

Day 1: Tuesday, May 7th ~ Boston

Depart this evening from Boston's Logan International Airport on your overnight flight to Tel Aviv (via Istanbul) to arrive on May 8th.

Day 2: Wednesday, May 8th ~ Tel Aviv

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met by our Tour Escort (Kayed Abusiny) who will assist with our transfer. Board our private motorcoach for the drive into the city of Tel Aviv where we will check into our hotel for 1 night. Upon arrival, you will receive a cold plate dinner in your room. (Dinner)

Your accommodations from 5/8 to 5/9:

Hotel Metropolitan

15 Trumpeldor Street

Tel Aviv, 63803 Israel

www.hotelmetropolitan.co.il

(972) 03 519 2727

Amenities Include: Hairdryer, a/c, Free WI-FI, safe

Day 3: Thursday, May 9th ~ Caesarea - Mukhraka - Cana - Tiberias

Enjoy breakfast and please check out, paying any incidentals you may have incurred. We will have a morning departure for Caesarea (once capital of this Roman province), to see the Roman and Crusader ruins, as well as the harbor where St. Paul was taken prisoner to Rome. We continue our journey into the Carmel Mountains, heading for Galilee and Mukhraka, where Elijah confronted the false prophets of Baal and where the Carmelite Order began. A short drive then takes us to Cana in Galilee, the site of the first public miracle where Jesus turned water into wine. Mass will be celebrated here. Then, we will continue to Tiberias where we will check into our hotel for 3 nights. (Breakfast and dinner)

Your accommodations from 5/9 to 5/12:

Hotel Royal Plaza Tiberias

Ganei Menorah Blvd

Tiberias 23546 Israel

(972) 04 670 0000

eng.royalplaza.co.il

Amenities Include: Hairdryer, a/c, in-room safe, WI-FI (for a fee)

Day 4: Friday, May 10th ~ Sea of Galilee Area

After breakfast at the hotel, we will have a narrated boat cruise on the Sea of Galilee where Christ walked on water. We will also visit the Jesus Boat Museum in Ginosar. We will then tour the holy site of Capernaum, home to St. Peter and where Christ began his ministry. We will travel to the Mount of Beatitudes to celebrate Mass where Our Lord preached the Sermon on

the Mount. A short drive will then take us Tabgha, the site of the Miracle of Loaves and fishes, after which we will visit the nearby Franciscan chapel known as the Church of the Primacy of Peter. A "St. Peter's lunch will be served today. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 5: Saturday, May 11th ~ Tabor - Nazareth - Magdala

Breakfast is at our hotel this morning. Today our tour will take us to Mt. Tabor, scene of the Transfiguration, where we will celebrate Mass in the beautiful church atop the mountain. Afterwards, we will visit the town of Nazareth and tour the church of the Annunciation and of Saint Joseph. In the afternoon we will visit Magdala on the shores of Lake Kinneret, famous for its boat-shaped altar. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick here after visiting the recent excavations. We will return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and dinner).

Day 6: Sunday, May 12th ~ Beit She'An - Jordan River - Jericho - Qumran - Dead Sea - Jerusalem

Breakfast is at our hotel. Please check out, paying any incidentals you may have incurred. We start our day with a visit to Beit She'an, a strategically important location on the Jordan River with an Egyptian, Greek, and Roman history. Our next stop will be Qasr El Yahud, also known as Bethany Beyond the Jordan, the traditional site of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. We will celebrate Mass here and renew our baptismal promises. Later we view the caves of Qumran where, in 1947, the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. This afternoon we can opt to "float" on the Dead Sea. After this we will stop in Jericho, the ancient Canaanite city and the oldest known inhabited city in the world. Here, we will enjoy a splendid view of the Mount of Temptation, where Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan. We will make our way to Jerusalem where we will check into our hotel for the next five nights. (Breakfast and dinner)

Your accommodations from 5/12 to 5/17:

Yehuda Hotel

Derech Haim Kulits 1

Givat Massuah Jerusalem, Israel

(972) 02 632 2777

www.byh.co.il

Amenities Include: Hairdryer, a/c, in-room safe, Free WI-FI

Day 7: Monday, May 13th ~ Masada - Bethlehem

Breakfast is at our hotel. Our destination for today is the Dead Sea region, the lowest point on earth. We drive to Masada, the fortress where Jewish Zealots held off the armies of the Roman Empire before choosing death over surrender. On our way back to Jerusalem we will visit the Town of Bethlehem and celebrate Mass in St Catherine church. In the afternoon, we drive to Shepherds' Field where the angels announced the birth of Jesus. There will be time to shop before returning to our hotel. Dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 8: Tuesday, May 14th ~ Palm Sunday Route - Via Dolorosa

Breakfast is at our hotel. We begin our day with a visit to the Mount of Olives to walk the Palm Sunday route beginning with a visit to the Pater Noster Church, where the universality

of the Catholic Church is evident in the tiled mosaics of the Lord's Prayer in many languages. We will visit the Chapel of the Ascension from where Jesus ascended into heaven. Continuing down the Mount of Olives, we will visit the Dominus Flevit Church where we will celebrate Mass followed by a visit to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed his last prayer before being arrested. We continue on to the Cave of Betrayal and the Cave of Assumption of Mary to Heaven. Entering the walls of the City of Jerusalem, we will visit St. Anne's church and the nearby Pool of Bethesda. Continuing our walk, we see the Ecce Homo arch where Pilate proclaimed, "Behold the man..." We will continue along the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow) through the Old City and pray along the Stations of the Cross as we walk the same path Jesus took. We will also visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher which commemorates where Jesus was crucified and buried. We will return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 9: Wednesday, May 15th ~ Wailing Wall - Mt Zion - St. Peter in Gallicantu - Bethany
Breakfast is at our hotel. We begin our day with a visit to the Wailing Wall, the most holy place of the Jewish faith. We exit at the Mount Zion gate to visit the Upper Room, the location of the Last Supper and the Dormition Abbey where we believe the Blessed Mary died. Mass will be celebrated in the Cenacle "Ad Coenaculum" the Upper Room. We continue on to St. Peter in Gallicantu, where Peter denied Christ three times. We continue our day with a visit to Bethany, home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. We will return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 10: Thursday, May 16th ~ Ein Karem - Israel Museum - Yad Vashem - Abu Gosh
Breakfast at the hotel, then we will visit the village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and the Church of Visitation where the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth, and proclaimed the "Magnificat". We will have Mass in Visitation church in Ein Karem. We will visit Israel Museum and Yad Vashem, the National Holocaust Museum. We will stop in the monastery that commemorates the biblical story of the disciples on the Road to Emmaus and how they came to recognize the Risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Return to our hotel. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 11: Friday, May 17th ~ Tel Aviv - Boston
Following breakfast and hotel check-out, we will be transferred to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv for our return flight to Boston (via Istanbul). (Breakfast)

PLEASE NOTE: SCHEDULING IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE