



# HOLYLAND TOUR

## Catholic Pilgrimage

10-day Journey in Israel

**TRAVEX**  
— ISRAEL TRAVEL EXPERTS —





The Holy Land is a powerful and often life-changing destination. Our customized Catholic Pilgrimage program invites you to visit the churches, holy and historical sites of Israel. Take a spiritual journey and celebrate Mass in some of the most holy sites. Pilgrims have a chance to explore the rich culture that molded the life of Jesus Christ, while reflecting on the spiritual and religious significance of the land. .  
Discover modern Israel while you explore the past.

This program can be adapted to suit the needs of each client, customized for individuals, families and Church groups.

## Day 1

### WELCOME TO ISRAEL

#### **Arrival on your designated flight.**

VIP assistance through airport procedures at Ben Gurion Airport.

Our VIP representative will meet you at the end of the jetway and escort you through the terminal, to passport control. Fast track service through passport control. Baggage claim procedures and escorting through customs to connect with your private transfer.

Private transfer from Ben Gurion Airport to Tel Aviv.

Overnight Tel Aviv



## Day 2

### ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST

Breakfast and check out from hotel

Begin your journey in the ancient port of **Jaffa**, the oldest functional seaport of the last 4,000 years. Here, Jonah departed in the belly of the big fish, Peter raised Tabitha from the dead, and Simon the Tanner lived. View **St. Peter's Church** with its steeple overlooking the picturesque fishing port that has for over a century been a beacon signaling to sea-weary pilgrims that the Holy Land is near. Depart Tel Aviv and drive north along the Israeli coastline to **Caesarea**, the Roman capital of Judea named after Augustus Caesar, who imposed the tax that brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. View the beautiful restored Roman Theater, the ruins of the ancient town, harbor and aqueduct. On the slopes of **Mount Carmel**, visit **Muhraka**, where a monastery recalls the site where Elijah challenged the false prophets.

A scenic route leads you to, the childhood home of Jesus. Visit the **Church of the Annunciation** (option to celebrate Mass in the Church) and the replica **Nazareth Village**.

Continue to the Wedding Church at **Cana**, where Jesus performed his first miracle, changing water into wine.

Overnight in Galilee

## Day 3

### AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE

Breakfast and check out from hotel.

Drive along by the Sea of **Galilee** to the **Mount of Beatitudes** for reading of the Beatitudes and to reflect on the challenges of Jesus' teachings. Continue to **Tabgha**, site of the multiplication of the loaves and fish, marking Jesus' miraculous feeding of the five thousand. Visit the Church of the **Primacy of St. Peter** before continuing to the ancient town of **Capernaum**, where Jesus began his ministry. After a fish lunch on the shores of the **Sea of Galilee**, **cross the sea by boat** and view the **ancient Galilee Boat**, dating from the time of Jesus. Visit the first century fishing village of **Magdala**, the home of Mary Magdalene, with ruins of the ancient synagogue and a new church built on the site, simple in design but rich in mosaics and murals.

Overnight in Galilee





## Day 4

### FROM GALILEE TO JERUSALEM

Breakfast and check out from hotel

Drive to **Mount Tabor**. Ascend to the **Church of the Transfiguration** and enjoy a view of the **Jezreel Valley** (option to celebrate Mass at the Church). Continue south to **Beit Shean** and tour the extensive excavations. Drive down the **Jordan Valley** to **Qasr el Yahud**, the site where it is believed that John baptized Jesus. Continue to **Jericho**, the oldest inhabited city and view, from below, the **Mt. of Temptation** and the Sycamore tree. Ascend to holy **Jerusalem** through the Judean Desert, stopping at **Mount Scopus** for your first panoramic view of Jerusalem, before checking into the hotel.

