

10  
DAYS

2020

# Footsteps of Jesus

*Watch the Gospels come alive on this most authentic faith journey live on location in the Holy Land of Israel. Take the chronological road of Jesus' life from Bethlehem to Nazareth and Lake Galilee to Jerusalem as we prepare for a powerful encounter into the heart of His passion.*

**9 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS. COMMENCES SUN 12<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2020**

Bethlehem (2 nights) • Nazareth • Cana • Sea of Galilee (3 nights) • Mt Beatitudes • Mt Tabor • Mt Carmel • Haifa • Jerusalem (4)



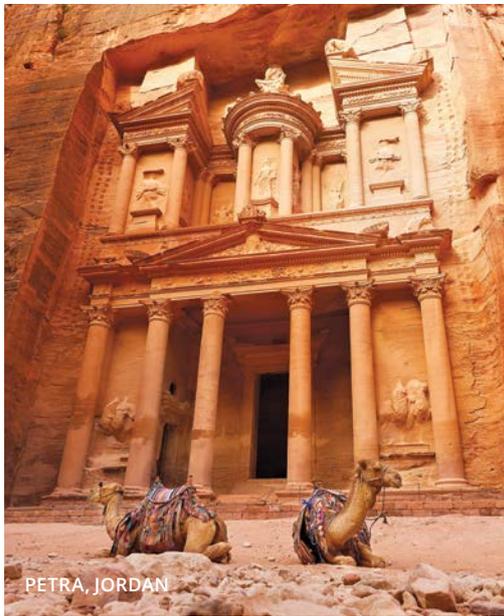
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**Pre Tour Option: Wonders of Petra & Dead Sea - 3 Nights**

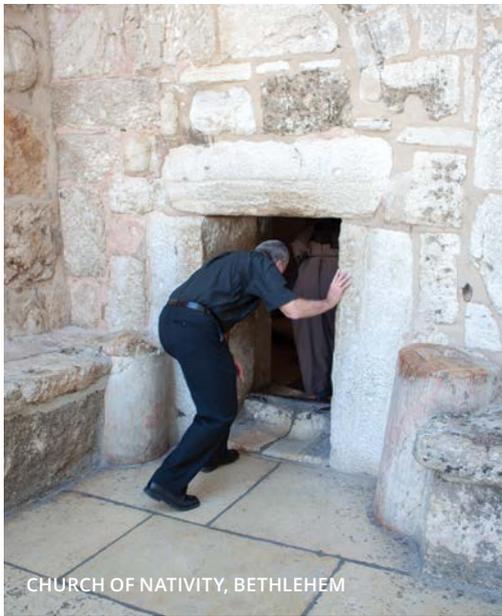


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PETRA, JORDAN



CHURCH OF NATIVITY, BETHLEHEM



NAZARETH VILLAGE

## pilgrim highlights

- + Pay homage in Bethlehem before the silver star that marks the very spot of Jesus' birth.
- + Reflect quietly in the Grotto cave of the Annunciation to honour Mary's 'Yes' to God.
- + Celebrate a breathtaking Mass in the centre of Lake Galilee onboard our traditional sailing vessel floating in silence and tranquility.
- + Enjoy an exclusive 'Breakfast with Jesus' in a private location by the shores of Galilee.
- + Engage in inspired People & Plight encounters and be moved by their faith and resilience.
- + Walk a hidden stretch of the authentic Jesus Trail through the mountain pass in Christ's actual footsteps towards Lake Galilee.
- + Participate in a traditional 'Sabbath of a Lifetime Meal' as we are welcomed inside a Jewish home to share songs and prayers to welcome in the Lord's day.
- + Enter as a group into a private gated Garden in Gethsemane for an extended time of prayer amidst ancient olive trees.
- + Walk in Jesus' footsteps as we pray the Stations of the Cross at dawn along the deserted Via Dolorosa streets in the Old City of Jerusalem.
- + Bow low at the altar of Calvary and touch the very rock where Jesus was crucified.
- + Gather for daily Masses around the most stunning Holy Sites of Sacred Scripture.

