

Dear Friends,

The Psalmist rejoiced when the people said to him, "Let us go up to the house of the Lord" (Ps 122:1). I am filled with the same joy whenever I think of taking a pilgrimage, especially to the Holy Land which is truly a "Pilgrimage of a Lifetime." Our faith and knowledge of the Bible will become more tangible and lively when we visit the places where most events of our salvation history were accomplished. Each page and passage of the Bible will come alive for us. Then we will read, hear and understand the Scriptures as never before.

I was born and brought up in a small Catholic village parish in India where my father was the catechist. So the love for the sacred Scripture was instilled in me from a very young age. This eventually led me to choose my vocation as a priest and then to pursue my doctorate in the Holy Bible. So having a reasonably good knowledge of our faith and scriptures, I will be able to accompany you on this pilgrimage. I am excited at the opportunity of leading this group to the Holy Land and experience together the wonderful spiritual power of these holy places. Therefore, I earnestly invite you to consider taking up this faith-enriching trip to the Holy Land.

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### Your Pilgrimage Features

- + Roundtrip air transportation from SAN to Tel-Aviv and back from Amman.
- + Four Star Hotels & Religious Houses
- + Land transportation via deluxe private motor coach
- + Taxes, Fuel Surcharges and Tips
- + Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- + Entrance fees to all sites on itinerary
- + Daily Masses
- + Professional Catholic English-speaking guide
- + The Itinerary is subject to change including the hotels.
- + Tips included except for lunches.
- + EOHSJ - Shell Qualifying Pilgrimage

### Please Read This Important Information

Deposit - \$400 (Payable on booking)  
Second Payment due - Dec 29, 2022 50%  
Full balance due - Feb. 27, 2023

Each tour member must hold a U.S. passport valid up to 6 months after the scheduled return. The passport must be valid until Dec 5, 2023. Application forms are available at your local passport Office or U.S. Postal Service. Any required visas will be processed for US citizens only. Non-US citizens are solely responsible for obtaining any required visas.

Rates based on Double-occupancy, the airline tax and fuel surcharge and currency exchange rate(s) at the date of quotation to your host. Subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure.



# San Rafael Catholic Church

## 13 DAY HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

AMMAN - WADI RUM - PETRA - NAZARETH - SEA OF GALILEE - BETHLEHEM -  
JERUSALEM - JERICHO - DEAD SEA

**May 28 to June 9, 2023**  
**From San Diego, (SAN)**

**PRICE: \$4,990** Pay by Checks (\$4,890)

ALL INCLUSIVE except lunches

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**L.P. Pilgrimages**  
Bring your Faith to Life



**DAY 1: DEPART USA**

Today: Depart for Jordan with complimentary meals and beverages served onboard your international flight.

**DAY 2: Arrival to Amman Queen Alia Airport**

Close to Midnight arrival in Queens Alia airport. Meet and assist by a local guide. Transfer to hotel in Amman for check-in, dinner and overnight.

**DAY 3: Amman - Mt. Nebo -Madaba - Wadi Rum**

Today: After Breakfast we drive to Mount Nebo, where Moses viewed the Promised Land before he died. Then pass by Madaba to visit the Monastery of St. George which hosts the unique mosaic Map of Egypt, Jordan and Holy Land.The map is believed to be the first one for this area, as it was built in the 6th century A.D.

We continue our way to Wadi Rum. Enjoy the desert of Wadi Rum, Jeep ride and Camel Ride, overnight in the special hotels in Desert.

Evening: Dinner and overnight in Wadi Rum.

**DAY 4: Wadi Rum - Petra**

Breakfast at hotel. Today We drive to Petra, you will visit the fabled "Red Rose City" of Petra, the 2000 year old Nabatean capital, now one of the world's wonders. Take an optional horse back ride to the SIQ. Then walk to the Treasury, a rose colored monumental building artfully carved out of sheer rock. Visit the other temples and tombs carved into the mountain side. dinner and overnight in Petra.

**DAY 5: Petra - Allenby - Nazareth**

Today: In the morning, we will drive to the Allenby Border to cross to Israel, we will pass the border, meet our Catholic guide and bus. We drive to Nazareth.

We arrive to Nazareth close to 5 pm.

free time in the evening in Nazareth.

Dinner and overnight in your Hotel Nazareth.

