

# The Holy Land Experience

**The Trip of a Lifetime**  
**May 26<sup>th</sup> - June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019**

**Hosted by:**

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**Chaminade University**

*Please Join Us*



Dear friends,

Would you like to have a life-changing and never-to-be forgotten experience? It is our joy to invite you to join us on a trip to the Bible Lands where you will find a new dimension in understanding Christian history and the life of our Lord. We will visit places where Jesus walked, lived, taught, performed miracles, where He was crucified and raised from the dead.



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### **Day One: Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> 2019**

*Travel to Israel*

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### **Day Two: Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> 2019**

*Arrival*

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, you will be met by your guide and transferred to Tiberius hotel, free afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Tiberius.

### **Day Three: Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> 2019**

*Golan Heights | Sea of Galilee*

Start the day with a visit to the ruins of the prehistoric settlement at Tel Dan, once a thriving Canaanite community and the northern limit of the Promised Land, site of one of the two sanctuaries built by Jeroboam I after the Northern Kingdom of Israel separated from the Kingdom of Judah in the late 10th century, B.C. Continue north to Caesarea Philippi to the source of the Jordan River, the site of Peter's confession and the battle of Panium so significant in the history of Palestine during the Hellenistic Period. Next, visit the new excavations of Bethsaida, home of three of the Apostles. Our final stop is for Eucharist at the Mount of the Beatitudes, the site of the Sermon on the Mount. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Tiberius.

### **Day Four: Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> 2019**

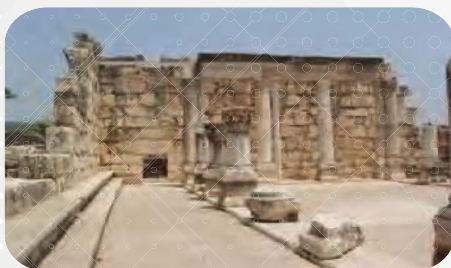
*Caesarea Maritima | Nazareth*

Drive to ruins of Caesarea Maritima, a port city built by Herod the Great to honor Emperor Caesar Augustus. Herod erected all the cultural institutions found in every great Greco-Roman city - a theater, a hippodrome, and a luxurious bathhouse. Caesarea was the port from which Peter and Paul set sail, and the city of residence of the governors like Pontius Pilate. Drive to Megiddo, the "Hill of Battles," where archaeologists have uncovered 20 civilizations built one upon another. At this site, King Solomon built his vast stables and King Josiah died in battle. After lunch we visit the Annunciation church where we celebrate a mass, followed by a visit to the Mount of the Precipice where Christ was taken in order to throw Him down the cliff. Take in the view of the Jezreel Valley, Mount Tabor and Mount Gilboa, where Gideon chose his 300 warriors and where King Saul and his three sons died in battle against the Philistines. Visit St. Gabriel's church located at Mary's well. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Tiberius.



## **Day Five: Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> 2019** *Sea of Galilee/ Dead Sea / Jericho*

Visit Peter's house in Capernaum for a glimpse of the domestic life of a New Testament fisherman. The contemporary church at Tabgha celebrates the Miracle of the Multiplication. See the Mosaic floor from the Byzantine-era church, and the section in front of the ancient altar depicting two fish and a basket filled with five loaves of bread. Then visit and celebrate a Mass at the Church of the Primacy, where Christ met the Apostles after His Resurrection. Drive to Beth Shean and visit the ruins of one of the Israel's most ancient cities and a Greco-Roman Decapolis City in the time of Jesus. Drive through the Jordan River valley to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth, visit the city of Jericho, which has been the cradle of civilization as far back as 8,000 B.C. Stop at the Sycamore tree, which the chief tax collector Zacchaeus climbed so that he could see Jesus, then ascend by cable car to the Monastery of the Mount of Temptation over-looking the world's most ancient city and the Jordan River Valley. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Jericho.



## **Day Six: Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> 2019** *Masada/ Ein Gedi / Qumran/ Jericho*

Drive to Masada, a truly remarkable piece of history. Ascend by cable car to visit the magnificent ruins of the fortress where from 70-73 A.D. the Jewish defenders made the last stand of the Judean Revolt against Rome, and where the remains of storehouses, cisterns and a sixth century Byzantine church are still on view. Next we visit the Ein Gedi nature reserve, the site where David, a fugitive, hid from Saul. The park is situated on the eastern border of the Judean Desert, on the Dead Sea coast, and covers an area of 14,000 Hectares. Return along the Dead Sea to visit Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Visit the remains of the Community Center of the Essenes and view the Caves of the Scrolls. From there we drive to a private beach on the Dead Sea for a dip in the salt and mineral laden water. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Jericho.



