

## **January 11-25, 2021 Holy Land Pilgrimage with Jeff and Emily Cavins**

**Monday, January 11: DEPARTURE DAY:** Group flights depart for overnight flight to Israel.

### **Tuesday, January 12: DAY ONE -- ARRIVAL DAY:**

Arrive at **Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport** and meet our guides, then drive to our hotel for Mass, orientation, dinner and overnight.

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### **Wednesday, January 13: DAY TWO:**

We begin our tour at **Caesarea Maritima**, where Jeff uses the acoustics of the Roman theatre as a perfect setting for our first teaching. Passing by **Mount Carmel**, we stop at **Megiddo**, the ancient chariot city overlooking the valley of **Armageddon**. Next we go to the **Sea of Galilee** for Mass at the site of **Magdala** and tour the excavations of the **First Century Synagogue**.

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### **Thursday, January 14: DAY THREE:**

A morning drive to **Cana** allows the opportunity to renew wedding vows. We travel to **Nazareth** for Mass at **The Church of the Annunciation** and view **Mt. Precipice**. For lunch visit **K'far Kedem**, a model of life in the time of Jesus. After dinner, weather permitting, is confession with our priests on the sea shore.

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### **Friday, January 15: DAY FOUR:**

A tour the site of **Capernaum** and have Mass in the church which stands over St. Peter's house. Nearby is **Tabgha**, the site of the multiplications of the loaves and fishes. Later we stop for a time of meditation on the **Mt. of Beatitudes** and experience the **Sea of Galilee** on a boat ride.

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### **Saturday, January 16: DAY FIVE:**

After Mass at **St. Peter's Primacy**, we travel north through the **Hula Valley** to **Caesarea Philippi** and the ancient site of **Tel Dan**. We pass along the **Golan Heights** and **Mt. Hermon**.

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### **Sunday, January 17: DAY SIX:**

We depart early for the **Mt. of Transfiguration** for Mass, then a visit to the archeological site of **Bet She'an**. Next we pass by the oasis of **Jericho** on the way to visit **Qumran** to tour the site where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were found. We then ascend to the **Golden City of Jerusalem** and share a tradition Hebrew blessing overlooking the city from the promenade.

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### **Monday, January 18: DAY SEVEN:**

Today we go to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, passing **Rachel's Tomb** to visit the **Church of the Nativity** and the **Shepherd's Fields**. After Mass at the **Church of St. Catherine**, we stop to shop at an olive wood store, a Christian establishment.

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**Tuesday, January 19: DAY EIGHT:**

The day begins on the **Mount of Olives** passing the **Church of the Ascension** to walk down hill to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and the **Church of All Nations** for Mass. After crossing the **Kidron Valley**, we drive up to **Mt. Zion** and visit the **Upper Room**, finishing the day at the **Israel Museum, Shrine of the Book**, and a **Model of 1st Century Jerusalem**.  
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**Wednesday, January 20: DAY NINE:**

We begin with a visit to the **St. Anne's Church, Pool of Bethesda** and **Temple Mount area** to see the **Western Wall, Southern Steps**, and **Rabbinical Tunnels**. Then we head to **Mt. Zion** for Mass at **St. Peter in Gallicantu** and to tour **Caiaphas' House** and the stairs where Jesus walked.

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**Thursday, January 21: DAY TEN:**

Morning Mass at the **Notre Dame Center**. Today is a free day to explore or rest. A list of suggestions will be available including **Yad Vashem**, the Holocaust Memorial, walking the Old City of Jerusalem, Spending time at the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**.

**Optional excursion -- Masada**

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**Friday, January 22: DAY ELEVEN:**

Today we visit **Qumran**, site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and **En Gedi**, where David hid from King Saul. We have Mass and renew our baptismal vows near the **Jordan River** finishing the day with a chance to swim in the **Dead Sea**.

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**Saturday, January 23: DAY TWELVE:**

Perhaps the most meaningful day of the tour, we walk the 14 stations of the **Via Dolorosa**, Christ's route to the Cross, ending at the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** for Mass. Next we tour **City of David** and the **Pool of Siloam**, which carries the water from **Springs of Gihon** through **Hezekiah's Tunnel**.

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**Sunday, January 24: DAY THIRTEEN:**

On our way to the airport for a late evening departure, we go to **Ein Kerem**, birthplace of John the Baptist, to visit the **Church of the Visitation**. Also along the way, we visit the **Valley of Elah, Emmaus** and **Old Jaffa**, the port from which Jonah sailed. **B**

**Monday, January 25: RETURN DAY:** We arrive back in the States with wonderful memories of the Land of the Bible!