**DAY 6: Mt Tabor – Cana – Nazareth**

Today: Drive to Mount Tabor (The site of the Transfiguration) and then to Cana of Galilee to visit the wedding Church (Mass) where Jesus performed the first of his signs, changing water to wine. Continue drive to Nazareth and visit the Basilica of the Annunciation starting with the Grotto of the Annunciation and the Church. Then we will visit the house of the Holy Family underneath the Church of St. Joseph.Meeting with Vicar of Nazareth.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Nazareth



**DAY 7: Tiberias- Beatitudes - Tabgha - Capernaum- Sea of Galilee**

Today: This morning we drive to the Sea of Galilee to visit the Mt. of Beatitudes where our Lord gave the Sermon on the Mount, continue to Tabgha to see the splendid mosaic of the loaves and fishes with which he feed the Five Thousand. Visit the Church of St. Peter's Primacy and then go to visit Capernaum to see the house of St. Peter and the Synagogue where our Lord preached. You will have the opportunity to try the St. Peter's fish for lunch today. One of today's highlights is a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and we will also see the "Jesus Boat" a 2000 year



old boat found at the shores of Magdala.

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Nazareth

**DAY 8: Jericho – Qumran – Dead Sea**

Today: After breakfast, you will drive along the Jordan Valley. Visit the Jordan River to renew our baptism vows. Drive down the Jordan Valley and we stop at the oasis town of Jericho, visit the oldest city in the world and view Mt. Temptation where Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan. We will visit the excavations of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were uncovered. On the way, back there is time for a swim (or rather a float!) in the mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea, renowned for its healing properties. (Mass this day in Jericho)

Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Jerusalem at Notredam for the next 5 Nights.



**DAY 9: Bethlehem**

Today: This morning, we Drive to Bethlehem visiting the place of birth of our Lord, The Basilica of the Nativity. We will visit the Grotto of Nativity and the Church of St. Catherine where the Midnight Mass is celebrated and the Caves of St. Joseph and St. Jerome underneath the church. Visit Shepherd's Fields, where the Angels appeared to the shepherds who were watching over their flocks during the night.

Time for Shopping in the end of the day. (Holy Mass at St. Jerome In the Nativity Church)

**DAY 10: Jerusalem - Ain Karem - Mount Zion - Upper Room**

Today: We drive to Ain - Karem to visit the birth place of St. John the Baptist and the Church of the Visitation Where Mary came to visit her kinswoman Elizabeth and proclaimed the 'Magnificat'.This afternoon, go on Mount Zion to visit the Church of the Dormition commemorating our Blessed Mother falling asleep. Next, we go to visit the Cenacle /Upper Room, the place of the Last Supper and Pentecost. We also visit the Church of Saint Peter in Gallicantu. The house of the high priest of the Jews Caiaphas where Jesus was imprisoned for the night and where Peter denied our Lord. Mass at the Latin Patriarchate Cathedral.

Visit of the Latin Patriarchate and meeting with the Patriarch.

**DAY 11: Jerusalem - The Passion of Jesus' last hours**

Today: We enter the Old city Jerusalem to visit the Dome of the Rock and El-Aqsa Mosque and the Western Wall and the Jewish quarter and the Cardo. After Lunch, we will transfer to St. Ann Church for the visit of the Pool of Betesda. We continue to the Judgment Hall known as the Antonia Fortress where he was led to be condemned to death by Pontius Pilate. At that place we start walking the Via Dolorosa through the markets of the Old City praying the Stations of the Cross, we reflect on the greatness of His sacrifice, stopping at each of the fourteen stations of the cross until we reach the church of Holy Sepulcher. Visit Calvary and the empty Tomb of our Lord and the different sections of the church. Holy Mass in the Holy Sepulchre.



**DAY 12: Jerusalem Mt. Of Olives**

Today: After breakfast, we drive to the top of Mt. Olives for a panoramic view of Jerusalem for a better understanding of its geography and some of the key sites surrounding the area. Visit the Church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, and then we walk on the Palm Sunday road to the church of Dominus Flevit, where our Lord wept over the city. Continue our walk on the Palm Sunday road to the Garden of Gethsemane. At Gethsemane is the Rock of Agony where Jesus uttered his last prayer. Spend some time in reflection and meditation inside the church.(Holy Mass in the Garden of Gethsemane)



**DAY 13: Telavi - Airport (Back home)**

Today: In the morning departure from Bengorion airport and flight back to the USA.