

Walking with Mary & Jesus in the Holy Land

A Lenten Pilgrimage

This Lent, Walk in Christ's footsteps from Gethsemane to the Cross!

Dr. Edward Sri prayerfully considers Christ's life and offers biblical teaching at each of the holy sites. The Twenty Mysteries of the Rosary serve as an outline for our itinerary and help us "keep and ponder" (Luke 2:19) the mysteries of Christ's life, especially the sorrowful mysteries of Christ's Passion.



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

Limited Small Group Pilgrimage: March 28-April 5, 2020



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 *

Saturday, March 28 Depart Newark on late afternoon flight for Tel Aviv.

Sunday, March 29

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

Arrive into 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. Mass at Mt. Carmel.

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.

Monday, March 30

- 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.

Tuesday, March 31

- Capernaum: Synagogue remains & Peter's House (*Proclamation of the Kingdom*)
- Boat Ride on Sea of Galilee & Evening Bonfire on the Shore
- 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 **Mount of Beatitudes**, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount, for Mass there.

After dinner, a prayerful evening on the Sea of Galilee shore (with possible bonfire like Jesus did with his disciples!) for our last night in Galilee: wrap-up talk and confession available on the beach.

Wednesday, April 1

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

Check-out of our lodging and visit the excavations at Magdala (Mary Magdalene's town with synagogue from Jesus' day). Then 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, remembering Jesus' 40 days praying and fasting in the desert. 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. Get our first views of Jerusalem.

Check-in to hotel. Dinner.

JERUSALEM

Thursday, April 2

- Temple Mount: Southern Steps & Western Wall (*Presentation & Child Found in the Temple*)
- Mount of Olives (*Ascension*), Dominus Flevit, Gethsemane, Basilica of the Agony (*Agony in Garden*)

Visit the archeological site 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) and where Jesus turned over the tables of the money changes shortly before his death in Jerusalem. After Scriptural teaching on these dramatic events, pray at the **Western Wall**.

Travel to the **Mount of Olives**, we remember Jesus’ ascension to heaven and his dramatic entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Walk down the “Palm Sunday Trail”.

Visit **Dominus Flevit**, traditional site where “The Lord Wept” before entering the city (Luke 19:41, 44). Enter the **Garden of Gethsemane** to contemplate his agony in the garden and the start of His passion right where it all began.

Friday, April 3

- 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, where Jesus’ trial before Sanhedrin took place and where he was imprisoned Holy Thursday night.

Mass there.

Saturday, April 4

- Bethlehem: Church of the Nativity, Shepherd’s Fields (Nativity)

After breakfast at hotel, check out and 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.

Depart Bethlehem for our final views on Jerusalem and our closing dinner. Drive to Tel Aviv airport for late overnight flight back to USA.

Sunday, April 5

Arrive into Newark airport early 4:30am Sunday morning.



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

** Itinerary Subject to Change*

For more information & photos from the pilgrimage, visit:
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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 Christ's Passion. Traveling in a smaller group that is able to be together in just one bus 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 and encounter Jesus in places he walked.

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

Tour Details

\$4,450/person (double occupancy) departing from Newark includes:

Round-trip airfare from Newark, NJ to Tel Aviv, Israel; 7 days/6 nights in Israel at hotels and hotel portorage; daily breakfast, lunch & dinner; airport transfers; private motor coach for ground transportation, Dr. Sri's teaching with our local guides leading you through the holy sites; personal audio sets; tours & entrance fees to all sites on itinerary; for your convenience, all gratuities for group meals, guides, bus drivers, hotel portorage also included.

No hidden costs: all essentials (all tips, meals, etc.) are covered for you (except incidentals, such as souvenirs, alcohol, etc.).

Single Occupancy Rooms: add \$685 supplement.

Price reflects a \$175 cash/check discount.

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Travel Insurance:

We do not offer travel insurance, but purchasing travel insurance is strongly recommended to help protect against the unexpected. Please work with your local travel agent or visit an online provider such as www.travelguard.com.

Flight Information:

March 28, 2020 – 4:55pm depart Newark, arrive Tel Aviv 10:15am (March 29)

April 4, 2020 – 11:25pm depart Tel Aviv, arrive Newark 4:30am (April 5)

Arrange to meet the group in Newark, at least 2 to 3 hours before departure time on March 28. It is recommended to fly with United Airlines, the carrier for our Newark to Tel Aviv flights.

**Flight times subject to change by the airlines.*

How To Register

\$500 non-refundable deposit and a reservation form per person is required to confirm your spot.

Final payment due November 15, 2019.

Limited Availability

Due to the high demand of this pilgrimage, reservations will be granted in the order in which deposits are received.

Questions?

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