

Your Invitation

THE HOLY LAND & PETRA

Dear Friends,

I invite you to join me for a "Once in a Lifetime Experience" to see the very places where Jesus walked, taught and lived His earthly life. The Bible will come alive for you. The trip to the Holy Land has inspired thousands of visitors over the years. It will inspire you as you walk where Jesus walked. It will be the most unforgettable trip of your lifetime.

I am certain you will return filled with enthusiasm, gratitude and a renewed faith.

"To walk in the footsteps of Jesus cannot be described. It can only be experienced."

Complete the enrollment form and mail it to me today to confirm your space. I would like to share this experience with you and encourage you to join me. I look forward to your companionship.

Fr. Jose

For more information;
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Your Journey Features:

- Roundtrip air transportation from Corpus Christi, TX (CRP)
- First Class & Deluxe Hotels
- Land transportation via deluxe, private motor coach with free Wi-Fi included
- Taxes & fuel surcharge (\$715) and tips (\$95) included
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Entrance fees to all sites on itinerary
- A boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and cable car ride to the top of Mount of Temptation is included
- Daily Masses included

Please Read This Important Information:

Deposit - \$300 due upon booking
Second Payment due - May 26, 2017 - 50% of balance
Full Balance due - August 10, 2017

Each tour member must hold a U.S. passport that is valid until at least May 10, 2018. Application forms are available at your local Passport Office or U.S. Postal Service. Any required visas will be processed for US citizens only. **Non-US citizens are solely responsible for obtaining any required visas.**

Rates based on double-occupancy, the airline tax and fuel surcharge (\$715) and currency exchange rate(s) at the date of quotation to your host. Subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure.



11 Days



Departing
October 24, 2017
from Corpus Christi, TX
\$3,698.00
All Inclusive!
(except lunches)

Hosted By:
Rev. Jose



The Holy Land

Day 1, TUE 24 OCT: USA – ISRAEL, BEGINNING OUR PILGRIMAGE. Tour members gather at the ticket counter at the airport two hours prior to the departure to Israel. Dinner and breakfast are served in flight.

Day 2, WED 25 OCT: INTO THE LAND OF THE BIBLE. Upon arrival this morning, you will be met by our representative who will assist you with formalities. A luxury motorcoach will transfer you to Ancient Joppa on the Sea where Jonah set sail and where Peter raised Dorcas from the dead. Joppa was also the home of Simon the Tanner. Then to Caesarea Martima in the Plains of Sharon to visit the ruins of the Crusader's City, surrounded by a moat and a city wall enclosing the ruins of the Roman City. Visit the Roman Theater and proceed along the shores of the Mediterranean to your hotel in the Tel Aviv suburbs for dinner and overnight.

Day 3, THU 26 OCT: ALL THE PAST YEARS WITH HISTORY. After a hearty breakfast we depart for the Haifa area. Visit Mount Carmel and the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Visit the Cave of the Prophet Elijah. Proceed to Nazareth where we visit the Basilica of the Annunciation enclosing the remains of the House of Joachim and Ann and the site where the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary to announce that she was to become the Mother of God. **Mass** is celebrated here followed by a visit to the Home of the Holy Family, St. Joseph's workshop, Mary's Well and the Synagogue where Jesus preached. Continue to Cana, where Christ performed his first miracle, the Transformation of Water into Wine, and where any married couples can renew their marriage vows. Proceed to your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

Day 4, FRI 27 OCT: SEA OF GALILEE AND UPPER GALILEE. After breakfast, we leave Tiberias and drive to the top of Mt. Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration where **Mass** will be celebrated. We cross the Sea of Galilee by boat from Tiberias to Capernaum, now in ruins but once a thriving town where Peter lived and where much of the public ministry of Christ took place. See the Church of the Primacy of Peter, where Christ taught the Eight Beatitudes to his Disciples. In the afternoon, drive to the Golan Heights, overlooking Upper Galilee. Visit Tel Dan and the Banias (Caesarea Philippi). Cross the River Jordan via Jacob's Daughters Bridge and return to our hotel for dinner.

Day 5, SAT 28 OCT: TIBERIAS - MT. NEBO - PETRA. Today, we depart Tiberias via the Sheik Hussein Bridge and cross into Jordan. We continue to Bethabara in Perea, the traditional Baptism site on the Jordan side of the river. On the way to Petra we stop at Mt. Nebo, the spot where Moses is believed to have first seen the Promised Land that he would never enter. We continue to Madaba, known as the "City of Mosaics", best known for its spectacular Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics. Visit the Greek Orthodox Basilica of St. George and view the famous 6th century Mosaic Map of Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Then on to Petra "The Rose Red City - Half as Old as Time". Dinner and overnight at our hotel.



