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Holy Land Jerusalem Pilgrimage

Walk Where Jesus Walked

ሐምሌ 10th May 2018 – ቀዳም 19th May 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you may know we have finally managed to plan a trip to the Holy Land from the 10th May - 19th May 2018. Abba Ephrem will join and guide us spiritually. The total price is £1500 and the deadline is 28th January as we want to buy tickets ASAP to try to get a cheaper price!

Registration will be done at church this & next Sunday, please bring your **passport** and **£500 deposit**.

Please see details of the trip below:

Thursday 10th May

Leave from London Heathrow Airport directly to Tel Aviv.

Friday 11th May

We proceed to the Sea of Galilee where we will sail on a wooden Jesus boat and have a St. Peters fish lunch. Then go to Tabgha Mensa Christi also known as the Church of Loaves and Fish, the site where Jesus fed the 5,000.

Saturday 12th May

We will visit the traditional site of Cana, you will have the opportunity to renew your wedding vows. We then continue on to Nazareth, where the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to bear the Son of God. It was also here that Jesus grew up. We also visit Mary's Well. We then proceed to Mount Tabor and the Basilica of the Transfiguration.

Sunday 13th May

Drive to the Baptismal Site on the River Jordan where we will have the opportunity to renew our Baptismal vows. We will then drive to Jericho and view the Mount of Temptation. Then we visit the tomb of Lazarus.

Monday 14th May

We proceed to the Mt. of Olives where we view the Place of the Ascension and enjoy the panoramic view of the Old city of Jerusalem. Continue to the Pater Noster Church - inside the cloisters the Lord's Prayer is written in 110 different languages. Continue on foot to Dominus Flevit; here Jesus wept over the City of Jerusalem and foretold its Destruction. Follow on foot the traditional Palm Sunday Procession route to the Gethsemane to visit the ancient Olive Trees and the Church of All Nations, which enshrines the rock where Jesus is believed to have prayed before His betrayal and arrest. We will celebrate Mass today in the Garden of Gethsemane and then drive to the village of Ein Karem, home of Zachary and Elizabeth the parents of St. John the Baptist and where Mary visited her cousin.

Tuesday 15th May

We proceed to Manger Square where we visit the Bethlehem Milk Grotto and celebrate Mass. We then continue on to the Basilica of the Nativity and the Grotto, venerated as the birthplace of Jesus.

Wednesday 16th May

We will proceed to the Latin Patriarchate where we will have an audience with Bishop Shomali. We then walk through the Old City to the Western Wall and to Mount Sion starting at the Cenacle, which is the site of the last supper. We then continue on to the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. The Church is built over the site of the house of the High Priest Caiaphas where Our Lord was imprisoned before his trial. It is also here that Peter denied knowing Jesus.

Thursday 17th May

We will walk the Stations of the Cross through the Old City ending at the Holy Sepulchre where we celebrate Mass hours in the Holy Tomb.

Friday 18th May

We will then drive through the Desert and along the shores of the Dead Sea to Masada for a swim in the Dead Sea.

Saturday 19th May

We will celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Church and do a walking tour of the Old Port and Jaffa, which was the entry point for pilgrims to the Holy Land for thousands of years and then go to the airport for our return flight to London.

God bless

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- ❖ Tel Aviv
- ❖ Sea of Galilee
- ❖ Tabgha Mensa Christi
- ❖ Church of Loaves and Fish
- ❖ Site of Cana
- ❖ Nazareth
- ❖ Mount Tabor
- ❖ Basilica of the Transfiguration
- ❖ River Jordan
- ❖ Jericho
- ❖ Mount of Temptation
- ❖ Tomb of Lazarus
- ❖ Mt. of Olives
- ❖ Old city of Jerusalem



- ❖ Pater Noster Church
- ❖ Dominus Flevit
- ❖ Gethsemane
- ❖ Village of Ein Karem (home of Zachary and Elizabeth)
- ❖ Manger Square (Bethlehem)
- ❖ Basilica of the Nativity and the Grotto
- ❖ Old City to (Western Wall)
- ❖ Mount Sion (Cenacle)
- ❖ Gallicantu (Church of St. Peter)
- ❖ Holy Tomb