and the **Grotta of St. Jerome**. Visit the caves in **Shepherds' Fields** where those tending their sheep first learned of the birth of Christ and view the fields of **Boaz**. Celebrate **Mass** at **Shepherd's Field**. Check into the Dan Panorama for dinner and overnight. (B, D).

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TUE.,SEPTEMBER 23 JERUSALEM

Ascend to the top of the **Mount of Olives** to enjoy a breathtaking view of the Golden City, Jerusalem. On the Mount itself, visit the **Church of Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit**, the **Chapel of the Ascension** and celebrate Mass in the **Garden of Gethsemane**. Enter the **Old City** via the Zion Gate passing the secretive **Armenian Quarter** to reach the restored **Jewish Quarter**. Walk along the recently excavated Roman **Cardo**, the main street of Roman Jerusalem and see the remains of the original **Nehemiah's** walls. Descend to the area of the **Temple Mount**. View the remaining **Western Wall** and see the **Dome of the Rock** where Abraham was to sacrifice Isaac. Remainder of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem. (B,D)

WED.,SEPTEMBER 24 JERUSALEM

Today begin your desert adventure as you descend through the **Judean Desert** to the shores of the **Dead Sea**, the lowest point on the surface of the earth that is on dry land. The sea, at 1083 ft. deep, is the world's second saltiest. Enroute you will visit the **Inn of the Good Samaritan**. Ascend by cable car to the excavated Herodian fortress/palace of **Masada** where, while touring this remarkable excavation, you will learn the story of the Jewish zealots who committed suicide in the year 73 A.D. rather than allowing themselves to become slaves of their Roman conquerors. Continue to the **Dead Sea Kibbutz Ein Gedi** where time is allowed for you to personally sample the unique buoyancy of the highly therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea. On the return trip to Jerusalem, pass **Qumran**, the caves where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found. Dinner and overnight - Jerusalem. Optional Folklore show at the YMCA. (B, D)

THU., SEPTEMBER 25 JERUSALEM

This morning travel to **Ein Karem**, birthplace of St. John the Baptist, and celebrate **Mass** at the **Church of the Visitation**. Visit **Mount Zion** to see the **Upper Room** and the **Tomb of King David**. View the **Pool of Siloam** and then stop at **Caiaphas' House (St. Peter in Gallicantu)**. Drive to the **Israel Museum** complex to visit the **Shrine of the Book**, which houses the original manuscripts of the **Dead Sea Scrolls**, found in the 1940's by Bedouin shepherds. These scrolls give testimony to the activities of the Essenes, the most noted of whom was St. John the Baptist. View the **Model City** of Jerusalem that explains the appearance of Jerusalem during the time of Christ. Optional- End your touring day at **Yad Vashem**, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust where you will spend time touring the complex, particularly the newly opened **Children's Pavilion**. Walk along the **Avenue of the Righteous** where trees have been planted to thank the many Christians who saved Jewish lives during this terrible time in the history of mankind. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem. (B, D)

FRI., SEPTEMBER 26 JERUSALEM

We enter the **Old City** again through **St. Stephen's Gate**. Visit the Crusader **Church of St. Anne**, the **Pool of Bethesda** (where Jesus healed the lame man), **Pilate's Judgement Hall** and the **Chapel of Flagellation (Lithostrotos)**. After viewing the **Arch of Ecce Homo** and the **Convent of the Sisters of Zion**, follow the Via Dolorosa to the **Holy Sepulchre** where Mass will be celebrated in the **Roman Catholic Chapel**. Drive the hill to the Arab village of **Abu Ghosh**, considered to be the site of **Emmaus** where Jesus first appeared after the Resurrection. Visit the beautiful Crusader church complex that was built to commemorate the event. Farewell dinner and overnight Dan Panorama hotel Jerusalem.(B, D)

SAT., SEPTEMBER 27 JERUSALEM -INDIANAPOLIS

Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. Treasure new friendships developed during shared experiences of this remarkable land, experiences that have renewed and deepened your faith. (B)

