

# The Holy Land

12-day Catholic Pilgrimage: November 6<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009

With **Fr. Daniel Griffith**

Archdiocese of St. Paul, MN



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## True Catholic Pilgrimages

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Way of the Cross / Via Dolorosa

### 12 - Day Trip Inclusions:

- Round trip Airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport to Tel Aviv
- \* (Airfare available from other cities for an additional cost)
- Private Motor-coach in Israel with private driver.
- Transfers airport - hotel - airport.
- Baggage Porterage (1 bag per person).
- Hotel accommodations at first class properties.
- 22 Meals including 10 breakfasts and 10 Dinners, plus 2 lunches (one with local Christian families).
- Admissions to Featured Visits.
- Full documentation packet with luggage tags & re-usable wallet.
- Spiritual program including Masses, Rosaries, Meditations (and more) in unforgettable places.
- Fr. Daniel Griffith as Spiritual Director.
- Professional Roman Catholic Holy Land Expert (George Sa'id)
- Dennis Gaetano from Twin Cities Pilgrims as Tour Director.
- Local hotel taxes, hospitality taxes & service charges.
- Gratuities for meal servers and housekeepers.
- Special touch/gifts: Solemn Entry into the Holy Sepulchre\*, Cross of 5 loaves & 2 fishes. Pilgrimage Certificate from the Latin Custodian (Holy See's Franciscan Custodian of the Holy Land). "Our Father" Prayer in Aramaic (the language of our Lord). Solemn Entry \*pending confirmation.

#### Does not include:

- U.S. & Middle East airport, departure and transportation taxes, and ticketing fees approximately \$357 per person.
- Tip for Local Tour Guide/Escort (Suggested: \$6-7 a day, per person)
- Tip for Bus Driver (Suggested: \$4 a day, per person)
- Beverages at some meals.

(See registration for price and Terms & conditions)

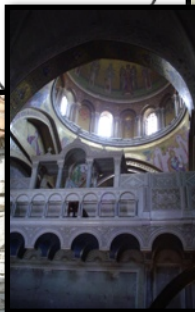
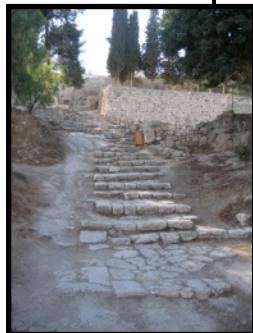
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"I promise you the Mass, the Rosary, the Way of the Cross and the Bible will never be the same!"  
Dennis Gaetano  
Tour Director

**NOTE:** Although a motor-coach is included for tour transportation, it is important to point out that all Holy Land Pilgrimages require a considerable amount of **walking**.



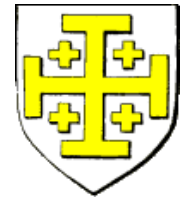
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**Day 01: Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>: Depart U.S.A.**

Depart United States for Tel Aviv. If you are flying with the group, your international flight departs from Minneapolis / St. Paul International Airport. Other departure cities available for an additional price. (M)

**Day 02: Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>: Arrival in Israel. Tel Aviv, Jaffa & Netanya.**

Arrive at Ben Gurion in Tel Aviv. Clear Israeli immigrations and customs formalities and follow our escort's umbrella to the "Groups Assembly Exit". A thanksgiving Mass is planned (for a safe voyage) at **St. Peter's Church** in the historical port town of **Jaffa**. This church commemorates the place where St. Peter gave his farewell speech before departing for Rome. The last place where **St. Peter** lived in the Holy Land is just around the corner. Free time for lunch in Jaffa. Travel North through **Tel Aviv** to your hotel in the **Netanya** area for a welcome dinner and overnight. Relax tonight as you adjust to Israel's time zone. (M, D)



**Day 03: Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>: Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth**

Depart for **Caesarea**, the old capital of the Roman Province. See Roman and Crusader ruins, and the harbour from which St. Paul was taken prisoner to Rome. Continue on to Haifa where we visit **Mount Carmel (Holy Mass)** and enjoy panoramic views of the port, River Kishon, the Mediterranean and Haifa. Afterwards we travel to the Mt. Of Precipice for your three night stay in **Nazareth**. (B,D)



**Day 04: Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>: Cana, Nazareth & Mt. Tabor**

Day starts with a visit to **Nazareth** and visit the **Basilica of Annunciation** where **Holy Mass** is celebrated. Visit the Church of **St. Joseph's Workshop**. Continue onto **Cana**, scene of Jesus' first miracle (turning water into wine). Visit the **Church of the Wedding Feast**. Travel to **Mt. Tabor** this afternoon, site of the **Transfiguration of Jesus**. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**Day 05: Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>: Sea of Galilee Boat Ride, Capernaum, Tabgha,**

