

Anticipated Itinerary
Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter
Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
Oct. 2 to 12, 2018

October 2 - DEPART USA

Depart to Tel Aviv, with complimentary meals and beverages served aloft.

October 3 - ARRIVE TEL AVIV/TRANSFER TO TIBERIAS

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, we will be met by our tour guide and proceed to Tiberias. Depending on arrival time, we will have Mass at St. Peter's Church in Tiberias; otherwise, Mass will be at our hotel in Tiberias, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Dinner is at our hotel, followed by orientation meeting. (D)

October 4 - TIBERIAS: NAZARETH

Drive to Nazareth, the site of Mary's home and the town where Jesus played as a child, learned a trade, and grew to manhood. Mass in the Church of the Annunciation, followed by an opportunity to visit sites such as the Church of St. Joseph, built over the house of the Holy Family. Free time for lunch in Nazareth. We will return to Tiberias for dinner. (B, D)

October 5 - TIBERIAS: SEA OF GALILEE SITES

After breakfast, board a boat for a brief excursion on the Sea of Galilee. We will visit Tabgha, where it is believed that Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000. Mass will be celebrated a short distance away at "Peter's Primacy," the site where, after His resurrection, Jesus met with His disciples and told Peter to "feed my lambs; feed my sheep" (John 21:9). We will then visit Capernaum, where Jesus began his Galilean ministry, and see the synagogue which dates to the time of Jesus and the site of Peter's home. We return to Tiberias for dinner and an evening of relaxation. (B, D)

October 6 - TIBERIAS: MT. BEATITUDES/CAESAREA PHILLIPI

Visit the Mount of Beatitudes for Mass and a morning of recollection (which includes a spiritual conference, confessions, and the opportunity for quiet prayer and meditation). We will eat lunch at the guest house and then drive to the site Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" (Math. 16:16). Drive back to the Sea of Galilee for the last night there. (B, L, D)

October 7 - TIBERIAS/MT. TABOR/MT. CARMEL

We will journey with Jesus to Jerusalem, where He was condemned, crucified, and raised from the dead. We will start that journey as Jesus did, by a trip to Mount Tabor, where Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John and they glimpsed a sign of His glory before witnessing His passion and death. Following Mass on Mount Tabor, we will travel by bus to Haifa to visit the Church of Stella Maris on Mount Carmel, built over the cave of the prophet Elijah. We will continue our drive to Jerusalem to check into our hotel. (B,D)

October 8 - JERUSALEM: BETHLEHEM

In Bethlehem, we will start our visit at the Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto where Jesus was born. We will visit St. Catherine Church, where midnight Mass is

celebrated. We will visit the cave of St. Jerome and the Grotto of the Innocents. We allow time for souvenir purchases from the Christians there, along with time for lunch and a drive by the Holy Family Hospital. Later, we will drive to Shepherds' Field, where the angel appeared to the shepherds and announced the Good News to them. We return to our hotel for dinner. (B, D)

October 9 - JERUSALEM: MT. OF OLIVES & MT. ZION

The bus will take us to a hillside overlooking the city of Jerusalem, where Jesus wept over the city. This hillside is known as Dominus Flevit (Latin for "the Lord wept"); we will have Mass there. Then we will walk down the hill and visit the Garden of Gethsemane, along with the Church of All Nations. We will travel by bus across the Kidron Valley to the site of Caiaphas' Palace, where Jesus experienced the Jewish portion of His trial. The site is known today as St. Peter in Gallicantu ("crowing rooster"). We will visit the upper room where Jesus had his last Supper, then return to our hotel for rest and dinner. There will be an opportunity to spend some time in meditation in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed the night before he was crucified. Dinner is at our hotel. (B, D)

October 10 - JERUSALEM: VIA DOLOROSA & HOLY SEPULCHRE

We begin the morning early, gathering at the Antonia Palace to walk the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross. Following the Via Dolorosa, we proceed to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site where Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried. Here we will have Mass, then go back to our hotel for breakfast and to freshen up. We will leave by bus for St. Steven's gate and enter the Old City to visit the Church of St. Anne, the birth place of the Blessed Mother. We will also visit the pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic. Later that morning, we visit the Western or Wailing Wall of the Temple. The remaining portion of the day, we will be free to walk in the Old City or do some shopping. Dinner is at our hotel. (B, D)

October 11 - JERUSALEM: DEAD SEA/QUMRAN/JERICO/JORDAN RIVER

After breakfast, we head on an excursion to the Dead Sea to visit the site of Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were uncovered. We will drive to the Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, to renew our Baptismal promises. We then continue to Jericho for Mass at the Good Shepherd's church. We will view the Mount of Temptation and see the Sycamore Tree (from the story of Zacchaeus). Before the day is over, we will stop for a float at the Dead Sea (and maybe a camel ride) before driving back to Jerusalem. Dinner is served at our accommodations. (B, D)

October 12 - JERUSALEM /TEL AVIV/USA

We transfer to the Tel Aviv Airport for our return flight to the USA. (B)

NOTE: While no changes are anticipated, there may be occasions when certain alterations to this itinerary become necessary, due to changes in airline schedules or other reasons. All Masses are subject to final church reservations.