## WONDERS OF PETRA 3-NIGHT PRE TOUR OPTION

### PRE DAY 1: THU 9 JAN - ARRIVE DEAD SEA

We arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport this morning and travel by coach through the **Judean Desert** to our **Dead Sea Hotel** in Ein Bokek. After check-in we will enjoy a relaxing afternoon and perhaps take a float in the salty waters of the Dead Sea, said to have healing qualities.

*Dead Sea overnight (D)*

### PRE DAY 2: FRI 10 JAN - MASADA INTO JORDAN

Visit historic **Masada** this morning where we embark a cable car offering spectacular scenery to the summit. Here we will enjoy a guided tour of Herod's fortress and hear the story of the Zealot's last stand.

Continue south to Eilat and cross the border into Jordan at **Aqaba** set on the **Red Sea**. Later in the day we will arrive into the magnificent ancient trading city of **Petra** known as the 'Red Rose City' and one of the new **Seven Wonders of the World**.

*Petra overnight (BD)*

### PRE DAY 3: SAT 11 JAN - PETRA EXPLORATION

Enjoy a breathtaking guided walking tour today through the ruins of ancient **Petra** – the city that the Nabateans carved out of solid rock dating back to 300 BC! Our visit will follow a passage through the *Siq*, a chasm created in a prehistoric earthquake. It is one of the special moments to

walk through this canyon which dramatically opens up before your eyes to reveal the **Treasury Building (Al-Khazneh)** – a never to be forgotten experience.

The remainder of the afternoon will be at leisure to relax back in our hotel.

*Petra overnight (BD)*

### PRE DAY 4: SUN 12 JAN - PETRA TO BETHLEHEM

Travel north and visit **St Georges Church in Madaba** with its precious 6th-century mosaic map of the Holy Land, before continuing across the Allenby Bridge border back into Israel.

Onwards to **Jericho**, the 'City of Palms', said to be the oldest inhabited city in the world dating back to around 9000 BC.

Across the valley we view the **Mt of Temptation**, where Christ was tempted by the devil during his 40 day fast.

Continue up to **St George's Monastery** lookout to marvel at the cliff-hanging 5th-century complex carved into a sheer rock wall and still occupied today.

Travel west along the **Jericho Road** where we recall the parable of the Good Samaritan before our final ascent into **Bethlehem**, the City of David and birthplace of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Join Day 2 of Footsteps of Jesus in Bethlehem where we will unite with other pilgrims.

*Bethlehem overnight (BD)*

## FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

### SYMBOLS:

- ⓘ Time Out - *Extended time for Reflection*
- (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

### DAY 1: SUN 12 JAN - ARRIVE ISRAEL

Transfer by coach from Tel Aviv airport to Bethlehem today.

*Bethlehem overnight (D)*

### DAY 2: MON 13 JAN - BETHLEHEM & SURROUNDS

*Theme: **The Birth of Jesus***

We firstly travel out to **Ein Karem**, the birthplace of St John the Baptist and **Church of the Visitation** of Mary to Elizabeth dedicated to Mary's Magnificat prayer – 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord'. ⓘ

Continue to the **Shepherd's Field** to celebrate Mass in a local cave to commemorate the appearance of the angels to the shepherds on that first Christmas night (*Lk 2:8-16*).

Visit **Bethlehem University** to engage with local students in discussion before visiting the beautiful chapel and Cultural Heritage Centre within the grounds while joining them for lunch.

Our afternoon will culminate at the spectacular **Church of the Nativity**, the oldest complete church in the Christian world (6<sup>th</sup> century) and birthplace of Jesus. Bow low and enter the grotto through the Door of Humility as we descend to the **Holy Manger** where a silver star in the floor marks the actual spot where Jesus was born. Finally, we come to **St Jerome's Cave** where in 386 AD the saint spent 30 years producing the first vernacular version of the Bible!

