

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND
WITH FATHER MICHAEL GUADAGNOLI
AND ST. MONICA PARISH – SEPTEMBER 7-16, 2020**

» **Day 1: Monday September 7 - Departure**

Meeting point at Dallas international Airport and check-in to the international flight to Tel Aviv. Overnight on board the plane.

» **Day 2: Tuesday September 8**

Arrive in the beautiful city of Tel Aviv and transfer to the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

» **Day 3: Wednesday September 9**

After breakfast in the hotel we will go to the ancient city of Joppa. Heading north to the Sea of Galilee, we will have a relaxing drive along the beautiful coast of the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea Maritime, which was the center of early Christians where Cornelius became the first Gentile convert and Paul was imprisoned before being taken to Rome. Arrive in Stella Maris convent. In the afternoon, we will visit the port of Haifa. Here we will visit the Carmelite monastery Stella Maris which was built above the cave of the prophet Elisha. Our last stop of the day will be Mount Carmel to visit Muharaka. Then we will go to our hotel in Tiberias. Dinner and overnight.

» **Day 4: Thursday September 10**

Today we will visit the Sea of Galilee and its surrounding areas. The first visit will be to the Mount of Beatitudes. Afterwards, we will go to Tabgha which is the traditional site of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves of bread and the fish and the fourth resurrection appearance of Jesus to His disciples. We will also visit Capernaum where Jesus healed Saint Peters' mother-in-law. In the afternoon, we will take a boat ride around the Sea of Galilee to reflect on different gospel passages. Dinner and overnight.

» **Day 5: Friday September 11**

After breakfast we will go to Mount Tabor which is the place of the transfiguration. After we will visit Cana, here there will be a chance for the married couples to renew their marriage vows. In the afternoon, we will visit Nazareth, to see the place where Jesus lived during his childhood. We will visit the Basilica of the Annunciation. Evening return to our hotel. Dinner and overnight.

» **Day 6: Saturday September 12**

After breakfast we will depart to Bethlehem. On the way we will the baptismal place of Jesus in the Jordan. In the afternoon, we will have a guided tour of Bethlehem; we will visit the Church of the Nativity and the Shepherds Field. Dinner and overnight.

» **Day 7: Sunday September 13**

Today we will go to the Mount of Olives outside of the city of Jerusalem. Here we will visit several important sites, including: the church of the Pater Noster and the Gethsemane Garden. In the afternoon, we will go to the Mount Sion, to see the tomb of King David. We will also visit the place of the last supper and the Abbey of the Dormition where according to tradition the Virgin Mary fell sleep before she ascended to heaven. We will continue to the

Wailing Wall where we will be able to pray at the remains of the temple. Dinner and overnight.

» **Day 8: Monday September 14**

In the morning we will do the stations of the cross and visit the church of the Resurrection. In the afternoon we will visit the Israel Museum where the scrolls of the Dead Sea are exhibited. We will also see here the giant model of Ancient Jerusalem. In the afternoon, we will visit the Church of Visitation where the Virgin Mary went to visit her cousin Saint Elizabeth.

» **Day 9: Tuesday September 15**

After breakfast we will drive to visit to Massada, take a cable car to the summit where we will visit the fortress built by King Herod, which later became the last stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans. Time to swim and float in the Dead Sea. Drive back to Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Jerusalem.

» **Day 10: Wednesday September 16 - Return**

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport to board our flight back to USA. Arrive at home with a lifetime of memories that will continue to live on. After this tour you will never read the Bible the same way again. You will have walked where Jesus walked and taught. You will better understand the Lord's sacred land and present day situation!

THE PRICE IS \$3,850* USD PER PERSON

PRICE INCLUDES:

1. Meet and assistance at Ben Gurion Airport upon arrival.
2. 8 nights of hotel accommodations.
3. 8 days of touring in deluxe motor coach with professional government licensed English speaking guide.
4. Guide escorted transfers on arrival and departure.
5. Entrance fees to places visited.
6. Meal arrangements: Full Israeli buffet breakfast, lunch and dinners. Starts with dinner in hotel on day of arrival and ends with breakfast in hotel in Jerusalem before transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure.
7. Daily mass.
8. Tips to guides and driver.
9. Pilgrim certificates.

NOT INCLUDED:

1. Personal expenses.
2. Hotel and restaurant staff.
3. Travel or medical insurance.
4. Meals not mentioned above or drinks during meals.

*Based on double occupancy.
Single room additional fee of \$600 USD.