

**Sample January 2025 Holy Land Pilgrimages with Jeff and Emily Cavins**  
**With option to Jordan/Petra**  
**(itinerary subject to change)**

**DAY ONE -- DEPARTURE DAY:** Group flights depart for overnight flight to Israel.

**DAY TWO -- 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.

**Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv.**

**DAY THREE:**

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**, and **Megiddo**, the ancient chariot city overlooking the valley of **Armageddon**, we stop to overlook the **Sea of Galilee** from **Mt. Arbel**. We visit the site of **Magdala** for Mass and tour the excavations of the **First Century Synagogue**.

**Kibbutz on Sea of Galilee.**

**DAY FOUR:**

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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**DAY FIVE:**

We start at **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. After a fish lunch, we visit **St. Peter's Primacy** followed by a boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee**.

**Kibbutz on Sea of Galilee.**

**DAY SIX:**

Today we visit the **Mt. of Beatitudes** for Mass. Next, 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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**DAY SEVEN:**

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.

**Jerusalem.**

**DAY EIGHT:**

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. Optional Opportunity to dine with Christian families in Bethlehem.  
**Jerusalem.**

#### **DAY NINE:**

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**.  
**Jerusalem.**

#### **DAY TEN:**

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.  
**Jerusalem.**

#### **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**.  
**Jerusalem.**

#### **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. After lunch, spend free time in Jerusalem shopping, visiting Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum or exploring various museums.  
**Jerusalem.**

#### **DAY THIRTEEN: DEPARTURE DAY**

Depending upon flight schedules home, some other sites may be visited.

#### **JORDAN/PETRA EXTENSION**

##### **DAY ONE of TOURING:**

Following Mass and hotel check-out, depart Jerusalem to the Allenby Bridge. We stop at the site of **Tal el Hammam, biblical Sodom**, for a tour of the excavations and a view of the **Jordan Valley**.

##### **DAY TWO of TOURING:**

Early Mass at the hotel prior to the drive to Petra for full-day of touring the site of **Petra**.

##### **DAY THREE of TOURING:**

Depart Petra. Stop at **Mt. Nebo** for Mass, **Madaba** for lunch and to view the Church with the **Madaba Map**. Time permitting, visit a mosaic factory and the Baptismal site, **Bethany Beyond the Jordan**, cross the Allenby Bridge back into Israel.