

Walking with Mary & Jesus in the Holy Land



A Marian Focused Pilgrimage

Dr. Edward Sri prayerfully considers the life and mission of Jesus and offers biblical teaching at each of the holy sites. The twenty Mysteries of the Rosary serve as an outline for the itinerary and help us “keep and ponder” (Luke 2:19) the mysteries of Christ’s life with Mary.



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With Sarah Christmyer, Bible teacher & *Great Adventure Bible Study* author

Limited Small Group Pilgrimage: December 2-10, 2018



At Calvary, kneel by the alter over the place where Jesus died.



Mount Tabor-Transfiguration



Where Gabriel appeared to Mary



Sea of Galilee



Mount of Beatitudes

ITINERARY*

Sunday, December 2, 2018 Depart Newark on late afternoon flight for Tel Aviv

Monday, December 3, 2018

- Mt. Carmel & Jezreel Valley View
- Tabgha – Multiplication of Loaves & Fishes (Proclamation of the Kingdom)
- Sea of Galilee & St. Peter Primacy Church

Arrive at Tel Aviv. Board our motor-coach for our first views of Israel. Head to Mt. Carmel, the traditional site where Elijah defeated the false prophets of Ba'al (1 Kings 18). The panoramic view of the Jezreel Valley reminds us of Elisha & Elijah's ministries. Drive to Sea of Galilee for our first views of the area at the heart of Jesus' public ministry. Visit the Church of St. Peter's Primacy, commemorating Peter's unique role among the twelve apostles and visit Tabgha, the site of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes. Check in to our hotel right on the Sea of Galilee, go for a walk along the shore, have dinner and a good night's rest. (Mass at Mt. Carmel)

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

- Mount Tabor (Transfiguration)
- Cana (Wedding at Cana)
- Nazareth: Church of the Annunciation, Joseph's workshop (Annunciation)

Drive to Mt. Tabor, site of the transfiguration (Mt. 17:1-8). After Mass there, enter the Biblical scene in quiet prayer and take in the breathtaking views from this high mountain set apart. Travel to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation, built over Mary's childhood home where Gabriel appeared to her. Also see Joseph's workshop and pass by "Mary's Well." Travel from Nazareth to Cana, site of Jesus' first miracle. Explore the Biblical account of this scene and have opportunity to renew wedding vows there.

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

- Capernaum: Synagogue remains & Peter's House (Proclamation of the Kingdom)
- Boat Ride on Sea of Galilee & Evening Bonfire on the Shore
- Magdala Excavations & Mount of Beatitudes – Sermon on Mount

Start the day in Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry (Matthew 4, 8-9). Visit the remains of the 1st century synagogue where Jesus gave the "Bread of Life" discourse about the Eucharist (John 6). Then we take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. After a "St. Peter Fish Lunch" on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, visit the excavations at Magdala (Mary Magdalene's town with synagogue from Jesus' day) & then visit Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount, for Mass there. After dinner, bonfire on the Sea of Galilee shore (like Jesus did with his disciples!) for our last night in Galilee wrap-up talk & confession available on the beach.

Thursday, December 6, 2018

- Judean Desert, Jordan River (Baptism of Jesus)
- Ein Kerem: Church of the Visitation (Visitation)

Check-out of our lodging and travel to Jerusalem. On the way, renew our baptismal promises at the Jordan River where John baptized Jesus. Visit Jericho for lunch and drive through the Judean desert on our way up to Jerusalem. Visit Ein Kerem, birthplace of John the Baptist and where Mary visited Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55). After Biblical teaching on the Visitation, pray the Magnificat in this place where Our Lady first recited it and have Mass there. First sites of Jerusalem. Check-in to hotel there. Dinner.

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Church of the Visitation



Beautiful Judean Hills in Ein Kerem



View of Jerusalem from Mount of Olives



On the Temple Mount - remains of the Jerusalem temple in background

JERUSALEM

Friday, December 7, 2018

- Via Dolorosa (Scourging at Pillar, Crowning with Thorns, Carrying Cross)
- Church of the Holy Sepulcher: Calvary & Christ's Tomb (Crucifixion & Resurrection)
- Mt. Zion & the Upper Room (Institution of Eucharist & Pentecost)
- Dormition Abbey (Mary's Assumption & Coronation)
- St. Peter Gallicantu (House of Caiaphas)

Early rise to walk through the 14 stations of the Via Dolorosa, Christ's route to Calvary, meditating at each station, culminating at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher built over Calvary and Christ's tomb. Like Mary on Good Friday, we go to the foot of the cross. Visit the Upper Room commemorating the Last Supper (Mark 14:12-26.) and Pentecost. Visit Dormition Abbey, where Mary ended her earthly life. End day by visiting St. Peter Gallicantu, the house of Caiaphas and where Jesus was imprisoned Holy Thursday night. Mass there.