Day 6, SUN 29 OCT: PETRA - JERUSALEM. This morning after **Mass**, we visit Petra. This ancient Edomite and Nabatean capital is an amazing city of prophecy. See this spectacular "City of the Dead" with its famed gorge, ancient street, temples, dwelling places and tombs carved from the solid rock. Arrive at El Ji Post and continue the one-mile journey on horseback, or walk, passing through the famous SIQ (natural gorge) and arrive at the "Treasury". Visit the ancient theater, Nabatean Judgment Hall, Place Tombs, famous Urn Temple and the Roman amphitheater. Those willing to climb may view the monastery, Jebel Harun (Mountain of Aaron), reputed to be the burial place of Aaron. Horseback journey back to El Ji Post. Continue to Jerusalem via the Allenby Bridge into Israel. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.



Day 7, MON 30 OCT: MOUNTAINS OF JERUSALEM. Drive to the Mount of Olives and visit the Church of the Ascension, the spot where Christ ascended into Heaven; the Pater Noster Church commemorating Christ's teaching of the Our Father to his disciples; Dominus Flevit, the place where Christ wept over Jerusalem and then onwards to Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations which houses the Rock of the Agony of Christ. In this Church is a beautiful mosaic donated by the United States. Visit the Cave of the betrayal of Jesus and the Tomb of Our Lady. Celebrate **Mass** at the Church of All Nations. This afternoon we tour the Old City of Jerusalem, visiting the Chapel of Flagellation, the chapel of Condemnation and the Lithostrotos, the site of the Antonia Fortress where Julius Caesar resided at the time of Christ and where Christ was tried and condemned to death. Beginning the way of the Cross here, join the walk along the Via Dolorosa led by the Franciscans - ending at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher, built over the site of the Crucifixion and the Tomb. Visit Calvary and the Tomb of Our Lord followed by a short tour of the Basilica. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Day 8, TUE 31 OCT: JERUSALEM AND BETHLEHEM. This morning we drive to Bethlehem. Visit the Basilica of the Nativity, built over the site of the birthplace of Christ where we celebrate **Mass**. Visit the Cave where Christ was born and it is the occasion to sing the traditional Christmas Hymns. A visit is made to the Chapel of St. Jerome, who lived here for many years and translated the Bible into Latin. Visit the nearby Church of St. Catherine which is the venue for the midnight **Mass** broadcast all over the World from Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. Continue to the Shepherds field, recalling the "great throng of the heavenly hosts" who appeared to the Shepherds and told them of the birth of the Savior. In the afternoon, visit Ein Karem, the place of the Visitation where Our Lady came to visit her cousin Elizabeth. View the plaques with the Magnificat in most languages of the World. Visit the parish church of St. John the Baptist, and the Grotto of his birth. Return to our hotel for dinner.

Day 9, WED 01 NOV: THE WILDERNESS OF JUDEA. Early morning **Mass** at the Basilica on the Holy Sepulcher. After breakfast, we drive to Bethany and visit the new Church, built on the site of the house of Mary and Martha. Visit the Tomb of Lazarus. We proceed through the Judean Wilderness to Jericho stopping at the site of Inn of the Good Samaritan. Visit Elijah's Fountain and the ancient city of Jericho from which you can view the Mount of Temptation, where Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights. We ascend the Mount via cable car. In the afternoon proceed to Mount Zion, visiting the room of the Last Supper, Church of the Dormition and then visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu built on the site of the house of Caiaphas which encloses the dungeon where Christ was kept on Holy Thursday night and where Peter denied Christ thrice. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.



Day 10, THU 02 NOV: JERUSALEM - Airport. This morning, we visit the Church of St. Anne, built on the site of birthplace of Anne (Hanna), the mother of Our Lady, where **Mass** will be celebrated. Continue to the Pool of Bethesda, where Christ healed the paralytic. View the Temple area, the spot where the original temple was built and which was the scene of many episodes from the life of Christ, such as the expulsion of the money changers. Here now stands the Dome of the Rock, the third holiest spot in the world for the Moslem faith. View the El Aksa Mosque and then visit the Wailing Wall which is the most sacred spot in the world for the Jews. This afternoon we drive to Beit Shemesh to visit the Our Lady of Palestine Church. Stop for dinner at a local restaurant before we drive to the airport for our flight home.

Day 11, FRI 03 NOV: Arrive NORTH AMERICA. Arrive North America and continue home - the end of our most memorable pilgrimage.