*Bethlehem overnight (BLD)*

### DAY 3: TUE 14 JAN - VIA NAZARETH & CANA TO SEA OF GALILEE

*Theme: **The Formative Years of Jesus***

We farewell Bethlehem this morning and journey directly north to **Nazareth**, the town of Jesus' childhood. Before entering the township, we firstly come to the **Nazareth Village**, an authentic non-profit re-creation of the village



SEA OF GALILEE



life of Nazareth as in the days of Jesus. Here we will take a parable-rich walk back in time along the path which brings to life the environment and atmosphere which shaped Jesus' early years and ministry. Complete our memorable visit with a fascinating **first-century meal** in a stone-dining area typical of the days of Christ.

Back in Nazareth centre, enter inside the **Basilica of the Annunciation** where a traditional cave becomes the focal point as we ponder Mary's response to the Angel Gabriel "Let it be done to me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38). After celebrating Mass we will visit the nearby **Church of St Joseph** to commemorate the life of Mary's beloved spouse.

Continue on to **Mt Precipice** which offers an incredible view of the Jezreel valley, This mountain is believed to be the place of the rejection of Jesus (Luke 4:16-30). **T**

Travel east and on to the village of **Cana** this afternoon where Jesus, at the request of His Mother, performed his first miracle transforming the water into wine here at the wedding feast (Jn 2:1-11).

Journey east to Tiberias on the shores of **Lake Galilee** ... "Go to Galilee and you will find him there" (Mt 28:7).

*Sea of Galilee overnight (BLD)*

#### DAY 4: WED 15 JAN - SEA OF GALILEE

**Theme: The Public Ministry of Jesus**

Arise and set out on a spectacular day of pilgrimage as we firstly board a traditional 'Jesus Boat' sailing vessel for a special Harvest highlight – a **Private Mass in the centre of Lake Galilee**. Here we will float in quiet tranquility and reflect upon the miracles of Jesus calming the storm and appearing to the apostles walking on this very water.

Back on shore see the **1<sup>st</sup> century 'Jesus boat'** painstakingly raised and restored from the muddy lakebed in 1986.

Continuing on we arrive into **Capernaum**, the once fishing village of the first apostles Peter, Andrew, James & John which also became the home town of Jesus and the scene of many of his miracles.

After our 'St Peter's fish' lunch we will visit the **Church of the Primacy of Peter** down by the shores of the lake. Here Jesus challenged Peter and each one of us 'Do you really love me? Feed my sheep.' **T** Finally, we come to **Tabgha**,

**site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes** (Mt 14:20) and pray within the 4th-century church displaying Byzantine mosaics considered to be some of the best in the Holy Land.

Before returning to our hotel, pilgrims will have the option to visit the **Yardenit Baptismal site** on the northern edge of the Jordan River.

*Sea of Galilee overnight (BLD)*

#### DAY 5: THU 16 JAN - MT BEATITUDES / MT ARBEL / JESUS TRAIL ENCOUNTER

**Theme: Reflective moments with Jesus**

Set off to a secret location down by the shores of Lake Galilee to enjoy **Breakfast with Jesus** in the spirit of John 21:12 when Jesus said to his disciples "Come and have breakfast". In this picturesque setting, we will firstly celebrate Mass on the shore of the lake.

Rise then to the **Mount of Beatitudes** to take time out in these prayerful gardens to ponder Jesus' message of happiness – the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5:1-12). **T**

Departing this tranquil place, we stop at **Magdala** to commemorate the town of Mary Magdalene and to explore the unique first century Synagogue recently unearthed and certain to have been visited by Jesus.

Continue our rise to the majestic summit of historic **Mt Arbel** to marvel at the amazing views over the Golan Heights.

