

# PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO THE HOLY LAND

UNDER SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE OF FR. JOHN VAN HEES  
PASTOR OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH IN OAKVILLE, ON  
NOVEMBER 03 - 13, 2018 - 11 days - CA\$3570 (taxes & tips included)  
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Nov 03 Depart Toronto for Tel Aviv.

Nov 04 Upon arrival in Tel Aviv we collect our luggage and meet our local guide. Transfer by bus to our hotel in Galilee. En route we stop at **Cesarea Maritima**, one of the most important cities in Roman Empire, built by Herod the Great. We can explore King Herod's ancient port and harbor, the city's Roman theatre, hippodrome, and aqueducts. St Paul the Apostle was imprisoned here for two years, before he went to Rome, where he was executed. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

Nov 05 We start our day with a boat ride on the calm and peaceful **Sea of Galilee** where Jesus miraculously walked on water. In **Tabgha** (also known as Heptapegon, the Seven Springs) we see the Church of Multiplication with its famous 5th century fish mosaic and the Church of St. Peter's Primacy. Later visit **Capernaum**, home of St. Peter and the site of Christ's preaching. Celebrate mass on **Mt. Beatitudes**, where Jesus delivered his famous Sermon on the Mount. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

Nov 06 This morning we start our tour with visiting **Nazareth** and the Basilica of Annunciation. Built over the remains of Byzantine and Crusader churches, it incorporates the cave in which the Virgin Mary received the news from Gabriel that she would give birth to Jesus. The upper part of Basilica is adorned by huge mosaics of the Virgin Mary donated by communities from around the world. On to **Cana** – the site of Jesus' first miracle, where couples will be able to renew their marriage vows. Mass. In the afternoon we ascent **Mount Tabor** – the Mount of Transfiguration. In the evening we drive to the **Jordan River** where Jesus was Baptized and renew our Baptismal Vows. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

Nov 07 Today we visit **Haifa** and **Mt. Carmel** the "burning place" where Elijah called the fire down to confound the prophets of Baal. We ascend Mount Carmel, visit Carmelite Church of Stella Maris and stop at Bahai Gardens. We continue to **Akko**, port city, with a rich history which includes Greeks, Romans, Crusaders and Ottomans. The remains of the Crusader town, dating from 1104 to 1291, provide an exceptional picture of the capital of the medieval Crusader kingdom of Jerusalem. Return to Nazareth for dinner and overnight.

Nov 08 Today we leave Nazareth and we travel to Bethlehem where Jesus was born. En route we stop at monastery on Mount of Temptation, in **Qumran**, where Dead Sea scrolls were found and we see Sycamore Tree in **Jericho**. In **Bethlehem** we visit the oldest church in the Holy Land, the Church of Nativity at Manger Square, built over Manger cave. We celebrate Christmas mass here. We also see Crusader's Cloister, the Grotto of St. Jerome and Shepherd Field. Dinner and overnight in **Jerusalem**.

Nov 09 In the morning we visit the **Mount of Olives**, Dominus Flevit Church where Jesus cried upon prophesying the destruction of the Temple, walk through the Garden of Gethsamane, pray at the Church of all Nations and the Pater Noster Church. Mass. Afternoon journey takes us to the **Ein Karem**, a serene, picturesque Jerusalem suburbs, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and the Church of Visitation. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Nov 10 We start our day with the Stations of the Cross on **Via Dolorosa** (Way of Sorrows). We walk the same pathway Jesus walked from Pilate's Judgment Hall, where he was condemned to death in Calvary, the site of his crucifixion presently inside Holy Sepulchre Church. Mass. In the afternoon we continue tour of Jerusalem and we visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, built on the site of the House of the High Priest Calaphas, where Jesus was imprisoned for a night. We also visit the Dormition Abbey, St. Ann's Church and Pool of Bethesda. We experience an inspiring visit to **Mount Zion**, home to King David's tomb and the Upper Room where the Last Supper is said to have taken place. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Nov 11 In the morning we stop at the **Western Wall**, the holiest Jewish site in the world. We continue tour of Jerusalem walking through the Tunnels of the ancient and fascinating subterranean spaces with exquisite archeological findings. We learn about Jerusalem's biblical history with a tour of the **City of David**, a 3,800-year old site that's outside the old city walls. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Nov 12 In the morning we visit **Masada**, ruins of King Herod's mountaintop fortress and the last stronghold of the Jewish revolt against Romans in 73 C.E. We descent to the Dead Sea- the lowest place on earth (423 meters below sea level). The area around the **Dead Sea** was one of the world's first health resorts. The salt and the minerals from the Dead Sea are used to create cosmetics and sachets which are well known around the world. Time to enjoy the sun and "swim" in the Dead Sea at Ein Gedi Spa. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Nov 13 Morning transfer to Tel Aviv airport for direct flight to Toronto.



**TOUR COST \$3,570.00 INCLUDES:**

- air transportation – hotel accommodation first class or superior tour-ist class based on double occupancy
- 2 meals daily breakfast and dinner.
- all sightseeing as per itinerary with English speaking guide – all tips in restaurants and hotels.

- airport taxes \$686 tips to bus driver and guides \$100,

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