

GENERAL ITINERARY

Wednesday, October 14- Depart the U.S.A. for your overnight flight to the Holy Land. Dinner and breakfast on the plane.

Thursday, October 15- Welcome to the Holy Land. Upon arrival you will be met by your tour guide. We will begin our pilgrimage along the Mediterranean seacoast visiting Caesarea, capital of the Roman procurators of Judea, where St. Paul was imprisoned before being sent to Rome, and where St. Peter baptized the first gentile converts. We will visit the Roman Theater and the Crusader's Moat. Then we travel to Mt Beatitudes for dinner and overnight.

Friday October 16- Our first stop after breakfast is Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast. Those who wish may renew their wedding vows here. Next we visit the Church of St Bartholomew. Then we will go to Nazareth where Jesus spent most of his life. We celebrate Mass at the Grotto of the Annunciation. Then we will visit the upper church, St. Joseph's workshop and Mary's well. After lunch we travel up the Mediterranean Coastline to Muhraga on the heights of Mt. Carmel at the traditional site of the contest between Elijah and the false prophets of Baal. At the most western point of Carmel above Haifa we arrive at the Carmelite monastery where the view is spectacular. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Saturday, October 17- This morning we drive to Mt. Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration, ascending the modern way - by taxi. We will celebrate Mass here. A St. Peter's Fish lunch is included at the Mt. Beatitudes Guest House. In the afternoon we will embark on a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, remembering the scripture passages of Jesus and His apostles on the lake. We dock at nearby Tabgha, and visit the traditional site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes and the Church of St. Peter's primacy. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, October 18 In the morning we will drive to Capernaum to visit the Church of St. Peter. After Mass we will tour the ruins of the second century Synagogue and the ancient structure of the house of St. Peter in this second city of Jesus. Then we travel to Caesarea Philippi where Peter professed his faith in Jesus as "Christ, the Son of the Living God", and Jesus promised to Peter the authority of holding the "keys of the Kingdom of Heaven". We will also visit the archeological site of Tel Dan. Return to our

hotel for dinner.

Monday, October 19- We celebrate an early outdoor Mass at Mt. Beatitude, where Jesus delivered His Sermon on the Mount. Following breakfast, we will drive to the Jordan River to renew our Baptismal promises. We head south through the fertile Jordan Valley to Jerusalem stopping to visit Beth Shean. Then we will go to Jericho and view the Mt of Temptations before entering Jerusalem and arriving at our hotel.

Tuesday, October 20- Traveling a short distance south of Jerusalem we arrive in Bethlehem to visit the Holy Grotto of the Nativity, the Manger and the Grotto of St. Jerome. We go into the countryside for Mass at Shepherds Fields. Next we will visit Herodium the sight of the largest villa complex in the Roman world built by Herod. In the afternoon we drive to Ein Karem to visit the Church of St. John the Baptist and the Visitation Church where we will praise God with the Magnificat. Dinner at our hotel.

Wednesday, October 21- This morning we drive to the Summit of Mt. Olives for a panoramic view of Jerusalem, and then visit the Chapel of the Ascension walking the Palm Sunday Road for Mass at Dominus Flevit Church. We continue down the road to the Garden of Gethsemane to the Church of All Nations. Later we see the Cave of the Tomb of Mary. Then we visit the Upper Room, Tomb of King David, and the Dormition Church honoring the passage of Our Lady from this life to Heaven. We will now view the interesting outdoor display, a scale model of the old city of Jerusalem and the Second Temple. Here we have a graphic look at the city during the time of Our Lord. We will also visit the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed and the Holocaust Museum. Dinner at the hotel.

Thursday, October 22- This morning we begin with an early visit to the sacred Jewish Temple area, the Western Wall, where prayers are offered up at these remaining holy stones of the glorious second temple. Mid-morning we celebrate the Last Supper Mass in the Franciscans' Cenacle Chapel at Mt. Zion. After lunch we continue our sightseeing in the Old City of Jerusalem, the Christian Shrines: Church of St. Anne, Pool of Bethesda, the Chapel of Flagellation, and the "Ecce Homo" Arch. We follow the Via Dolorosa making the Way of the cross that leads to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Within the Church, visit

Golgotha and enter into the Sacred Tomb of Jesus. Dinner at our hotel.

Friday, October 23- We visit Bethany, see the Tomb of Lazarus and celebrate Mass at the Church in Bethany. Our journey takes us further east, down to the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth, visiting Qumran, site of the Dead Sea Scrolls discovery and ancient ruins of the Essene Community. If you so desire, you could even take a dip in the Dead Sea. Further south we will visit Masada, site of the last resistance of the Zealots against the Romans in 72 A.D. Farewell dinner tonight.

