

*Faith Experience of a Lifetime!*  
PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

**November 4 - 15, 2018**

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Mass in Gethsemane Garden



Praying the Way of the Cross



Western Wall at Temple Mount



Caphernaum Synagogue where  
Jesus taught and healed

## Features Included

- ✓ **Roundtrip Flights** from Chicago to Tel Aviv, Israel. Airline fare includes fuel surcharges and taxes.
- ✓ **Hotels**, Four-Star and Kibbutz lodge
- ✓ **Daily Mass** and special Biblical reflections
- ✓ **Pilgrim Liturgy Book** specially prepared for the tour
- ✓ **Catholic Priest** throughout the pilgrimage
- ✓ **Licensed Israeli Guide** and Driver
- ✓ **Paid Entrance Fees** to all sites on tour program
- ✓ **Bible Study** materials and map
- ✓ **Pilgrim Journal** compiled at end of tour
- ✓ **Israeli Breakfasts & Dinners** daily
- ✓ **St. Peter Fish Lunch** included (optional entrée)
- ✓ **Biblical Passover Lunch**
- ✓ **Boat Cruise** on the Sea of Galilee
- ✓ **Taxi Drive** to the top of Mt. Tabor (Transfiguration)
- ✓ **Transportation** in our own private air-conditioned Motorcoach
- ✓ **Home hospitality** with a local Israeli family
- ✓ **Special Farewell Dinner**



River Jordan Baptism Renewal

## Planned Itinerary

**(All sites will be covered, but the order may change slightly)**

### Day 1 • Sunday, November 4 † Depart U.S.A.

We depart from Chicago, Illinois, probably on Lufthansa to Frankfurt, then continue on to Tel Aviv, Israel, to begin our Holy Land pilgrimage.

### Day 2 • Monday, November 5 † The Holy Land • Jaffa • Mount of Olives

We arrive at Israel's Ben Gurion airport where we meet Zach Shavin, our teacher/guide. Board our private motorcoach, and then drive up to Jerusalem, to the Mount of Olives and then to our Jerusalem hotel, have dinner, and celebrate our opening Eucharist in the Holy City.

### Day 3 • Tuesday, November 6 † Jerusalem • Yad Vashem • Ein Karem

We begin on the Mount of Olives to view the Holy City as Jesus often did. Walk down the Palm Sunday Road, stopping to visit the Pater Noster and celebrate Mass at Dominus Flevit where the Lord wept over Jerusalem. Then to Zion Hill to visit the Last Supper Upper Room, King David's Tomb, and Dormition Abbey (Assumption of Mary). Then we visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum and Children's Memorial. Then on to Ein Karem to visit the birthplace of John the Baptist and Church of the Visitation. Dinner at our hotel.

### Day 4 • Wednesday, November 7 † Jerusalem • Bethlehem

We begin at the Western Wall ("Wailing Wall") and see the archaeological remains of the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 A.D. Then to Bethlehem where we celebrate a Biblical Passover meal for lunch, and then celebrate Mass in the Church of the Nativity, and then visit the grotto of the birth of Jesus. Do some "olive wood" Christmas shopping. Dinner at our hotel.

### Day 5 • Thursday, November 8 † Gethsemane • Way of the Cross • Jerusalem

We begin our day in the Garden of Gethsemane where we celebrate Eucharist, then some quiet reflection time and visit the All Nations Church. Enter the Old City through St. Stephen's Gate to St. Anne's Church and the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed the lame man. We then begin the Way of the Cross: Stand on the Lythostratus where Jesus stood before Pilate, then pray the Via Dolorosa with Jesus to Calvary, ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, place of Mt. Calvary and cemetery of the Resurrection. We visit the Jewish Quarter, St. Peter in Gallicantu, traditional site of Caiphas' house and imprisonment of Jesus, the Temple Model and the Israeli Museum (Dead Sea scrolls). Dinner at our hotel.

### Day 6 • Friday, November 9 † Judean Wilderness • Dead Sea • Qumran • Masada

We descend through the Judean desert to the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on Earth. To Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, then drive up to a mountain top in the Judean wilderness to celebrate Eucharist in the stark desert environment. Continue to Masada where we ascend by cable car to explore the impressive palace fortress

complex built by Herod the Great atop a high desert plateau. “Float” in the Dead Sea before returning to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight rest.

### **Day 7 • Saturday, November 10 † Old Jerusalem • Optional Day of Leisure**

We begin our day with Mass. Optional walking tour of Jerusalem’s Old City through various quarters followed by free time. You will be given a list of suggested sites to visit. Return to the hotel on your own. Dinner at our hotel.

### **Day 8 • Sunday, November 11 † Emmaus • Caesaria • Mt. Carmel • Galilee**

Packing our bags, we leave Jerusalem for the Galilee, stopping at Emmaus to celebrate Eucharist, then to Jaffa (Peter’s Vision), drive through Tel Aviv, along the Mediterranean coast to Caesaria, the Roman capital at the time of Jesus where Cornelius the Centurion was converted and St. Paul imprisoned. On to Mt. Carmel, home of the Carmelites, famous for the Prophet Elijah and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Drive to the Galilee, to the Kibbutz Lavi Hotel near Nazareth in the lower Galilee where we spend the next three nights. Dinner at our hotel.