Saturday, December 8, 2018

- Mount of Olives (Ascension), Dominus Fleuit, Gethsemane, Basilica of the Agony (Agony in Garden)
- Bethlehem: Church of the Nativity, Shepherd's Fields (Nativity)

On Mt. of Olives, we remember where Jesus ascended to heaven. Walk down the mount as Jesus did on Palm Sunday. Visit Dominus Fleuit, traditional site where "Jesus Wept" before entering the city (Luke 19:41, 44). Enter the Garden of Gethsemane to contemplate the first sorrowful mystery right where it took place. Travel to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity, where Jesus was born. At the Shepherds' Fields, ponder the Gospel accounts of the Nativity amid caves similar to one in which Jesus was born (Luke 2:1-19). Mass in Bethlehem.

Sunday, December 9, 2018

- Temple Mount: Southern Steps & Western Wall (Presentation & Child Found in the Temple)
- Pool of Bethesda, Church of St. Anne (Mary's Birthplace) & Joppa

After breakfast at hotel, check out and visit the archeological site of where the Temple once stood. Sit on the Southern Steps that led to the Jerusalem Temple, where Simeon prophesied that "a sword" would pierce Mary's soul in the Presentation scene (Luke 2:35) and where the 12-year-old Jesus was lost (Luke 2:41-51). After Scriptural teaching on these dramatic events in Mary's life, pray at the Western Wall. Visit Church of St. Anne where Mary was born. Mass there. Visit the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed the paralyzed man (John 5:1-8), and then set our final views on Jerusalem. Closing dinner, then drive to Tel Aviv airport for our late evening overnight flight back to USA.

Monday, December 10, 2018

Arrive into Newark early Monday morning.

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For more information & photos from the pilgrimage:

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Experience the Difference:

The Advantages of a Smaller Group

In this prayerful, Marian-focused pilgrimage, Dr. Edward Sri offers spiritual reflections born from filming in the Holy Land and years of teaching on Scripture, Jesus and Mary. Traveling in a smaller group offers more quiet time to take in the spiritual significance of each site and to pray. We don't just rush around to see a lot of things. We go deeper & encounter Jesus in places he walked.

- Daily Mass
- Prayerful Environment
- Biblical Teaching on each site
- Q&A Time and Meals with Dr. Sri & Sarah

Tour Details

\$4,100 per person (double occupancy) departing from Newark includes: Round-trip airfare from Newark, NJ to Tel Aviv, Israel; 7 days in Israel, 6 nights at hotels and hotel portorage; breakfast, lunch & dinner each day; airport transfers; motor coach for ground transportation, Dr. Sri's teaching with our local guides leading you through the holy sites; personal audio sets to easily hear the guide & Dr. Sri; tours & entrance fees to all sites on itinerary; for your convenience, all meals & gratuities for meals, guides, bus drivers, hotel portorage also included. **Basically, all essentials are covered for you except incidentals, souvenirs, alcohol, etc.** Itinerary subject to change. Pilgrimage will operate with a minimum of 25 pilgrims. Price reflects a \$175 cash/check discount. Price also based on 2017 flight rates and air taxes/fees which are subject to change once flights are reserved in February 2018 (airline only books 11 months in advance). Purchasing travel insurance is strongly recommended. For travel insurance, work with your local travel agent or visit an online provider such as www.travelguard.com.

For Single Occupancy Rooms at Hotels: Add \$550 supplement.

Flight times are subject to change by the airlines, but based on previous years travels, our group will depart around 4:05 p.m. from Newark on afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018 and returns into Newark early Monday morning, Dec. 10, 2018 around 4:35 a.m. To meet the group in Newark, it's recommended to fly with United Airlines, the carrier for our Newark to Tel Aviv flight., and to allow at least two to three hours before our departure time Dec. 2. Again, exact flight times subject to change.

How To Register

\$500 non-refundable deposit and a reservation form per person is required by June 30 to confirm your spot. Final payment due August 1, 2018.

Limited Availability

Due to the smaller size of this particular pilgrimage and the high demand for this trip, spots are likely to go quicker than on other pilgrimages Dr. Sri has led. Reservations will be granted in the order in which deposits are received.

Questions?

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