### **Day Seven: Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> 2019** *Old city of Jerusalem| City of David*

After breakfast and checking out of the hotel, we drive up into the hills of Jerusalem. Arriving at Mount Zion, we visit the Cenacle (The Upper or Last Supper Room) , we walk to the Jewish Quarter to visit Hezekiah's Wall before entering the Whol Museum where you will see the remains of the homes of Jerusalem elite, destroyed a month after the fall of the rest of the city to the Romans in 70 AD. After lunch we descend into the Jerusalem Archaeological Park next to the Western Wall Plaza and visit the remains of the Temple's 70 A.D. Roman destruction and the Herodian steps of the Temple where Jesus walked. Walk down to the Western Wall, the holiest site in Judaism and the only visible remains of Herod's Temple, where Jesus walked and taught. we enter the David's City excavation, which reveals the earliest days of Jerusalem, dating back to the early 2nd millennium. See the Monumental House, the 10th century BC defense ramp and the Jebusite water gate. Then enter Warren's Shaft, view the Jebusite excavations and walk through Hezekiah's tunnel, exiting at the Byzantine and Roman Period Pools of Siloam. Entering the Old City, Drive to your hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.



### **Day eight: Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019** *Bethany| Bethlehem*

Visit Bethany to see the tomb where Lazarus was raised from the dead by Jesus. Drive six miles south to Bethlehem to visit the Basilica of the Nativity, the oldest church in the Holy Land still in use. Construction began in the year 326, based on the local tradition that Jesus was born in a cave at the edge of the village. We will celebrate Eucharist in the cell of St. Jerome. Then we'll have some time in one of Bethlehem's best souvenir shops, followed by a visit to the Herodian, one of Herod's mountain top fortresses and believed to be Herod the Great's final resting place. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.





### **Day Nine: Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2019** *Mount of Olives*

Travel on to the Mt. of Olives for a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of Pater Noster (Our Father). Walk down the Mt. of Olives to the site where Jesus predicted the destruction of Jerusalem, the Church of Dominus Flevit where we will celebrate a Mass. The Garden of Gethsemane lies at the foot of the Mount of Olives. Today it appears much as it did 20 centuries ago and contains some of the world's oldest olive trees. The Church at Gethsemane was named the Church of All Nations because 16 nations contributed to its construction. Visit Caiaphas Palace (Church of St. Peter of Gallicantu) and see the cistern where Jesus might have been held before He was taken to Pilate, as well as the Roman Period Steps He would have walked on coming up from the Kidron Valley after His arrest in the Garden. Continue to Mt. Zion and visit David's Tomb and the Cenacle (The Upper or Last Supper Room). Continue to the Israel Museum and the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition at the Shrine of the Book. Then see the model of the city as it was in the days of Jesus. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

### **Day Ten: Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019** *Old city of Jerusalem*

Entering the Old City through the Sheep Gate, we visit the Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the lame man and the Church of St. Anne with extraordinary acoustics where we celebrate a Mass. Walk through the Western Wall Tunnel to the Christian Quarter. Visit the Convent of the Sisters of Sion and see the Floor of the Lithostrotos, the Ecce Homo Arch, and the Church of the Flagellation. Walk the Way of the Cross, the Via Dolorosa, to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. In 325, Constantine's mother Helen first requisitioned the area for a church. This 4th-century church was largely destroyed by the Turks in 1009 and partially restored in 1048. The impressive stone decorations adorning the façade date from Crusader times. In its current form, the church preserves the crusader structure and is shared by six Christian denominations: Greek, Armenian, Coptic, Ethiopian and Syrian Orthodox, and Roman Catholic. The church contains the sites of the Holy Sepulcher and Mt. Calvary. From the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher, Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. Transfer to the airport for departure.



