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OCTOBER 28, 2017 THROUGH NOVEMBER 7, 2017

**Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson, Pilgrimage Leader and Spiritual Director**  
**John Putnam, Pilgrimage Director**  
**Cesar Marquez, Cantor**  
**Patricia Garcia, Executive Assistant**

**Saturday, October 28: DEPART USA**

Depart Los Angeles (LAX) on Saturday, October 28, 2017 on Turkish Airlines #TK10 at 19:45 (7:45PM). Arrive Istanbul on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 18:50 (6:55pm) **Layover is 1 hour and 35 minutes.** Depart Istanbul at 20:25 (8:25PM) and arrive Tel Aviv, Israel at 21:35 (9:35pm)  
Complimentary meals and beverages served onboard

**Sunday, October 29: ARRIVAL** – Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport. Meet tour guide and transfer to Rimonim Galei Kinnereth Hotel in Tiberias.

**Overnight at Rimonim Galei Kinnereth in Tiberias.**

**Monday, October 30: On Mary's Footsteps**

Breakfast included at hotel.

In the morning we drive to Cana to visit the Church where Jesus transformed water into wine. Couples are invited to renew their wedding vows. On to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation. **Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation.** Visit the ruins underneath the Basilica and under the convent of Sisters of Nazareth - Visit Mary's Well and the Synagogue.

In the afternoon we will drive to Mt. Tabor to visit the Basilica of Transfiguration.

Before dinner all gather in lobby bar for reception

**Dinner and overnight at Rimonim Galei Kinnereth in Tiberias.**

**Tuesday, October 31: On Jesus' and the Disciples' Footsteps**

Breakfast included at hotel.

Enjoy a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum to see St. Peter's House, and the Synagogue. On to Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus gave his Sermon on the Mount. **Mass** will be celebrated at the outside Altar. Continue to Tabgha,

the site of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. For the hardy, a hike to the cave where Jesus spent the night in prayer. On to Nof Ginosar Kibbutz to visit the fishing boat recently unearthed from the Sea of Galilee that was built during the time of Jesus. In the afternoon we drive to Banyas, location of Caesarea Philippi where Jesus declared Peter the rock upon which He would build His Church

**St. Peter's fish lunch is included today in Tiberias.**

**Dinner and overnight at Rimonim Galei Kinnereth Hotel in Tiberias.**

### **Wednesday, November 1: Tiberias - Samaria - Jericho.**

Breakfast included at hotel.

**Mass** in the morning at the Primacy - depart Tiberias and stop at the Baptismal site at the Jordan River. Here you will have an opportunity to renew your baptismal vows. On to Samaria, West Bank to visit Jacob's Well - Leave Samaria and drive to Jerusalem.

**Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem.**

### **Thursday, November 2: Bethlehem - Ein Karem**

Breakfast included at hotel.

Drive to Bethlehem to visit the Basilica of Nativity, Chapel of St. Jerome, Milk Grotto, and the Shepherds Field. **Holy Mass** at the Church of Nativity.

**Lunch at Casanova in Bethlehem is included today.**

Drive to Ein Karem to visit the Church of Visitation and Church of St. John the Baptist.

**Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem.**

### **Friday, November 3: Jerusalem, The Passion of Jesus' last hours**

Breakfast included at hotel.

After breakfast drive to Mt. of Olives: visit Pater Noster - Ascension -

Dominus Flevit - Gethsemane - **Mass** will be celebrated at Gethsemane.

In the afternoon: visit Mt. Zion and St. Peter in Gallicantu. An opportunity to explore the ruins including the dungeons - Visit to the Cenacle (room of the Last Supper) and Dormition Abbey.

**Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem.**

### **Saturday, November 4: Old City of Jerusalem**

Early Mass (approx. 5:30AM) at the Holy Tomb of the Holy Sepulcher.

Breakfast included at hotel.

After breakfast we visit the Western Wall, Dome of the Rock, and Temple area - St. Anne - Ecce Homo, and begin the Stations of the Cross at Via Dolorosa. After the stations a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Return to Notre Dame.

**Dinner & overnight at Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem.**

**Sunday, November 5: The Wilderness: Jericho - Qumran - Dead Sea**

Breakfast included at hotel.

After breakfast we drive to Bethany to visit Lazarus Tomb - **Mass** in Bethany- continue to Jericho to visit the ancient city, Elisha's spring, the Sycamore Tree New City and climb up by cable car to Mt. Temptation. In the afternoon we will drive to Qumran and visit the excavations of the Essean Monastery and the Cave of the Scrolls. Continue on to the Dead Sea for swimming and relaxation. Drive back to Jerusalem.

**Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem.**

**Monday, November 6: Emmaus**

Breakfast included at hotel.

In the morning we will drive to Emmaus - visit the Benedictine Church and celebrate **Mass**

Drive back to Notre Dame for a free afternoon.

**Farewell dinner in Jerusalem.**

**Overnight at Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem.**

**Tuesday, November 7: Jerusalem - Ben Gurion Airport - Tel Aviv**

Depart Notre Dame approximately 4:30AM. Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport.

Depart Tel Aviv on Turkish Airlines at 8:50am Arrive Istanbul at 12:20. Depart Istanbul at 13:55 (1:55PM) and arrive LAX at 16:45 (4:45PM).