**Beatitudes and \*Caesarea Philippi**

Travel to the shores of the **Sea of Galilee** (also known as the Lake of Genesareth or Sea of Tiberias) and take the memorable **boat ride** across the same lake Jesus walked. Then travel to **Capernaum**; there we see the **ancient synagogue of Capernaum**, and **St. Peter's house** which was later converted into a church where **Holy Mass** is celebrated. By the shore we visit **Tabgha** with the **Church of Peter's Primacy** and the famous **ancient mosaic** of the Loaves and Fishes. A memorable **fish lunch** follows (included - St. Peter's Fish). Continue to the **Mount of Beatitudes** where the Sermon on the Mount is remembered. \* Afterwards, if conditions are favorable and time allows, we can travel to beautiful **Caesarea Philippi**. (B, L, D)



**Day 06: Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>: Jordan River, Jericho, Qumran,**

**Dead Sea and Jerusalem**

If conditions are favorable, we will be able to travel to the real site of **Jesus' Baptism** by the **Jordan River** (normally not accessible). Otherwise we will visit a tourist center to see and touch the waters of the Jordan. Afterwards drive to **Jericho** via the **Jordan Valley** by the excavations of the oldest city in the world (**Holy Mass** celebrated at a parish in **Jericho**). View the **Mt. of Temptations**. Visit **Qumran** (where the Essene enclave was) and see the **caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden**. Dip in the therapeutic waters of the **Dead Sea**. End up in **Jerusalem** for dinner and hotel (5 night stay). (B, D)



**Day 07: Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>: Bethlehem all day**

Start a wonderful day in **Bethlehem** and see the **Church of the Nativity** and below it, the **cave-stable of Jesus' birth**. **Holy Mass** celebrated at a special place (surprise). Afterwards we divide into small groups to share **lunch at the homes of local Christian families**. After lunch we drive to the town of **Beit Sahour** where we find the **Shepherd's Fields**, inhabited by Christians for hundreds of years. (B, L, D)



Site of Christ's Birth

**Day 08: Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>: Jerusalem: Mt Olives, Gethsemane, Betrayal**

**Cave, Kidron Valley & Caiaphas' Palace**

This morning we drive up to the **Mount of Olives** for a wonderful view of **Jerusalem**. See the **Place of Ascension** and the **Pater Noster Church** (site where the "Our Father" prayer was first taught), and walk the **Palm Sunday way**. At the foot of the hill see the **Garden of Gethsemane** with its ancient olive trees and the **Church of All Nations** (with the rock where Jesus prayed in agony). **Holy Mass** is celebrated here. We drive down to the **Kidron Valley** and see the **Pool of Siloam**, and **St. Peter in Gallicantu** (where St. Peter denied Jesus) built over the **palace of Caiaphas, the High Priest**. (B, D)



Garden of Gethsemane (Mt. of Olives)

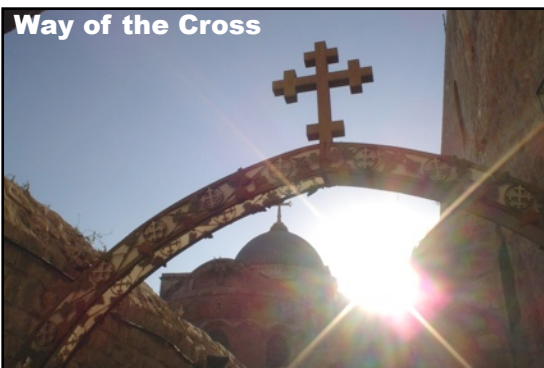
**Day 9: Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>:**

**Jerusalem: Old City, Temple Area, Christian Shrines**

Start the day very early, praying the Stations of the Cross as we walk the true **Way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa)**, ending up at the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, where Jesus was **crucified (Calvary) and buried, and then rose again**. Continue with an unforgettable **High Mass at the Tomb** (pending confirmation). Then visit the **Wailing (or Western) Wall**, with views of the Al-Aksa Mosque and Dome of the Rock. See the **Pool of Bethesda** scene of one of Jesus' healings (the paralytic and the wind-ruffled pool water). Visit the **Convent of Zion Sisters** and **St. Ann's Church (birthplace of the Virgin Mary)**. See the site known as **David's tomb** and then visit the **Caenaculum**, the place where the **Last Supper** occurred as well as the **Descent of the Holy Spirit** at Pentecost. Leave the old city through the **bazaars** to the west, by the **Jaffa Gate**. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)



Holy Sepulcher



Way of the Cross

**Day 10: Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> New City, Museum, Model, Ein Karem (Visitation)**

Drive to the **New City**, passing the Hebrew University and the Knesset, visit the **Israel Museum** and the **Shrine of the Book** (Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit) and then to the **2nd Model of Old Jerusalem**. Drive to **Ein Karem**, birthplace of **John the Baptist** and the **Church of the Visitation**, site of **Elizabeth and Zachariah's home**, where **Holy Mass** is celebrated. (B, D)



The Visitation

**Day 11: Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>: The Man of the Shroud Exhibit,**

**Bethany and Emmaus. Farewell Dinner & Evening departure for USA.**

Start the day with an amazing one of a kind exhibit called "**The Man of the Shroud**" at the Vatican Mission in Jerusalem. Then travel to **Bethany**, home of **Lazarus, Martha & Mary** (now a Catholic Church). Continue on the road to **Emmaus** where Jesus accompanied the two disciples and broke bread before disappearing. Enjoy our farewell **dinner** reminiscing of all our good times spent together. This evening, transfer to the Ben Gurion Airport to be processed for our night departure flight. Prepare to undergo top security (lengthy) before boarding. Relax on your overnight flights as you return to U.S. time. (B, D)

