



**11 – 24 APRIL 2024**

## **HOLY LAND**

### **Nazareth to Bethlehem**

A journey to the birthplace of Christianity is a pilgrimage that many Catholics aim to undertake at least once in their lifetime. It's a special journey of awakening and reaffirmation of the faith and a unique experience not to be missed.

Come and join us on this special spiritual journey and walk in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land.

We will visit the most holy sites of Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Jericho and the Dead Sea.

This tour is fully escorted.

**Please see reverse side for all tour inclusions and terms & conditions.**

For more information and bookings please contact Laura 0414 295 367.

***BOOKINGS AND DEPOSIT REQUIRED BY 30 AUGUST 2023.***

***FINAL PAYMENT 30 DECEMBER 2023.***

**14 day tour of the Holy Land  
(Israel)**

**Includes airfares, taxes,  
surcharges, tips,  
accommodation, including  
meals as per itinerary.**

**Travel in a deluxe coach,  
local tour guides and all  
sightseeing as per itinerary.  
Fully escorted.**

**Price: \$7,550\*\***  
**per person twin share**  
**(\$1,700 single room  
supplement).**

**Deposit of \$2,000 at time of  
booking. Final payment  
30 DECEMBER 2023**

**FOR BOOKINGS  
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## TOUR INCLUSIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 nights in Nazareth
- 6 nights in Jerusalem
- 2 nights in Dead Sea

#### FLIGHTS/TRANSFERS

- Return international flights (economy class) from Sydney to Tel Aviv and return.
- **Baggage allowance for the coach travel throughout Israel is less than the baggage allowance for the flight. Baggage allowance is 1 x suitcase max 20kgs + 1 x small carry-on luggage max 5 kgs.**

#### ACCOMMODATION & MEALS – HOLY LAND

- 3 - 4\* hotel accommodation with breakfast, lunch and dinner daily.

#### TRANSPORT

- Touring in deluxe coach.

#### TOUR ESSENTIALS

- English speaking local tour guides as per itinerary.
- Airport assistance on arrival.
- City taxes are included (where applicable)
- Driver/guide tips are included.
- Airline taxes and surcharges.
- Entrance fees as per itinerary.

#### EXCLUSIONS:

- Drinks at dinner.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Travel Insurance.
- Portage.
- Anything not stated in the inclusions.

**TOUR COST: \$7,550\*\* per person twin share. An additional \$1,700 for a single room supplement**

- No refund for any unused portions of the itinerary.
- Prices are based per person in twin share.
- Prices could be subject to change when confirmation of airline seats and hotel/land components are received.

**\*\* Package price is based on minimum 20 paying adults. If numbers fall below this, tour cost may increase.**

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

A deposit of \$2,000 per person is required at time of booking. (Please note financial institution surcharges apply if paying by credit card).

- **A photocopy of your passport** (for each passenger) needs to be provided at the time of booking.
- **Confirmed Booking** and deposit to be received by 30 August 2023.
- **Progress payments** can be made. **Final payment due 30 December 2023.**
- **Current passport** with 6 month validity from date of return is required. No responsibility is taken for refusal of entry into Italy due to non-disclosure of any conviction or breach of law. Passport validity are the full responsibility of the traveler. A tourist visa is not required for Israel for stays up to 90 days if travelling on an Australian passport.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### ## Tips (Gratuities)

Tipping is an expected custom. It's always nice to thank drivers, guides and restaurant staff for their service and it's well appreciated. **Tips are included in the package price.**

#### Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you will need to carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the loading and unloading of luggage from the coach.

#### ## FLIGHTS

Flights are included in the package price and are based on the group travelling to and from Israel together. If you intend to continue your journey into Europe or other countries, please advise us at the time of booking. A fare difference may apply.

#### ## SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT

There is limited availability for those wishing to have a room to themselves. Due to constraints imposed by various hotels, the single room capacity for this tour is capped at 5 rooms.

#### ## Entry Fees

Entry into museums and places of interest attract a fee. The fee for museums and places of interest indicated in the itinerary **are included in the package price.**

*This tour requires a moderate level of fitness due to the unique places we visit and stay. This tour may not be suited to anyone who has mobility issues.*

## ITINERARY

Day 1: Thurs 11 April 2024  
Sydney to Tel Aviv, Israel.

