

Journey in the Footsteps of Jesus

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Faith Journeys



Program Facilitator: Kitty McGilly, MRE, LHS
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Price: \$2,695 + airport tax

Price includes:

- Return air Toronto/Tel Aviv
- 7 nights hotel accommodation
- Full musical and biblical journey
- All land travel including boat on Sea of Galilee
- Buffet breakfast and dinner daily
- All entrance fees

Tour operators: Gideon Travel, Toronto & Overseas Travel Bureau, East Jerusalem

Registration

Deposit \$350, payable to *Faith Journeys* and sent to Kitty McGilly,
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Final payment payable to GIDEON TRAVEL due December 15, 2008

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Itinerary overleaf ↗

Day 1: Toronto/Tel Aviv

“Leave your country...for the land I will show you” Gen 12:1

Today is taken up with our physical journey to the Bible lands. This pilgrimage reminds us of our own continuous journey towards God. Today we step forward with the same kind of faith lived by Abraham and Sarah as they set out on their journey. The road to Jerusalem is in the heart – every place is holy ground.

Day 2: Israel – Nazareth

Peter said, “Teacher, where do you live? Come and see” John 1:39 .

Shalom! Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport and travel via the Plain of Sharon and Caesarea with its theatre and aqueducts to overnight in Nazareth, the home town of the Holy Family.

Day 3: Lower Galilee

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light” Isaiah 9:2 Our first day in Galilee begins in Nazareth, Jesus’ home. We celebrate Eucharist in the Church of the Annunciation and visit Cana, place of Jesus’ first public ministry. Then we renew our Baptismal promises at Yardenit on the River Jordan before going to our hotel on the Sea of Galilee.

Day 4: The Sea of Galilee

“Jesus left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea” Matt 4:13. We cross the Sea of Galilee by boat and arrive in Capernaum, where Jesus began his ministry of healing and teaching. We spend some reflective time sitting on the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus taught the qualities of the Kingdom of God. Then we visit Bethsaida, the home of many of the first disciples of Jesus and drive to Mount Tabor, site of the Transfiguration.

Day 5: Around the Lake

“He took pity on them and healed their sick” Mathew 14:14. We begin our final morning in Galilee with Mass on the seashore at Tabgha, site of the feeding of the 5,000 and complete the morning at the church of the Primacy. Here the Risen Christ cooked breakfast for his disciples and reinstated Peter as leader of the group.

Day 6: Galilee/Jerusalem via Jericho

“I will lead her into the desert and speak to her heart” Hos 2:14 We drive by Qumran along the Jordan valley to the Dead Sea. We enjoy time there before setting out for Jericho, the oldest known city. After lunch we drive to Jerusalem. Turning eastward into the Judean wilderness. We celebrate mass in the desert, overlooking the Valley of the Shadow of Death. We enter Jerusalem by the Mount of Olives. . “I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go the house of the Lord” Psalm 122.

Day 7: Bethlehem and the Old City

“Let’s go to Bethlehem” Luke 2:15. We celebrate Mass at Shepherd’s Field, then visit Bethlehem and the basilica of the Nativity. We lunch in Manger Square and visit the orphanage of the Sisters of Charity. We return to Jerusalem and begin our journey in the last days of Jesus with mass in the Upper Room and Vigil in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Day 8: From the Upper Room to Calvary

“Having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end” John 13:1 We begin the day in the Church of Saint Peter in Gallicantu and then carry the Cross up the Via Dolorosa finishing in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. In the afternoon we walk around the Old City, visiting the Western Wall, Dome of the Rock and Church of Saint Anne.

Day 9: Emmaus/Ein Karem

“They told what had happened on the road” Luke 24:35 We journey to Ein Karen, birthplace of Saint John the Baptist and site of the Visitation. Then we celebrate mass in Emmaus before our return to Jerusalem and our final celebration of Pentecost in the Upper Room.

Day 10 : Tel Aviv/Toronto

We take a midnight flight back home returning filled with the Holy Spirit – renewed and recharged to tell everyone “all the things that happened on the road and how we recognized him in the breaking of the Bread”.

*“Just as perfume leaves an odor in the jar
after it has been poured out,
so God has left traces of his presence
in the Holy Land.” -- Tom Rosica, csb*