Saturday, October 24- First we visit St. Peter in Galllicantu Church, built over the spot where Our Lord was held in the dungeon of Caiphas' house. We will celebrate Mass here. The rest of the day can be for personal activities. We leave for the airport after dinner.

Sunday, October 25 Arrive home today.

Note: The order of events or the features listed in this itinerary may be adjusted to improve the experience of the pilgrimage.

Registration Form

Holy Land

Fr. Tom Sieg

October 14 - 25, 2009

Full Name: _____
(As shown on Passport)

Home Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

email address: _____

Roommate _____ Need Roommate

Male: _____ Female: _____ Age: _____

Jordan Extension Yes No

Please Read Reverse Before Signing

Signature of Participant: _____

Name on Name Badge: _____

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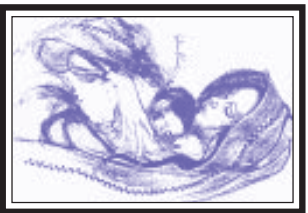
1. Complete and sign one application for each person joining the pilgrimage. Your signature indicates acceptance of the limits of responsibility on the reverse side.
2. Deposit of \$500.00 is required per person with signed application. Balance must be paid in full by July 15, 2009
3. Make checks payable to Marian Tours Int'l.
4. Mail to: **Marian Tours International**

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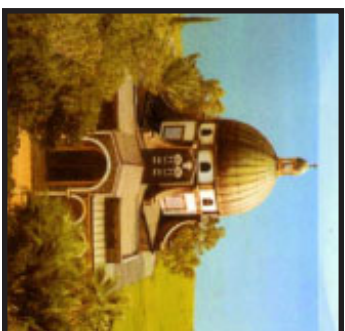
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Mount Beatitudes

An Invitation

There is no place on earth like the Holy Land. Here is the birthplace of history and the great monotheistic religions of the world. Here you will sense the very soul of humanity.

This is a land of physical beauty and contrast - truly God's land. We will savor peaceful Galilee - the land of Jesus' ministry - including Capernaum, Cana and Nazareth. We will pass through the fertile Jordan Valley with the barren mountains on either side. We stop at the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth and Qumran, site of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

And nothing will ever prepare you for your first visit to Jerusalem. The Jewish devotion at the Western Wall next to the Muslim Dome of the rock; the Muslim call to prayer sounding as one enters the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; the striking provincialism of the various Christian rites, each seeming to compete for God's attention.

We will celebrate Mass in many special places: in Nazareth at the Grotto of the Annunciation, at the Church of St. Peter built above the ancient structure of Peter's house, on Mt. Beatitudes where Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount, and in a number of the wonderful churches around Jerusalem.

Above all, you will find that the Scriptures will come to life for you - not just while you are there, but when you return home as well. Stories of the Old and New Testaments take on new and exciting meaning. Places that saw the very dawn of history will have been fixed in your memory; places where God's Son walked on the earth. I invite you to join me on this wonderful trip.

Fr. Tom Sieg

General Information

**Price of Tour: \$ 3575 Double Occupancy
Single Supplement - \$ 550**

Deposit and Final Payment
Deposits are due at any time to hold your space. A deposit of \$500.00 is required per person with signed application. Final payment is due July 15, 2009. Make checks payable to Marian Tours International, Inc. (We do not accept credit cards.) Reservation form must accompany deposit.

Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip air transportation from MSP
- 10 nights in first class hotels with private bath.
- Breakfast and dinner daily. Lunch on Oct. 17
- Daily Mass.
- Expert local guides.
- All hotel taxes.
- Deluxe motorcoach throughout the tour.
- All admission fees
- Tips for guide and driver

Hens Not Included

Personal items. Airline taxes, estimated at \$ 450.

Tour Price

The tour price is based on value of the dollar and airfare tariffs as of December 2008. If these should change, the price of the tour will change accordingly.

Tour Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be in writing. Up to 90 days before departure a cancellation charge of \$100.00 is withheld. Beginning 90 days before departure there is no refund. It is strongly recommended that you consider travel insurance. Ask for details.

Passport and Visas

A valid U S passport is necessary for the tour valid for 6 months beyond the return date. No visa is required.

Baggage

Each tour participant is allowed one suitcase per person. In addition each person may bring one carry-on bag.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE

Holy Land



Jerusalem

through the window at
Dominis Flevit Church

Spiritual Director

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Departing from Minneapolis

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