Catholic Holyland Tour Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive in Israel

As soon as you land at Ben Gurion you are our responsibility. Our Tabar Tours representative will help you through customs and get you checked in at your hotel in Tel Aviv in time for your first dinner in Israel.

Day 2 - Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Caesarea, Muchraka, Tiberias

Your tour of Israel starts early as soon as you are done with breakfast. You will drive through Tel Aviv taking in the modernization of this city which is in stark contrast to the beautiful and historic Jaffa. Its lanes and bylanes have appealed to artists around the world to display their galleries at the Artists Quarter. After seeing the site of the House of Simon, you will drive along the coast to the Herodian port city of Caesarea. Here you can act in the Roman Theater and investigate the excavation. Mt. Carmel is the site of confrontation between Elijah and the Priests of Baal (1 Kings 20). you will leave for Tiberias and check-in at the hotel to unwind and relax.

Day 3 - Boat Ride, Capernaum, Tabgha, Cana, Nazareth, Jordan River

After breakfast, you will drive along the Jordan Valley passing Jericho which is one of the world's oldest walled cities and the city that Joshua destroyed. It is here that you will view the Mount of Temptation and visit the place of the Sycamore Tree where Jesus entered Jericho (Luke 19:1-10). Continue on to the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth, where there will be a possibility to float in the unique mineral-rich waters. From here drive to the inn of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37) and then ascend to the Holy City of Jerusalem. Check into your hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 4 - Jericho, Dead Sea, Jerusalem

With a hearty breakfast under your belt, you will drive to Jericho via the Jordan Valley. This is the world's oldest walled city, the one that Joshua destroyed. Here you will also see the Mount of Temptation and Sycamore Tree from where Jesus came to Jericho (Luke 19:1-10). The Dead Sea is the lowest known location on earth. On the Dead Sea, you can float in the unique mineral-rich water and enjoy its healing properties. After a short visit to the inn of the

Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37), you will go back up to the Holy City of Jerusalem. You will retire for the night at the hotel here.

Day 5 - Jerusalem and Bethlehem

As soon as you are done with breakfast you will leave for the Mount of Olives to see the Old City of Jerusalem from above and stroll through the Palm Sunday Road into the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-56). After seeing the Church of all Nations you will see where Jesus and his disciple partook in The Last Supper in the Upper Room on Mt, Zion. Bethlehem houses the Church of Nativity where Jesus was born (Luke 2:1-20). Enjoy the serenity of the Shepherds' Fields where the shepherds tended to flock and herd the heavenly chorus. From here they followed the star to Bethlehem. You will not follow the star but return to Jerusalem to recuperate.

Day 6 - Old City of Jerusalem

You will walk through the St. Stephens Gate (Acts 7:54-60) into the Old City. Located just outside the city walls, you will walk to the Pool of Bethesda. Jesus had cured the paralytic man in this Pool. Back in the city, you'll walk through Via Dolorosa and reconstruct the suffering of Jesus as you follow the 14 Stations of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Matthew 27). The Wailing Wall is the place where Jews all over the world get together to remember the destruction of the First and Second Temples, an intensely spiritual experience and location. The rest of the afternoon has to be spent doing frivolous activities such as shopping in the exotic and vibrant bazaars of the Old City. Have a relaxing dinner and evening at the hotel before returning home.

Day 7 - Fly Back Home

This is the day mixed with emotions torn between the longing to return home, and your wish to stay here forever. You will be taken to Ben Gurion Airport and our Tabar Tours representative will help with all departure formalities and wait till you are comfortable.