Day 2: Fri 12 April 2024

### **Tel Aviv – Nazareth, Israel**

Arrival at Tel Aviv Airport and transfer to Nazareth.  
Dinner and overnight in Nazareth. **D**

Day 3: Sat 13 April 2024

### **Nazareth and Cana**

Visit the site of the Holy Family's home and the town where Jesus played as a child. Mass in the Church of the Annunciation and visit Nazareth Village. Travel to Cana, where Jesus performed His first miracle at the request of his Mother Mary. Here married couples can renew their vows and single/widowed pilgrims will receive a special blessing. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth. **BLD**

Day 4 Sun 14 April 2024

### **Tiberias and Sea of Galilee**

Sail on the Sea of Galilee, visit beautiful Tagbgha and the church of the Beatitudes, visit "Peter's Primacy", the site where, after His resurrection, Jesus met with his disciples. Visit Capernaum where Jesus began his Galilean ministry. Stop at the Jordan River to recall how Jesus himself experienced the baptism of John. Renew our own Baptismal commitment. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth. **BLD**

Day 5 Mon 15 April 2024

### **Mount Carmel & Haifa**

Visit Mount Carmel, Muhraqa and the Carmelite Monastery of St Elijah. Then on to the Chapel of Stella Mares (Our Lady of the Seas) in Haifa and also view the sights of this beautiful town situated on the Mediterranean Sea. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth. **BLD**

Day 6 Tues 16 April 2024

### **Mount Tabor, Bethany, Jerusalem**

Travel to Jerusalem where Jesus was condemned, crucified and rose from the dead. Visit Mount Tabor *Father will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Transfiguration*. Travel through the Jordan Valley on to Jericho. Visit the ruins of the Essenes Monastery at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Our final stop will be at the Tomb of

Lazarus in Bethany. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. **BLD**

Day 7: Wed 17 April 2024

### **Bethlehem and meeting Local Catholic Palestinian people**

Travel to the Shepherd's Field and visit the Shepherds' Cave. Mass at a local Parish followed by a meeting with the local Palestinian Catholic community. Visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem which is the traditional place of the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. **BLD**

Day 8: Thurs 18 April 2024

### **Jerusalem – old city & Garden of Gethsemane**

Visit the Western or Wailing Wall of the Temple, the Temple Mount and the Dome of the Rock (a Muslim Shrine) and then the Church of St. Anne. Also visit the Pool at Bethesda where Jesus healed the paralytic. Visit the Shrine at the Ecce Homo Arch, free time to walk in the Holy City. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

In the evening (8:00pm) we will spend time in meditation at the Public Holy Hour in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed the night before He was crucified. **BLD**

Day 9: Fri 19 April 2024

### **Jerusalem – Mount of Olives & Mount Zion**

Visit the hillside overlooking Jerusalem where Jesus wept for the city - Dominus Fleuit - Latin for "The Lord Wept". Visit the Russian Orthodox Church of Mary Magdalene then visit the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane. Travel across the Kidron Valley to the site of Caiaphas' Palace known today as St Peter in Gallicantu "crowing rooster". Drive to Mount Zion and visit the Church of the Ascension followed by the Upper Room where the Last Supper was held. Return to our hotel for rest and dinner. Overnight in Jerusalem. **BLD**

Day 10: Sat 20 April 2024

### **Jerusalem – Via Dolorosa, Holy Sepulchre & free time**

Early start to walk the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross. Mass at the church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site where Jesus was crucified and where He was buried. Return to the hotel for breakfast and

free day to explore the city or revisit some of the sites. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. **BLD**

Day 11: Sun 21 April 2024

**Jerusalem – Ein Karem, Dead Sea Scrolls  
(Optional visit to Holocaust Museum)**

Visit Ein Karem, the home of St Elizabeth, mother of St John the Baptist and visit the birthplace of St John the Baptist. Visit the Israel Museum which houses the Model of Peace, Jerusalem in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Period. View the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are kept and learn about their importance. Optional visit to the Holocaust memorial museum can be arranged. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. **BLD**



Day 12: Mon 22 April 2024

**Jerusalem – Dead Sea (Israel side)**

Visit the Baptismal site of Our Lord on the Jordan River and continue to the Dead Sea where we stay at our hotel and rest for 2 nights. Dinner and overnight in Dead Sea. **BLD**

Day 13: Tues 23 April 2024

**Dead Sea – Israel side**

Today there is a full day rest on the Dead Sea – reflect on the incredible sights of the Holy Land. Farewell dinner and overnight in Dead Sea. **BLD**

Day 14: Wed 24 April 2024

**Dead Sea to Tel Aviv and flight to Sydney**

After breakfast we will depart the hotel and drive to Tel Aviv airport for our flight to Sydney **B**  
**Arrive Sydney + 1 day**

\*\*\*\*\*END OF TOUR\*\*\*\*\*