

Holy Land Pilgrimage

February 6 – 13, 2023

Price: 1,499 €



Included:

Air travel from Dusseldorf
4-star Hotel
Double room (triple on request)
Full pension
20 kg checked bag, 8 kg hand luggage
Basic travel insurance

Not included:

Single room 380 €
Tips of app. 50 €
Personal expenses
Additional drinks
Extra baggage
Everything else not listed

The pilgrimage is being organized with the Italian mission in Cologne. If the tours will also be in English or if we will be assisted by tour books is still to be determined. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months to travel to Israel. Currently, there are no Corona-related travel restrictions. The days of the pilgrimage could shift one day; please keep Feb. 5-14 tentatively open.

Registration Deadline: November 30, 2022

Deposit of 350 € (forfeited by cancellation)

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Program

Day 1, Mon. Feb. 6: Depart for Tel Aviv, Nazareth

Meeting point Dusseldorf International Airport at 11:30 a.m. for a 1:30 p.m. direct flight to Tel Aviv arriving at 7:40 p.m. Travel by bus to Nazareth. Dinner. Rest.

Day 2, Tue. Feb. 7: Nazareth, Mt. Tabor

7:30 a.m. Breakfast. 8:00 a.m. visit to Nazareth where the Holy Family lived and Jesus taught. We will pass the Church of St. Joseph, the Orthodox Church of the Annunciation to visit "Mary's Well" and the Basilica of the Annunciation where we will celebrate Holy Mass.

1:00 p.m. Lunch. Departure for Mount Carmel and Mount Tabor. Return to Nazareth. 7:30 p.m. Dinner. 9:00 p.m. Rosary in the Basilica of the Annunciation. Rest.

Day 3, Wed. Feb. 8: Nazareth, Cana

7:30 a.m. Breakfast. 8:00 a.m. departure for the Sea of Galilee. Visit to the site of the calling of the first 4 Apostles and the Messianic activity of Jesus consisting of the teaching in the synagogue, the healing of the sick, the calling and formation of the disciples and praying the Our Father.

1:00 p.m. Lunch. Departure for Cana. Holy Mass with renewal of marital vows. Return to Nazareth. 7:30 p.m. Dinner. 9:00 p.m. Rosary in the Basilica of the Annunciation. Rest.

Day 4, Thu. Feb. 9: Sea of Galilee, Qasr El Yahud, Jericho, Dead Sea, Bethlehem

7:30 a.m. Breakfast. 8:00 a.m. departure for the Mt. of the Beatitudes, continuing to Capernaum to St. Peter's church. Along the coast is also Tabgha with the Church of the Primacy and the Multiplication of the Loaves. Holy Mass. Depart for Jericho.

1:00 p.m. Lunch. Proceed to Judea following the famous biblical Jordan River signifying the border of the country with the same name. Stop at Qasr El Yahud where the baptism of Jesus is commemorated. Finally, we will visit the Dead Sea. Afterwards, we will depart for Bethlehem. 8:00 p.m. Dinner. Rest.

Day 5, Fri. Feb 10: Bethlehem (Palestine), Nativity, Mount of Olives

7:30 a.m. Breakfast. 8:00 a.m. visit to the Shepherds' field, the Basilica of the Nativity, and the Church of St. Catherine.

1:00 p.m. Typical Palestinian lunch. Depart for the Mount of Olives: stops at the memorial of the Ascension, the church with the grotto of the Our Father and Dominus Flevit. Holy Mass. In the end, we will reach Gethsemane, the Basilica of the Nations, the Grotto of the Arrest, and the Orthodox Church of the Tomb of Mary. Return to the hotel. 8:00 p.m. Dinner. Rest.

Day 6, Sat. Feb 11: Jerusalem, Mt. Zion, the Cenacle, Holy Sepulcher

7:30 a.m. Breakfast. 8:00 a.m. depart for Mount Zion. Holy Mass in the Cenacle in remembrance of the Last Supper and the Descent of the Holy Spirit. Visit to the Basilica of the Dormition of Mary and the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. Holy Mass.

1:00 p.m. Lunch. In the afternoon a visit to the Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda. We will continue to the Damascus Gate. Return to the hotel. 8:00 p.m. Dinner. Rest.

Day 7, Sun. Feb 12: Jerusalem, Via Dolorosa, Holy Sepulcher

7:30 a.m. Breakfast. 8:00 a.m. We will follow the Way of Sorrows visiting each station including the Church of the Flagellation, the 6th Station (dedicated to Veronica), the 9th Station (at the Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate), the Basilica of the Resurrection with an in-depth visit to Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre. Sunday Mass.

1:00 p.m. In the afternoon we will visit the Jaffa Gate and have some free time in the commercial area. Return to the hotel. 8:00 p.m. Joyous dinner. Rest.

Day 8, Mon. Feb 13: Good-bye to the Holy Land

5:00 a.m. Breakfast. 5:30 a.m. departure for the Tel-Aviv Airport. 9:10 a.m. direct flight to Dusseldorf arriving at 1:05 p.m. End of pilgrimage.