Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

February 14-23, 2017
College of the Holy Cross

Join Fr. William R. Campbell, SJ, ’87, Vice President for Mission at the College of the Holy Cross, for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Our program includes visits that will bring to life the people, places and events of the Gospels: Nazareth and the Grotto of the Annunciation, Bethlehem and the Basílica of the Nativity, the Sea of Galilee and the Mount of the Beatitudes, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Via Dolorosa and the Holy Sepulchre – including the site of the Holy Cross. Our program combines guided visits to historical and religious sites, cultural visits, leisure time to explore the Old City of Jerusalem and daily opportunities for prayer and the Eucharist, including opportunities to renew one’s baptismal and wedding vows at the Jordan River and at Cana. As an added feature, our trip will reference the pilgrimage to these sites made by Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, shortly after his conversion. We will be going during a time of the year when sites are less crowded, making for a much more relaxed and enjoyable visit. We will take advantage of new non-stop flights from Boston, lodge in 4-star hotels, enjoy abundant Mediterranean cuisine, and benefit from the perspectives and expertise of Father Campbell and our local expert guide. If you’ve ever wanted to go to the Holy Land, this is the ideal opportunity.

Program Highlights

Tue. Feb 14: Departure from Boston for Tel Aviv.

Wed. Feb 15: Arrival Tel Aviv. We will meet our guide and transfer to Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee. After checking into the hotel and we will enjoy a welcome dinner. Overnight Tiberias.

Thu. Feb 16: Breakfast. We travel this morning to nearby Nazareth to visit the Basílica of the Annunciation. We celebrate Mass in front of the Grotto of the Annunciation – the place where Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to Jesus. We then travel to Cana for renewal of marriage vows. We continue with a visit to Sipparis (a large Roman archaeological site), and then continue on to the Mount of Beatitudes – the traditional site of Jesus’ sermon. Overnight/dinner Tiberias.

Fri. Feb 17: Breakfast. This morning we travel by boat on the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum to visit the archaeological site. We continue to Tabgha with Mass in one of the historic chapels or along the shore of the Sea of Galilee – where the feeding of the multitude took place. Later, we visit Migdál (home of Mary of Magdalene). We stop at Grotto Ginosar to see the so-called “Jesus boat.” Dinner/overnight Tiberias.

Sat. Feb 18: Breakfast. Today, we travel down the Jordan River valley to Qasr al-Yahud where John the Baptist ministered. We will have a renewal of our own baptism there at the river. We continue to Jerusalem to Mt. of Olives for a panoramic view of Jerusalem and Mass at Dominus Flevit – where Jesus wept before his passion. If time permits, we will visit the Western Wall for end of Sabbath prayer. Check into hotel with dinner/overnight.

Sun. Feb 19: Breakfast. We will visit the Haram Es Sharif (Temple Mount area). Prayer at Western Wall. We will visit the Jerusalem Archaeological Complex and Davidson Center. In the afternoon, we visit Bethlehem and Basílica of the Nativity with Mass. We return to Jerusalem where we will enjoy a dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Jerusalem.

Mon. Feb 20: Breakfast. This morning we will visit the Upper Room and King David's tomb, St. Peter in Gallicantu and then the Via Dolorosa (with opportunity to do a devotional walking of the Stations of the Cross). We will visit the Basílica of the Holy Sepulchre with Mass at the site of Golgotha to underscore the connection with Holy Cross. Later we visit the Garden Tomb and time permitting, the Tower of David Museum. Mid-afternoon free to explore the Old City of Jerusalem. Dinner/overnight Jerusalem.

Tue. Feb 21: Breakfast. Early Mass – TBD. Today is a day excursion to the Dead Sea to visit Masada (great desert fortress on a plateau), Ein Gedi and Qumran (noting connections with John the Baptist and perhaps Jesus). Dinner/overnight Jerusalem.

Wed. Feb 22: Breakfast. This morning there will be free time in Old City. In the afternoon, we travel to Tel Aviv stopping in Ein Karem (birthplace of John the Baptist) and Abu Gosh (site of the breaking of the bread at Emmaus) where we will celebrate our farewell Eucharist. In Jaffa we will have a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Transfer after dinner to airport for return flight to USA.

Feb 23: Arrival Boston.

Inclusive Features

Roundtrip air from Boston, 7 nights accommodations in 4-star hotels, buffet breakfast/dinner daily at hotels, one farewell dinner at a restaurant in Jaffa, one lunch on Feb. 20, one dinner a local restaurant on Feb. 19, 8-days local transportation via deluxe private motorcoach with guided sightseeing and entrances, liturgy daily at select historical religious sites.

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Program Prices

$3295 per person based on double occupancy (includes a $650 fee for airline taxes, airport fees, security fees, fuel surcharges)

$625 supplement for single room occupancy

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