**Day 12: Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009: Arrival to the U.S.A.**

Morning arrival in the U.S.A. Upon arrival in Newark, we are processed by U.S. Immigration and US Customs. Afterwards, proceed to your connecting Minneapolis / St. Paul flight. (M)

*Welcome Home!*

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- 95 days or prior.....\$300.00
- 94 to 65 days.....50% of tour
- 64 to 35 days.....75% of tour
- 34 to 0 days.....No Refunds

No refund can be made for non-refundable airfare.

**For price plus taxes & fees information please see registration sheet.**  
**Registration deadline: July 31st, 2009**  
**Balance due:.....September 4th, 2009**

**Travelers with Special Needs:** Passengers who require attention must advise the tour operator at the time of booking. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travelers who need such assistance and must assume full responsibility for their well being. Coaches are not equipped with wheelchair accessible ramps, therefore all tour members must be able to mount 3 to 5 steps into the coach. **Participants should expect to walk an average of 1 to 5 miles per day.** Walking surfaces may at times be uneven. Landa Cleary Travel Co., Inc. is not responsible for denial of service by any suppliers.

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**Air Transportation:** We have selected airlines that are most suitable with land arrangements. All fares are subject to government approval and are subject to change without notice. Airfares are guaranteed once they have been paid in full and ticketed. Name changes required after tickets have been issued are subject to cancellation and re-ticketing at a higher fare or subject to change fees. Some airlines do not allow you to earn frequent flier miles for group bookings.

**Airline Seating:** Passengers who require specific seating due to medical conditions need to obtain Doctor's Orders so the airlines have proof of the condition and may accommodate the order. Passengers who desire a specific non-medical related seat are requested to contact the airline directly 30 days prior to departure for preferred seating. Group seating is solely under control of the airline. Group seating is solely under control of the airline.

**Voluntary changes to itinerary:** Independent voluntary changes to an individual passenger's itinerary are usually not permitted by most of our tour suppliers. Some exceptions may be granted in a case-by-case basis. If passenger purchased a land only package, they are free to plan their own itinerary before or after the trip (read Land Only bookings for restrictions). All change requests must be made prior to 45 days before departure.

**Not Included:** All items of a personal nature (room service, beverages, telephone charges, laundry, etc) and meals not specified on the tour itinerary are not included and must be paid by the passenger.

**Accommodations and Itinerary:** Land arrangements are provided as described in the tour program. The tour company reserves the right to change or substitute (1) hotels for accommodations in similar categories (2) or features of the itinerary in order to accommodate changes in the schedule.

**Meals:** Meals are provided as specified in the tour program. If you require special meals due to dietary restrictions, we must receive written details of your requirements at the time of booking.

**Passports:** Obtaining a passport is the sole responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be current and valid beyond the dates of travel. **Your airline ticket name must match your passport name or you may be denied boarding the airplane.** Passengers who are denied boarding due to discrepancies between ticket and passport names or because of expired passports accept full responsibility and are subject to the cancellation terms of the tour. Some countries such as Israel require that your passport be valid 6 months beyond your travel dates.

**Smoking:** Smoking is not allowed on the motor-coach but frequent stops are made throughout the day.

**Tips:** Gratuities for baggage, hotel and restaurants detailed in the itinerary are included. **Gratuities for Tour Guides, Local Guides and Motor-coach Drivers are not included – please see your final documents for recommendations on tipping.**

**Total Group Cancellation:** If it becomes necessary to cancel an entire tour prior to departure, Landa Cleary Travel Co., Inc. will offer the next available date or will make a full refund of money paid. Landa Cleary Travel Co., Inc. cannot accept responsibility for any additional costs or fees relating to such a tour booking or for any cancellation penalties due to non-refundable airfares, unless ticket is purchased as part of our negotiated group booking.

**Land Only Bookings:** Passenger(s) who desire to book their own airfare do at their own risk. Land only passengers are responsible for connecting with the group at the hotel. Passenger(s) accept all responsibility for costs incurred due to misconnections with the group. Landa Cleary Travel Co., Inc. cannot accept responsibility for any additional costs or fees relating to such a tour booking or for any cancellation penalties due to non-refundable airfares, unless ticket is purchased as part of our negotiated group booking.

**Luggage:** Handling of one piece of luggage per person is included in the cost of all tours. Luggage is carried at owner's risk throughout the tour (insurance suggested). Hand baggage and small articles such as coats, umbrellas or cameras are entirely in the care of the passenger. Size and weight limitations for carry-on and checked baggage vary from airline to airline and even according to destination, and are becoming more restrictive. Check your final documents for details of acceptable luggage dimensions and weight allowed on your tour. **All baggage and personal effects are at all times and in all circumstances at the risk of the passenger. Baggage insurance is recommended.**

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