Visit the nearby **Ancient Arbel Synagogue** which sits alone on the side of the hill with its magnificent Galilee backdrop.

From here pilgrims can take the opportunity to walk a spectacular stretch of the ancient **Jesus Trail** frequented by Our Lord in his many travels between Nazareth and Capernaum. This well-worn shepherd's path offers a genuine experience for able bodied pilgrims to encounter the actual footsteps of Jesus down through the rustic pass between the mountains.

AFTERNOON FREE.

*Sea of Galilee overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 6: FRI 17 JAN - VIA MT TABOR & MT CARMEL TO JERUSALEM

**Theme: Mountains of the Lord**

We begin our day at the foot of **Mt Tabor** before ascending by taxis up the narrow

### TASTE & SEE *meals*

**Bethlehem:** Listen to Catholic students at the Bethlehem University and share a beautiful meal prepared by their hospitality department.

**Nazareth:** Taste & See a traditional First-Century meal in an outdoor stone dining setting in Nazareth Village.

**Tiberias:** Experience a renowned 'St Peter's Fish' lunch freshly caught from the Sea of Galilee!

**Mt Carmel:** Share a beautiful meal in Haifa in a breathtaking setting overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

**Galilee:** Share together a stunning 'Breakfast with Jesus' in a secret location by the shores of Lake Galilee.

**Jerusalem:** Be welcomed into a Jewish home to celebrate a Sabbath Meal experience in Jerusalem with prayers and songs to welcome in the Lord's Day.

**Jerusalem:** Celebrate our final night together in a first class restaurant overlooking the illuminated Old City.

winding road leading to the majestic summit. Here Our Lord's divinity shone forth in the Transfiguration (Mt 17:1-2). After Mass in this breathtaking setting we will better understand Peter's words 'Lord it is good for us to be here'.

Travel west to the large city of **Haifa** wrapped by the intoxicating blue of the Mediterranean Sea on all three sides. Visit here the **House of Grace**, a Catholic ministry that works with the most marginalised members of Haifa before hearing their powerful story.

We then enjoy lunch in our hand-picked restaurant with spectacular views over the city of Haifa.

Enter the **Stella Maris Monastery** at **Mount Carmel** where in the lower cave, Elijah was said to have meditated on his victory over the false prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:1-40). **T**

Onwards to the crusader port of **Caesarea Maritima**, built by Herod the Great and the harbour from which Paul was taken to Rome.

Finally, we journey south on and up to **Jerusalem** – the City of our God and Mountain of His Holiness.



To deepen our experience and understanding of the Jewish heritage, we will enjoy an authentic **Sabbath Meal** experience tonight in a local Jewish home. Here we will 'Taste & See' the Jewish culture as we join in traditional prayers, blessings and songs with locals, before sharing a delicious Middle Eastern Sabbath Meal.

*Jerusalem overnight (BLD)*

#### DAY 7: SAT 18 JAN - JERUSALEM

**Theme: The Passion of Jesus**

Begin our Jerusalem pilgrimage as we proceed up to the **Mt of Olives** to visit the '**Pater Noster Church** where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer (*Mt 6:7-15*). Walk down the Palm Sunday Road as pilgrims to the **Dominus Flevit Church** for Mass, built on the site where Jesus wept over Jerusalem (*Lk 19:41-44*).

We then come down to the **Garden of Gethsemane**, where we will enter the **Church of the Agony** containing the rock upon which Jesus is said to have prayed before his arrest.

Ⓡ Prepare then for a memorable pilgrim highlight as we move to the **private garden for a secluded time of prayer** and reflection surrounded by ancient olive trees.

From here we set out by coach across town to the **Israel Museum** for a lunch break. Then view the **Second Temple Scale Model of Jerusalem** as it was in the time of Jesus. In the adjacent **Shrine of the Book Museum** we gaze upon the Dead Sea Scrolls with our own eyes.

