



*In the Steps of the Master
Traditional Mass Pilgrimage to*

The Holy Land

CHAPLAIN: FATHER MARTIN EDWARDS

10th - 18th November 2017



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Day One – Friday 10th November

Heathrow Airport - Tel Aviv

Check in at Heathrow for our 8:05am departure to Tel Aviv. We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport mid-afternoon. After collecting our luggage we drive to the Jerusalem area to check into our accommodation for a four-night stay.

Day Two – Saturday 11th November

Bethlehem

Today we visit Bethlehem via the Shepherds' Fields, then visit Manger Square, the Basilica and the Cave of the Nativity, the birthplace of Jesus Christ. Mass will be celebrated during the day.

Day Three – Sunday 12th November

Mount of Olives - Mount Zion

Depart from the guesthouse by coach and visit the Mount of Olives, with a magnificent view of all of ancient and modern Jerusalem, the centre of the modern biblical world. We then visit the Paternoster Church commemorating the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:2 - 4), and the Chapel of Dominus Flevit (The Lord Wept) (Luke 19:41-44), where we celebrate Mass. The group will then walk down to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed on the night before his arrest (Matt 26: 36-39). This afternoon depart by coach to visit Mount Zion where we will see the Upper Room, the site of the Last Supper (Matt 26:17 - 29), the tomb of King David, and the Abbey of the Dormition where the Virgin Mary is said to have fallen asleep for the last time. From here we visit the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, the site where Peter thrice denied Jesus (John 18:15). Afterwards we drive to the Old Walled City of Jerusalem. Visit the Western (Wailing) Wall before returning to the guesthouse. Mass will be celebrated during the day.

Day Four – Monday 13th November

Old City, Jerusalem

This morning we have a walking-tour inside the Old City of Jerusalem. First we visit the Pool of Bethesda, where it is said that Jesus healed a man who was lame for thirty-eight years, before visiting the Church of St Anne (the mother of St Mary). We then begin our Way of the Cross procession (Via Dolorosa) on which we see the Lithostrotos (the traditional site where Pilate judged Jesus) (Matt 27:2), and the Ecce Homo Arch (where it is said Pilate exhibited his scourged prisoner to the crowds below with the words "Ecce Homo" - "Behold the man") (John 18:28 - 19:26). We finish our procession at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the traditional site of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. We hope to celebrate Mass here.

Day Five – Tuesday 14th November

Qumran - Dead Sea - Galilee

This morning we depart Jerusalem and travel to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls

were discovered in 1947. We celebrate an open air Mass here and continue to the Dead Sea for relaxation and bathing before travelling to Yardenit, the Baptism site where the Jordan River flows out from the Sea of Galilee. We continue to Tiberias where we check into our hotel for a four-night stay.

Day Six – Wednesday 15th November

Lake Galilee

This morning we have a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee followed by a visit to Capernaum where Jesus lived (Matt 4:13), and from where, whilst he was walking along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, he met Simon named Peter and his brother Andrew (Matt 4:18 -20). We then continue to Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the loaves and shes (Matt 15:29 -38), then to the House of St Peter where Jesus healed Peter's Mother-in-Law (Matt 8:14) and to the Mount of Beatitudes, where the Sermon on the Mount is thought to have taken place (Matt 5:1 - 7; 28). Mass will be celebrated during the day.

Day Seven – Thursday 16th November

Acre

Today we travel to the ancient port of Acre (Akko). Here we will visit the Crusader City historic site, where there is a splendid series of gothic vaulted halls, which were once headquarters for the Crusader armies. The Knights Hall and the Dining Hall here are grand examples of Crusader architecture. There is also a series of narrow subterranean tunnels to explore (Templar Tunnel) and a crypt. In the afternoon we will visit Mount Carmel where we hope to celebrate Mass.

Day Eight – Friday 17th November

Cana - Nazareth

Today we drive to Cana, where Jesus performed his first miracle of changing water into wine. We continue to Nazareth and visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, where we celebrate Mass. Afterwards we visit the house of St Joseph, and see Mary's Well.

Day Nine – Saturday 18th November

Tiberias - Tel Aviv - Heathrow Airport

We celebrate Mass in the morning and then transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our afternoon return flight, arriving Heathrow at 8:05pm.

This tour involves a substantial amount of walking, some of which will be over irregular surfaces such as cobblestones and badly-maintained walking areas. If everyday walking is something you find difficult, this tour may be unsuitable for you.

This itinerary is subject to change without prior notification

Price = £1,369

Includes:

- Return scheduled flights on British Airways: Heathrow - Tel Aviv.
- Current U.K. and Israel airport departure taxes.
- 1 piece of check-in luggage up to 23 kg.
- 8 nights accommodation in shared twin-bedded rooms with private facilities.
10 - 14 Nov. Comboni Sisters Guesthouse, Jerusalem.
14 - 18 Nov. Hotel Restal, Tiberias.
- Meal plan: 8 buffet breakfasts, 8 dinners.
- All touring and transfers by air-conditioned coach as per the itinerary.
- Fully licensed English-speaking guide/tour escort to accompany the group whilst in Israel.
- All entrance fees as per the itinerary.
- ATOL and ABTA protection.
- Religious services.

Extras:

- Travel insurance at £33.00 per person (see our booking form for details).
- Single room supplement at £266 per person for 8 nights (the number of single rooms available is limited).
- Lunches. Drinks.
- Fuel surcharges if passed on by the airline.
- Gratuities to guide, driver and accommodation staff totalling \$60 per pilgrim.
- Transport within the U.K.

How To Book:

Please send £200 deposit (plus the insurance premium, if the cover we offer is required) per person with a completed booking form. Cheques must be made payable to Pax Travel Ltd. The balance payment is payable no later than 2 months before the departure date.

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