### **Day 9 • Monday, November 12 † Cana • Nazareth • Capernaum**

We begin our day at Cana (wedding feast and miracle of water to wine) and then to Nazareth where we celebrate Eucharist. Visit the Church of the Annunciation built over the house of Mary, the Church of St. Joseph (traditional site of the Holy Family’s house), followed by a stroll through the old town to the ancient spring where Mary would draw water. Conclude our day at Capernaum, Jesus’ headquarters during his public ministry. Visit the ancient synagogue where Jesus taught, celebrate a healing service, and visit the ruins of the home where he cured Peter’s mother-in-law. Dinner at our hotel.

### **Day 10 • Tuesday, November 13 † Mt. of Beatitudes • Sea of Galilee • Jordan River**

We drive up to the Mt. of the Beatitudes where Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount. Then to the Church of the Loaves and Fishes, commemorating the famous multiplication miracles. We celebrate Mass by the Sea of Galilee at the Church of the Primacy where Jesus appeared after the Resurrection. Enjoy a St. Peter’s Fish lunch, followed by a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. We conclude our day at the Jordan River where we will have opportunity to renew our baptismal vows. Dinner at our hotel.

### **Day 11 • Wednesday, November 14 † Mt. Tabor • Beth Shean • Jordan Valley**

Leaving the Galilee, we taxi to the top of Mt. Tabor (Transfiguration) to celebrate Mass, tour the impressive Roman ruins of Beth Shean, drive down the Pilgrim Road of the Jordan River Valley, view Jericho where “the walls came tumbling down” (Joshua) and Mount of Temptation. Enjoy home hospitality and a farewell meal before we go to a local hotel for a short overnight.

### **Day 12 • Thursday, November 15 † Return to the U.S.A. • Shalom!**

Our flight leaves early in the morning where we transfer in either Zurich or Frankfurt before arriving at O’Hare in the afternoon to go through Passport control and U.S. Customs. We say our farewells and return home. Shalom! Time to start processing all that happened to us!

## *Special Highlights*

- ✓ **Jersusalem** — Old City, Mount of Olives, Mount Zion, Garden of Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, Golgotha (Calvary), “Wailing Wall,” Biblical archaeological sites
- ✓ **Bethlehem** — Cave-stable where Jesus was born
- ✓ **Nazareth** — Boyhood home of Jesus
- ✓ **Capernaum** — Synagogue where Jesus taught and healed, Healing Service
- ✓ **Baptism in River Jordan** — Renewal of Baptism
- ✓ **Qumran** — Site of the Dead Sea Scrolls
- ✓ **Masada** — Herod’s palace
- ✓ **Dead Sea** — Float in the lowest point on Earth
- ✓ **Judean Desert** — Experience Mass in the wilderness
- ✓ **Mount Tabor** — Transfiguration, Celebration of Holy Men
- ✓ **So much more!**



**Biblical Seder Meal**

**Not Included:** Insurance (optional); expenses of a personal nature, lunches, and gratuities.

**Proof of Citizenship:** A valid U.S. Passport (in effect for at least six months after your date of return) is required for all U.S. citizens; citizens of other countries should contact their consulate.

**Cancellation Penalties:** Loss of \$400 for cancellation at any time; complete loss within 60 days of departure. Insurance coverage is available and encouraged. Prices are subject to change given flexible international financial situations and airline fuel and security surcharges.

**Security:** Israel is known for its effective security measures for pilgrims and tourists—you will not be in any danger. We are valued visitors to the Holy Land, and you will be welcomed warmly by Israelis and Palestinians. During 30 previous pilgrimages, we have never felt unsafe. "Be not afraid" is the most frequent angelic message!

**Cost: Full Pilgrimage: \$4,300** per person (double occupancy) which includes all airfare expenses and the rest of the land pilgrimage; \$998 single occupancy supplement (subject to availability).

**Land Portion: \$3,000** per person, if you wish to make your own airline arrangements. (\$998 single supplement, subject to availability). Be advised that you must meet the group in Tel Aviv airport by Noon on Monday, November 5th, if you make your own airline arrangements. If you miss this deadline, it is your responsibility to catch up with the group.

**Payment:** A deposit of \$500 and a completed reservation form, along with a copy of your valid Passport, is due with each person's deposit and should be sent to:

**Holy Land Pilgrimage  
Carmelite Spiritual Center  
8419 Bailey Road  
Darien, IL 60561-4597**

The balance of payment is due **August 24, 2018**, 70 days before departure. Make checks payable to **Holy Land Pilgrimage**. Credit card payments are also accepted—see below for details.

**Credit Card:** If you wish to use credit card, check that option on the registration form and fill in information. If you wish not to write down your personal credit card information, please call the Carmelite Spiritual Center at 630-969-4141 and a staff member will take it over the phone. An additional charge of 3% is levied to cover credit card charges—therefore, \$4,429 for full pilgrimage, including airfare, or \$3,090 for land portion only.

**Terms and Conditions:**

- Registration & Deposit as noted in brochure; Accommodation, double with private bath
- Transfers; Baggage allowance: 1 large suitcase, 1 carry-on bag
- Sightseeing and entrance fees per brochure; Services charges and tips per brochure
- Airfare and land costs listed on this flyer are based upon costs available at the time of publication; Cancellation penalties per brochure; Insurance coverage available
- Airlines concerned are not held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircraft. The passenger ticket in use by the airline, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passenger.

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**Fr. Bob Colaresi, O.Carm.,  
in the Judean Desert**



**Palestinian Driver and  
Jewish Guide**



**Mount of the Beatitudes**