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HOLY LAND / ROME

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Monday, July 9, 2012

Board your Jumbo Jet arriving in Israel the next day. Meals are served on the plane.

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, you will board your deluxe MOTORCOACH to depart for Jerusalem. From the gates of the old city proceed to your HOTEL for check in. DINNER will be at the hotel.

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

After BREAKFAST, drive to the top of the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of the city. Walk down part of the Palm Sunday Road on which Jesus made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Stop at the **Church of Dominus Flevit** where Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem. Continue down to the **Church of All Nations** in the Garden of Gethsemane and the Rock of Agony. Drive to the **Church of St. Peter En Gallencanto**, (commemorating Peter's denial of the Savior before the cock crowed three times) before returning to the old city for LUNCH. After lunch, walk to Mt. Zion to celebrate MASS in the Chapel near the Upper Room and then visit the Upper Room. Visit the **Church of Dormition** (where Mary fell asleep). The balance of the day is free to enjoy the old city. DINNER will be at the hotel.

Thursday, July 12, 2012

Celebrate early morning MASS at the **church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Return to the hotel for BREAKFAST. This morning and we will walk the Via Dolorosa. Visit the Chapel of Flagellation, the Condemnation, and visit the site of the Fort of Antonia, Pilate's Judgment Hall where the trial of Jesus took place. See the Ecce Homo Arch (Behold the Man). Continue through the old bazaars as you walk the Via Dolorosa (and take your turn carrying the Cross) on your way to the **church of the Holy Sepulchre** (Calvary). Then visit the little town of Bethlehem, and see the Cave enclosed now in the **Church of the Nativity** where archaeologists believe Jesus was born. LUNCH and afterwards visit Shepherd's Field, then time for some olive wood shopping. Return to the old city and enjoy the balance of the day. DINNER will be at your hotel.

Friday, July 13, 2012

Celebrate early morning MASS at the **church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Return to the hotel for BREAKFAST. Depart the old city of Jerusalem to Jericho. You will have an opportunity to take a camel ride and take the Cable Car to the top of the Mount of Temptation for a view of the valley. LUNCH will be in Jericho. Depart to Qumran in the desert where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1942 by a shepherd boy tending his flock. Continue for an opportunity to wade in the Dead Sea. DINNER will be at your hotel. For those wishing to participate, this evening, take a walk and visit the "mall" for some ice cream or cappuccino or some shopping.

Saturday, July 14, 2012

This morning after BREAKFAST a walking tour of the Temple Mount. Visit the Pools of Bethesda and the **church of St. Anne**. After MASS, we will have LUNCH in the old city. The rest of the day is free to enjoy the old city on your own. Tonight enjoy a special treat, a FAREWELL DINNER at a local restaurant before leaving Jerusalem tomorrow.

Sunday, July 15, 2012

Check out this morning and depart for Galilee. Enroute, travel to Nazareth to visit the **Church of Annunciation**, for it was here that Mary lived when the Angel Gabriel came to her to make the "announcement". LUNCH will be in Nazareth. After lunch, visit Mt. Tabor, the traditional Mountain of Transfiguration. Ascend to the top by taxi to the **church on the crown of the mountain** where we will celebrate MASS. You can view the valley below, and in awe praise God for His creation. Afterwards visit the Jordan River where John baptized Jesus, at a traditional baptism site. Continue on to Tabgha to check in to your hotel for DINNER and overnight in Galilee.

Monday, July 16, 2012

This morning after BREAKFAST, visit the traditional **Church of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes**. Visit the small chapel of the Primacy of Peter. Continue to Capernaum and the ruins of an ancient synagogue and the house of St. Peter's mother, then enjoy the Mt. of Beatitudes, where you will hear the Beatitudes, from Jesus' sermon on the mountain as recorded in Matt. 5, v 1-11 as you celebrate MASS on the mountainside. Afterwards, enjoy LUNCH of St. Peter's fish and a scenic view of the sea where Jesus walked on the water and Peter tried and sank when he lost his faith, because he turned his focus away from Jesus. Board a boat and take a ride on the Sea of Galilee in a boat in the style that dates to Jesus' time. Return to the hotel for DINNER.

Tuesday, July 17, 2012 - TEL AVIV/ROME

Check out of the hotel and have BREAKFAST. Enroute to Tel Aviv, We will stop in Cana and celebrate MASS, the sight of the first miracle where Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding feast. Enjoy an opportunity to renew your wedding vows and visit the Cana wine stores. Lunch enroute. On to Tel Aviv to board your flight to Rome. Arrive Rome board your motor coach to the HOTEL and check in for overnight. DINNER at the hotel.

Wednesday, July 18, 2012- ROME

BREAKFAST and then depart for St. Peter's to attend the Papal Audience. This will be an opportunity for you to see Pope, Benedict the XVI. Afterwards visit the Vatican stores. Lunch is on your own. This afternoon meet to visit the Catacombs, celebrate MASS and then visit **St Paul Outside the Walls**, which houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar. Many relics are displayed along with the chains that once bound the apostle while a prisoner in Rome. DINNER will be at the hotel or a local restaurant.

Thursday, July 19, 2012- ROME

BREAKFAST and visit to the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica celebrate MASS. Lunch on your own and then meet to visit two major Basilicas: **St Mary Major**, this is one of the oldest shrines dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, after she appeared to Pope Liberius in 358 requesting a church be built in her honor. This shrine contains a relic from the manger where the infant Jesus was laid. **The Basilica of the St John in Lateran**, the former residence of all the popes prior to their return to Rome in 1377. Five ecumenical councils were held in this cathedral housing the remains of 4 saints. We will also visit the Borghese Gardens. This evening we will enjoy a FAREWELL DINNER at a local restaurant.

Friday, July 20, 2012 - ROME / USA

BREAKFAST and depart for the airport for your flight home arriving home the same day. As you sit and look out over God's creation from an aerial view, you can ponder all the sights that you have seen and all the places that you walked - places where Jesus' feet touched long before you came to visit and experience. These memories will be a blessing to your life for the rest of your days.



Dear Fr. John

Please reserve _____ place(s) for me on your 2012 pilgrimage of the Holy Land and Rome. I enclosed a deposit of \$500.00 for each person. Deposit of \$500.00 due on November 3, 2011, \$1000.00 due on March 3, 2012 and balance due on May 3, 2012. Prices are subject to airlines fare increases, fuel surcharges and availability at time of booking.

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