Overnight Jerusalem

## Day 5

### HEAVENLY AND EARTHLY JERUSALEM

Breakfast at hotel

Begin the day on the **Mount of Olives** for a panoramic view of the **Old City**. Walk down the **Palm Sunday Road**, stopping at the **Church of Pater Noster** where Jesus taught the disciples the Lord's Prayer, and the **Church of Dominus Flevit** where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Continue to the **Garden of Gethsemane** (option to celebrate Mass) and the **Church of All Nations**. Enter the Old City through St. Stephen's Gate and walk the **Via Dolorosa**, the **Stations of the Cross**.

Enter the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, walking the final Stations of the Cross (option to celebrate Mass).

Overnight Jerusalem



## Day 6

### LAYERS OF JERUSALEM

Breakfast at hotel

Begin your visit to **Mount Zion** exploring the Church of St. Peter in **Gallicantu**, where the rooster crowed, believed to be the palace of the High Priest Caiphus.

Continue to **Dormition Abbey** and the **Upper Room**, traditional site of the Last Supper.

Continue along the 2,000 year old stones of the **Cardo**, the ancient Roman marketplace in the heart of the Old City.

Walking through the narrow alleys be drawn to the **Western Wall**, the holiest site in the Jewish tradition. The ancient Kotel, once a retaining wall for King Herod's magnificent temple, now gathers people from around the world in prayer and celebration.

Continue to the 3,000 year old **City of David** and explore the site both above and below ground. Exit the site through the **Pilgrims Passage**, walking in the footsteps of Jesus from the Pool of Siloam to the **Southern Steps of the Temple Mount**.

This evening, attend the **Sound & Light show** at the Tower of David fortress.  
Overnight Jerusalem





## Day 7

### MEMORY AND RENEWAL

Breakfast at hotel

Share in a meaningful private escorted visit to **Yad Vashem**, Israel's official Holocaust museum, dedicated to the memory of the victims and honouring the survivors. The visit is enriched with a pause at the moving Children's Memorial and a walk along the inspirational Avenue of the Righteous.

Drive via the **Knesset**, Israel's parliament and view the giant **Menorah** depicting Israel's history through the ages.

Continue to the **Model of Jerusalem** from the Second Temple period and the **Shrine of the Book**, where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** are housed.

Private escorted visit to **Bethlehem**, birthplace of Jesus, including **Manger Square**, the **Church of the Nativity** and **Shepherds' Fields**.

Attend Holy Hour at Gethsemane.

Overnight Jerusalem

## Day 8

### WONDERS OF THE JUDEAN DESERT AND THE DEAD SEA

Breakfast at hotel

Begin the day with Mass at the **Church of Lazarus in Bethany** (option to celebrate Mass at the Church).

Journey through the **Judean Desert** to the **Dead Sea**, the lowest place on earth. Visit **Qumran**, site of the secluded caves where the Dead Sea scrolls were first discovered.

Ride the cable car to discover King Herod's mountain-top fortress at **Masada**, the last stronghold and stand of the Zealots against Rome, on the edge of the barren Judean Desert.

Enjoy the therapeutic qualities of the **Dead Sea**, believed to have wondrous healing powers. Float on the salty waters, relax and enjoy the facilities and lunch on site.

We have confirmed day-use rooms for you at a local resort hotel.

Return to Jerusalem.

Overnight Jerusalem



## Day 9

### HOLY TRADITIONS

Breakfast at hotel.

Visit the charming village of **Ein Kerem** birthplace of John the Baptist and site of the Church of the Visitation and the Church of St. John the Baptist (option to celebrate Mass at the Church).

Continue to the **Pontifical Institute at Notre Dame** for the **Shroud Exhibit**, including the history of the Shroud of Turin and models of the crown of thorns and other instruments Jesus endured during His Passion.

Afternoon at leisure.

Overnight Jerusalem

## Day 10

### FAREWELL

Private transfer from your hotel to Ben Gurion Airport.

VIP assistance through airport procedures at Ben Gurion Airport.

Our VIP representative will meet you at the car. Fast track service through security check, flight check-in, hand baggage security and passport control. Escort to your gate

**Departure on your designated flight.**