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HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

JOIN FATHER ANTHONY ON A 11 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

SEPTEMBER 8 TO SEPTEMBER 18, 2026 PRICE IS \$5,271.00 PER PERSON
BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
OR \$6,335.00 FOR A SINGLE OCCUPANCY
ALL INCLUSIVE FROM TAMPA, FL

Your Tour includes:

- Round trip air transportation from Tampa to Israel and return
- 9 night's hotel accommodations
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Deluxe motor coach transportation in Israel
- Knowledgeable and experienced coach drivers
- Three meals per day while touring
- All sightseeing per the itinerary
- Bilingual Christian guide throughout
- Educational Christian Tours tour manager
- All entrance fees where required
- Based on tariffs in effect as of November 2025
- All gratuities for hotels and meals
- Tips to guides and drivers

Not included: Luggage handling in airports



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Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Depart Tampa Airport for your flight arriving in Israel the next day. Meals are served on the plane.

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, you will board your deluxe MOTOR-COACH and proceed to your HOTEL for check in.

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Celebrate early morning MASS at the church of the Holy Sepulchre and then BREAKFAST. Drive to the top of the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of the city. There, we will visit Bethphage from which Jesus sent his disciples to find a donkey or colt upon which he would ride into Jerusalem. Next, we will visit the traditional site of the Pater Noster where Jesus taught the apostles how to pray. Our guide will then explain Temple Mount, the Church of Dominus Flevit where Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem, the Jewish cemetery and the Palm Sunday Road. We will walk down to the Church of All Nations in the Garden of Gethsemane and the Rock of Agony. After LUNCH, continue to the Church of St. Peter En Gallencanto, (commemorating Peter's denial of the Savior before the cock crowed three times) then continue to Mt. Zion to visit the Upper Room and then visit the Church of Dormition (where Mary fell asleep). DINNER will be at the hotel.

Friday, September 11, 2026

This morning after BREAKFAST, we will visit the little town of Bethlehem where we will go to Shepherd's Field and celebrate MASS. We will see the Cave enclosed now in the Church of the Nativity where archaeologists believe Jesus was born. Afterwards and before we leave Bethlehem you will have time for olive wood shopping and then LUNCH. After lunch, stop in Ein Karem where Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, and both shared in the joy of their pregnancies. Visit the Church of the Visitation and the Church of John the Baptist. DINNER will be at the hotel. Tonight, a visit to the Mall for ice cream, cappuccino or shopping for those interested.

Saturday, September 12, 2026

After BREAKFAST, we will leave behind the Old City of Jerusalem and travel to Jericho where the "Walls came tumbling down", along the way we will stop at the Jordan River where John baptized Jesus. In Jericho, we will stop at the place where Zacchaeus climbed the Sycamore tree to see Jesus. We will celebrate MASS at a local church. After LUNCH we will take a CABLE CAR to the top of the Mount of Temptation for a spectacular view. There will be an opportunity to ride a camel for a small fee. Buy some delicious Jericho oranges and dates grown in the fertile valley. Continue to Qumran in the desert where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1942 by a shepherd boy tending his flock. DINNER will be at the hotel.

Sunday, September 13, 2026

After BREAKFAST, we will take a walking tour of the Jewish Quarter, visiting the Western Wall. We will proceed to the church of St. Anne, which marks the birthplace of the Blessed Mother and the pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the crippled man. We will celebrate MASS before we walk the Via Dolorosa (the way of the Cross) ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After LUNCH, Tour the Old city of David. DINNER at the hotel.

Monday, September 14, 2026

Early morning MASS in the Tomb or on Calvary and then BREAKFAST. We will then leave Jerusalem to visit Masada, an ancient mountain fortress high above the dead sea. Take a cable car to the top and see the well-preserved ruins of the site of the Jews last stand against the

Romans after the fall of Jerusalem in 70 ce. After LUNCH we will visit the Dead Sea and an opportunity to wade in the water. Tonight, we will celebrate with a FAREWELL TO JERUSALEM DINNER

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Check out this morning after BREAKFAST and depart for Galilee. En route, we will visit the restored crusader city of Caesarea to see the amphitheater and the aqueduct. Stop in Haifa and visit Mt. Carmel and enjoy LUNCH at the Stella Maris Carmelite convent. Visit Magdala, the home of Mary of Magdala, the woman who Jesus cured of 7 devils and the site of a first century synagogue which Jesus probably visited. We will celebrate MASS in the beautiful church overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Continue to our HOTEL and check in. DINNER at the hotel.

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

BREAKFAST this morning, and depart for Cana, the sight of the first miracle where Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding feast. We will enjoy an opportunity to renew our wedding vows and visit the Cana wine stores. Next, we will visit Mt. Tabor, the traditional Mountain of Transfiguration. Ascend to the top by taxi to the church on the crown of the mountain. You can view the valley below, and in awe praise God for His creation. Continue to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. After LUNCH in Nazareth, visit the Church of Annunciation and celebrate MASS. Visit the Church over St. Joseph's Workshop. It was here in Nazareth that Mary lived when the Angel Gabriel came to her to make the "announcement". Take time for some souvenir shopping before going back to the hotel for DINNER.

Thursday, September 17, 2026

This morning after BREAKFAST, visit the traditional Church of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Proceed to 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-in-law. Continue to the Mt. of Beatitudes and celebrate MASS where you will hear the Beatitudes, from Jesus' sermon on the mountain as recorded in Matt. 5, v 1-11. 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. Then take a ride on the Sea of Galilee in a boat of the style that dates to Jesus' time. DINNER will be at the hotel. Then we will check out for an early morning departure to the airport.

Friday, September 18, 2026

You will arrive home today. 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.

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