

Faith Journey Tour

DAY1

Depart for Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV)

DAY 2

WELCOME TO ISRAEL

Arrival at **Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV)**, you will be greeted by our representative, meet your tour guide, and transfer to your hotel. Welcome greeting and reception upon your arrival at your hotel.

DAY3

CAESAREA/ACRE/GALILEE

Drive to Caesarea Maritima. Visit the Roman Theater, Herod's Palace, the Palace of the Roman Procurator (Apostles 23:23 and Apostles 26:23 – Paul; Apostles 10:20-48 – Peter and Cornelius), the Amphitheater, the Crusaders' City and Harbor. Through the Druze villages of Daliyat el Carmel and Usifiya, we proceed to Haifa. Continue to the Church of Stella Maris, a Carmelite Monastery, for Mass. Proceed to Acre to visit the old city with the city walls, the Knights' Halls, and the Harbor.



DAY 4

GALILEE

Visit Magdala, a first century town where the Jewish residents gathered in a synagogue where Jesus visited and taught. Visit Ginnosar where we visit the Ancient Boat from the time of Jesus. Proceed to Nazareth, visiting the Church of Annunciation (Luke 26:28) and Mary's Well (in the Greek Orthodox Church). We depart for Cana, site of Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast (John 2:1-11 and John 4:46-54).

DAY 5

BANYAS/GOLAN HEIGHTS/TABGHA

Drive to the Mount of Beatitudes (Matthew 5:7) where we will visit the heptagonal church that was built by the Italian architect Berluzzi and enjoy a breathtaking view of the Sea of Galilee. Proceed to the Banyas, the ancient Caesarea Philippi (Matthew 16:13-20), one of the main sources of the Jordan River. Through the Golan Heights, drive to Capernaum, the town of Jesus, where He lived in the House of Peter performing from there His miracles and healings (Matthew 4:13, Matthew 8:14—15). Proceed to Tabgha where we shall visit the Church of the Loaves and the Fishes (Matthew 14:14-34) and the Church of the Mensa Christi, where Jesus elected Peter as His Representative on Earth (John 21).

DAY 6

NAZARETH/MOUNT TABOR/MEGIDDO

Visit the Basilica of the Annunciation followed by a visit to St. Joseph's Workshop, Mary's Well, and the Chapel of Charles deFoucauld at the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Convent of the Sisters of Nazareth. Drive to Mount Tabor, the site of Transfiguration, visiting the Catholic Church (Matthew 17:1-8). Drive to Megiddo, named also Armageddon – the place where the last battle of mankind is due to take place (the Apocalypse of St. John).

DAY7

JERUSALEM (THE OLD CITY)

Visit the Benedictine monastery in Abu Ghosh, named St. Mary of the Resurrection Abbey. Return to Jerusalem through the Lion's Gate and visit the Church of St. Anne and the Pools of Bethesda (John 5:1-15). Proceed through the Via Dolorosa praying the Stations of the



Cross from the remains of the Antonia to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Ascend the Mount of Olives to visit the Chapel of the Ascension (Luke 24:50-53), the Church of Pater Noster (Luke 11-1-4). Walk down the Mount of Olives to reach the Church of Dominus Flevit (Luke 19:41-44) and proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane, the place where Jesus was arrested (Matthew 26:36-58) and visit the Basilica of the Agony.

DAY8

JERUSALEM/BETHLEHEM

Visit the Room of the Last Supper (Cenacle) and the Tomb of King David. Walking through the Jewish Quarter, reach the Western Wall (the Wailing Wall), the holiest site for the Jewish people. Then visit the Dung Gate, to drive through the New City of Jerusalem to the Church of St. John (Luke 1:1-25) and the Church of the Visitation. Depart for Bethlehem, visiting Shepherds' Field along the way, with a visit to the Church of Nativity, St. Catherine's Church, and Mass at St. Jerome's Chapel.

DAY9

QUMRAN/DEAD SEA/QASR EL YEHUD

Drive via the Good Samaritan Inn (Luke 8:25-37) to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Stop at the Dead Sea, the world's lowest place. On our return to Jerusalem, visit Qasr El Yehud for a baptismal service.

DAY 10

Depart **Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV)** to return home.