### **Day Eleven: Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019**

Arrive USA



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**Land-only price per person in double room: \$ 2199**  
**Land- only price in single room: \$2899**

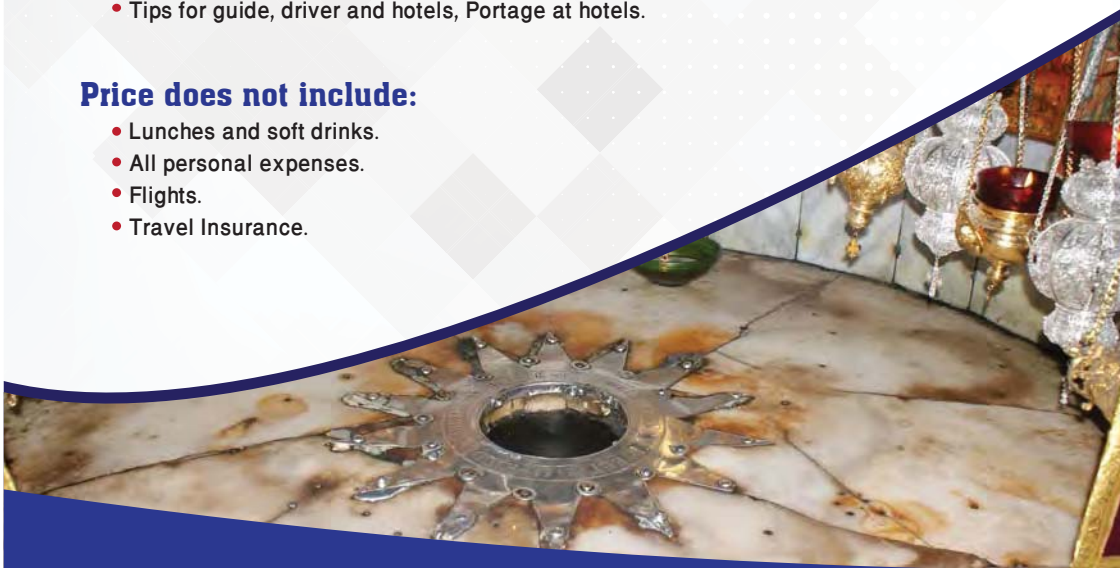
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**Price includes:**

- Meeting & assistance at Ben Gurion Airport upon arrivals and departures.
- Three nights' accommodations in Tiberius in double occupancy with breakfast & dinner.
- Two nights' accommodations in Jericho in double occupancy with breakfast & dinner.
- Four nights' accommodations in Jerusalem in double occupancy with breakfast & dinner.
- Nine days sightseeing in modern air conditioned private bus.
- English speaking government licensed Christian guide on duty.
- Entrance fees to the biblical sites and national parks mentioned in the program.
- Special dinner at oriental restaurant.
- One lunch of St. Peter's fish in Tiberius.
- Tips for guide, driver and hotels, Portage at hotels.

**Price does not include:**

- Lunches and soft drinks.
- All personal expenses.
- Flights.
- Travel Insurance.



### **Payment schedule:**

- \$200 per person deposit is due upon booking.
- \$500 due by January 29, 2019.
- \$500 due by February 28, 2019
- \$500 due by March 29, 2019.
- \$500 final payment due by April 20, 2019.

*The deposits are fully refundable up to March 29, 2019*

*After March 29, 2019 an administrative fee of 200\$ will be charged.*

*Please make all checks payable to Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick and send it to the address below:*

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### **Flights:**

Each person will arrange their own transportation to and from Ben-Gurion airport. Flight arrivals should be between 10:00am and 4:00pm on Saturday May 25th, 2019. Departing flights should be scheduled on Sunday, June 2nd, 2019 after 11:00 pm till Monday June 3rd before 12:00pm, otherwise you will be responsible for your own airport transfers.

You can do this in one of three ways:

- 1) A bonus mileage ticket.
- 2) Purchase of a ticket on the Internet.
- 3) Purchase of a ticket through Mousa Rishmawi <mrishmawi@gmail.com>

### **Important Notice:**

You must have a U.S passport to enter Israel (valid at least 6 months beyond your scheduled return date).

### **Special Note:**

The tour operator and/ or guide reserve the right to alter the sequences of the daily itinerary and make substitutions in order to meet changes due to weather, airline delays, or as deemed necessary for the best interest and overall comfort of the group.

