



Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation ***Living Stones Pilgrimage to the Holy Land***

Spanish and English-Speaking Pilgrimage

November 5-14, 2019 – 10 Days/ 9 Nights

Throughout our spiritual pilgrimage, we will experience the holy places in which Jesus was born, ministered, crucified, and rose again. Through this spiritual journey, we will remain open to God's message and will return home with a new and deeper understanding of the living history of this incredible place and of those who inhabit and keep it—the "Living Stones" of the Holy Land.

Day 1 – Tuesday, November 5th: Departure

Our Holy Land pilgrimage begins as we depart on our flight from Washington Dulles International Airport. Meals and in-flight entertainment will be provided.

Day 2 – Wednesday, November 6th: Travel & Arrival in Tel Aviv

After arriving at Amman- Queen Alia International Airport, an HCEF Representative will guide us through our transfer to the city of **Bethlehem** for dinner and rest.

Day 3—Thursday, November 7th: Jerusalem



We will depart for Jerusalem and drive to the **Mount of Olives** for a breathtaking panoramic view of the Old City. We will visit the **Pater Noster Church** and the **Chapel of the Ascension**, then go down the Palm Sunday Road and celebrate Mass at **Dominus Flevit Church** built where Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem. Then we continue to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and the **Church of All**

Nations where Jesus prayed before his betrayal. After lunch, we will drive to **Mount Zion** and the **Dormition Abbey, King David's Tomb, and the site of the Last Supper**. Nearby is the **Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu**, where Jesus was imprisoned before His Passion and Peter denied Him three times. Before leaving the Old City, we will visit the **Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, The Archdiocese Jerusalem to meet the bishop or one of the church Leaders.** **Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem**

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Day 4—Friday, November 8th: Bethlehem/Jerusalem



We will begin our day with a visit to the **Shepherd's Field** in Beit Sahour, where angels appeared to the shepherds to announce the birth of Jesus. Afterward, we will visit the **Church of the Nativity**, the birthplace of Jesus, and celebrate Mass in the **Grotto of St. Jerome**. Then we will visit the nearby **Milk Grotto**, where the Holy Family took refuge during the Slaughter of the Innocents. After lunch, we will head to the **Village of Ein Karem on the outskirts of Jerusalem**, the site of the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and the Church of the Visitation, where the Virgin Mary, visited her cousin Elizabeth, and proclaimed the Magnificate. **Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.**

Day 5—Saturday, November 9th: /Jericho/Qumran/Dead Sea



After breakfast in our hotel, we will visit a desert monastery to celebrate Mass, then continue to **Jericho**, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world, where we will remember Zaccheus climbing the sycamore tree, and blind Bartimaeus wanting to see. Here we will enjoy a splendid view of the **Monastery of the Temptation** high up on the mountainside. After lunch in Jericho, we will continue to **Qumran** where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, and then spend some time enjoying ourselves around the **Dead Sea**, the lowest place on earth. Return to **Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.**

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Day 6 – Sunday, November 10th: Jerusalem



We will depart very early for Jerusalem to walk the **Via Dolorosa** (Way of Suffering) through the narrow alleys and bazaars of the Old City of Jerusalem, ending at the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** and the **Tomb of Christ** where we will celebrate Mass. We will then visit the **Dome of the Rock, the Golden Gate, the Western Wall, and the Temple Mount**. After lunch,

we will have some free time in the Old City before returning to **Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.**

Day 7 – Monday, November 11th: Birzeit and Ramallah



We will depart after breakfast for the town of **Birzeit**, located in the outlying hills of Ramallah. **Birzeit is also known as ancient Berzetho from the Greek – Roman period.** There, we will visit the Catholic **Church** and celebrate Mass with the parish priest and the local community. Father will also give us an introduction to the history of the local Christians, as well as a tour of the church's archeological museum,

which houses a collection of artifacts from the stone and bronze age. Afterward, we will have lunch at HCEF's **Birzeit Social and Cultural Center**, where we will have the opportunity to meet with Birzeit's elders, hear their stories and break bread with them. Then we will travel to **Ramallah** to visit the **Church of Hope**, opened in 1954 to support those seeking refuge from conflict. **Return to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.**

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Day 8—Tuesday, November 12th: Sea of Galilee



After breakfast we will check out from our hotel in Bethlehem early in the morning and head to the Sea of Galilee we will focus on the ministry of Jesus during his time in Galilee. After breakfast, we will drive to **Capernaum** on the shores of the Sea of Galilee and the home of Jesus during his public ministry, where he performed many miracles and healings. We will see the ruins of the **Synagogue** and the nearby **House of Saint Peter**. Then we will celebrate

Mass at the **Chapel of the Primacy of St. Peter**, built where Jesus appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection, and instructed Peter to feed His sheep. Afterward we will continue to the **Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves** in **Taghba**, then ascend the **Mount of Beatitudes** where we will have time to listen to readings from the Gospel and meditate on Jesus' words. **Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.**

Day 9 – Wednesday, November 13th: Nazareth/Cana/Mount Tabor



After breakfast, we will start our day with a visit to the **Basilica of the Annunciation** to celebrate Mass, and afterward we will visit **St. Joseph's Workshop** and **Mary's Well** nearby. At the Franciscan Church here, married couples will have the opportunity to renew their wedding vows. Then we will continue to **Mount Tabor**, the place of Jesus' Transfiguration, where we will have time for meditation and to enjoy the view of the beautiful Jezreel Valley.

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Day 10-Thursday, November 14th: Return home

After transfer to the **Tel Aviv Airport** for an early morning departure, we fly back home. However, our faith journey will continue in a new, invigorated way. Having visited the sacred places in our tradition, having met the descendants of the first disciples of Jesus and witnessed how the people of the Holy Land strive to build bridges of justice, peace and reconciliation --all these experiences will enrich our spiritual life and transform each one of us. They will also enable us to interpret the news from the region in a different way. A Living Stones pilgrimage to the Holy Land will definitely enrich and permanently change your life for the better.

Notes:

- **Itinerary is subject to change without notice**
- **Itinerary includes interaction with the Living Stones**
- **Meetings with church leaders may be changed depending on their schedules.**

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