Pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND

January 29th - February 9th, 2018
with Deacon Ken Reisor
Day 1 – Jan. 29: Depart U.S.A.
Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our flight to Israel. Meals and drinks served aloft.

Day 2 – Jan. 30: Arrive Tel Aviv / Netanya
After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met by Father Peter Vasko, O.F.M., who will arrange the schedule of our visits and make the scripture come alive as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus and the Prophets. Transfer to our hotel in Netanya for overnight.

Day 3 – Jan. 31: Netanya / Tiberias
This morning, leave Netanya for Tiberias. Drive along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, capital of the ancient Roman Procurators of Judea. Here, St. Peter preached and St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. Visit the Roman Theater, Crusader’s Moat, and the Byzantine Churches. Continue to the sparkling port city of Haifa. Ascend Mt. Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. After Mass continue on to Tiberias, our home for the next three nights.

Day 4 – Feb. 1: Tiberias
Following breakfast, we will drive to Cana of Galilee where Jesus, at the request of Mary, performed His first miracle... changing water into wine. It was here also that He blessed marriage and raised it to the dignity of a sacrament. If you wish, you may renew your wedding vows as a lasting remembrance of this holy site. From there, we go a short distance to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. In the Church of the Annunciation we will celebrate Mass. Just behind the altar, at the Cave of the Annunciation, we will see the actual room in which Mary said “yes” to the angel Gabriel. From there we will visit St. Joseph’s Carpentry Shop and Mary’s Well. In the afternoon, we will take an excursion to the summit of Mt. Tabor where Jesus transfigured himself and revealed his Divine Glory to the apostles (Matt 17:2).

Day 5 – Feb. 2: Tiberias
This morning, we will enjoy a scenic boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and proceed to the Church of Peter’s Primacy (John 21:16). Here on the shore of Galilee, Jesus appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection and confirmed Peter in the role as Vicar of Christ with the words, “Feed My sheep.” The rock emerging from the center of the church is the actual table at which they ate breakfast. We will proceed onto Capernaum which for three years was the center of Jesus’ public ministry. Here our Lord met his first disciples – Peter, Andrew, James, John and Matthew – and worked many miracles. He healed Peter’s mother-in-law of a fever, brought a child back to life, cured a leper, healed the centurion’s servant, cast out a demon from a young boy and healed all that were sick (Matt 8:16). We will celebrate Mass, visit the synagogue where Jesus taught, and then drive to Tabgha – the site where Jesus multiplied the Loaves and Fishes and fed over 5000 people (Luke 9:13). Next, we will drive to the Mount of Beatitudes the site of the Sermon on the Mount.

Day 6 – Feb. 3: Tiberias / Jerusalem
After Mass at the Mount of the Beatitudes, we will travel around the Sea of Galilee and stop at Kursi. Here Jesus met a possessed man and miraculously cast out a legion of demons into the herd of swine (Luke 8:26). From there we travel to the River Jordan to renew our baptismal vows. The Bible tells us that the Children of Israel crossed the River Jordan opposite Jericho when they came into the Promised Land. The prophet Elijah divided its waters and crossed with Elisha on dry land. Naaman the Syrian dipped in the waters seven times and was cured of his leprosy. And Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan (Mark 1:9). Each year, pilgrims from far and wide come to the Place of Baptism to immerse themselves in these holy waters. From here, we will drive through the Judean wilderness to Jerusalem.

Day 7 – Feb. 4: Jerusalem
This morning we will drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. We will visit the Church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught his disciples how to pray. Ascension Chapel the site where Jesus ascended...
climbed in order to catch a glimpse of Jesus, still grows in this area. From the ruins of ancient Jericho, we will ascend the Mount of Temptation where Jesus fasted and prayed forty days to resist the devil. Return to Jerusalem.

Day 11 – Feb. 8: Jerusalem
This morning we will celebrate an early morning Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After Mass, we will return to our hotel for breakfast. The remainder of the day will be free. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner.

Day 12 – Feb. 9: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv / U.S.A.
Today our Holy Land pilgrimage comes to an end as we transfer to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv to catch our return flight home.

Pilgrimage Price: $3,125.00
per person/double occupancy
For a single occupancy please add $882.00
For land only, please subtract $405.00

These rates include:
> Arrangements for daily Mass
> Roundtrip economy class airfare from Dallas to Tel Aviv on Lufthansa
> 10 nights accommodation
> All hotel taxes and service charges
> Breakfast and dinner daily
> Farewell Middle Eastern dinner in Jerusalem
> Comprehensive sightseeing with a licensed Christian guide - Fr. Peter Vasko, O.F.M.
> All entrance fees as per itinerary
> Land transportation by deluxe motor coach
> Arrival and departure transfers; group flights only
> Whisper headsets
> Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
> Gratuities to guide, driver and hotel staff

These rates do not include:
> Airline taxes/fuel surcharges ($403.44 per person but subject to change until the time of ticketing)*
> Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature

*these will be added to the final invoice

Departures from other airports available upon request.

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