Finally today we come to **Mt Zion** to the house of the High Priest Caiaphas and into the **Church of St Peter in Gallicantu** commemorating Peter's triple denial of Jesus.

*Jerusalem overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 8: SUN 19 JAN - JERUSALEM

**Theme: The Passion of Jesus**

Return to Mt Zion this morning, and firstly enter the **Cenacle room of the Last Supper** (Upper Room) where we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and the later descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Ⓡ Continue to the **Church of the Dormition** identified as the place where the Virgin Mary died or 'fell asleep' as the name suggests.

We then come to the vicinity of the **Temple Mount** to view the **Dome of the Rock, El Aqsa**

**Mosque and the Western Wall** (traditionally known as the **Wailing Wall**).

**AFTERNOON FREE.**

Before dinner we take the opportunity to listen to the courageous stories of **Bereaved Israeli and Palestinian family members** as they share their extraordinary journey from grief and despair to a stunning reconciliation that is sure to touch us deeply.

*Jerusalem overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 9: MON 20 JAN - JERUSALEM

**Theme: The Death & Resurrection of Jesus**

We rise at dawn and return to the Old City to commence our **Stations of the Cross**, beginning from the **Antonia Fortress** where Jesus was condemned to death. We pray and follow in Our Lord's footsteps along the actual **Via Dolorosa** to culminate at the site of **Calvary** where we will celebrate Mass here in the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Walk the stairway climbing to the actual site where the Cross of Jesus once stood. Also enter the **Tomb of Christ**, the site believed to be where Our Lord lay buried for three days before rising from the dead.

After breakfast, re-enter the Old City precinct to the **Church of St Anne**, said to be built over the birthplace of the Virgin Mary. Continue to the adjacent **Pool of Bethesda** where Jesus healed the paralysed man (*Jn 5:2-9*). See the **Lithostrotos (pavement)** in the **Ecce Homo** convent and the **Flagellation and Condemnation Chapels** which so vividly commemorate the last hours of Jesus' life.

Continue today for a reflective visit to **Emmaus** (Abu Gosh) where the Disciples recognised the risen Jesus at the breaking of bread. Ⓡ

Before dinner we experience the spectacular **Holy Shroud Exhibit** where we will view a full-size replica of the Holy Shroud housed in Turin.

**Special Celebration Dinner** tonight with spectacular views over all of Jerusalem.

*Jerusalem overnight (BD)*

#### DAY 10: TUE 21 JAN - DEPART HOLY LAND

Return today to the airport OR extend your journey. (B)

### PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

<b>TOUR CODE</b>	FJ0120	
<b>STARTS</b>	Sun 12 Jan 2020	Tel Aviv
<b>FINISHES</b>	Tue 21 Jan 2020	Tel Aviv
<b>LAND COST</b>	\$4,190 (twin share) *	
<b>AIR &amp; LAND</b>	from \$6,380	
<b>SINGLE ROOM</b>	\$1,260 Supplement	
<b>PREPAID TIPS</b>	\$14 per person / per day	

\* Costs have been based on prices as at April 2019 and must remain subject to possible change in the event of significant exchange rate variations, airfare or tax increases or minimum group size factors beyond Harvest's control. Refer to Harvest Booking Terms & Conditions for more details.

### OPTIONAL PETRA EXTENSION

<b>STARTS</b>	Thu 9 Jan 2020	Tel Aviv
<b>FINISHES</b>	Sun 12 Jan 2020	Bethlehem
<b>COST ADD-ON</b>	\$1,390 (twin share) *	
<b>SINGLE ROOM</b>	\$690 Supplement	
<b>PREPAID TIPS</b>	\$14 per person / per day	

*Includes: Deluxe Coach / Fully Escorted / Superior Hotel / Breakfasts & Dinners Daily / Entrances & Sightseeing. Minimum Group Size applies.*

### INCLUSIONS

#### ACCOMMODATION & MEALS:

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