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9 Nights~ 10 Days in Israel [MILA - USA] [C/O]

10 Days in Israel - Catholic Premium Pilgrimage.

PRICING	TOTAL TOUR DAYS	ARRIVAL PORT	DEPARTURE PORT
—	10	Tel Aviv	Tel Aviv

Countries Covered: **Israel**

Tour Overview

10 Days of Biblical experience in Israel - Catholic pilgrimage

Catholic Pilgrimage | Church Groups

- 10 Days of Biblical journey through Israel.
- Accommodation pal: 3 nights Tiberias, 2 nights Ein Bokeq & 4 Nights Jerusalem.
- This tour, starts in the Galilee, then travels south to Dead Sea and culminates in Jerusalem.
- In the Galilee section, the tour will visit all Galilee churches, Golan Heights, Haifa, Nazareth, Cana & Tabor. [3 nights]
- From the Galilee the tour moves to the Jordan valley traveling down to Ein Bokek at the southern shores of Dead Sea.
- Baptism site, Jericho, Qumran Caves, Ein Gedi, Masada & Dead Sea are the major sites visited in this section of the tour. [2 nights]
- From the Salt Valley the tour moves up the Judean hills to reach Jerusalem.
- This section covers Ein Karem, Kiryat Yearim, Mt Olives, Mt Zion, Old City Ein Karem & Bethlehem.[4 Nights]
- High Value Tours included: Magdala, Masada, Saxum, Ramparts Walk.
- Daily Mass at significant shrines.

Day wise program structure

Premium pilgrimage

Day 01 — Haifa

Accommodation: Nazareth | Meals Included: Dinner

- Arrival Tel Aviv.
- Transfer to Haifa.
- View the spectacular Bahai Gardens, considered to be an modern architectural marvel.
- Visit Elijah's cave at the chapel of Stella Marris. (Mass)
- Transfer to Hotel in Nazareth.

Approach to Tel Aviv international airport from the Mediterranean sea, Tel Aviv, Israel

El Al plane landing at Ben Gurion international airport, Tel Aviv, Israel

Terminal of Tel Aviv airport (TLV) in Israel.

Nazareth Basilica of Annunciation at night - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

View of the Carmel forest, Mount Carmel, Haifa, Israel

Beautiful panoramic view from Mount Carmel to cityscape and port in Haifa, Israel.

Day 02 — Golan Heights, Cana & Nazareth

Accommodation: Nazareth | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Early morning transfer to Golan heights via Bental - Quneitra.(1 hour 10 minutes)
- Tour of Banias national park & waterfalls.
- Transfer to Cana (1 Hr 10 Minutes).
- Church of the wedding miracle. (Mass & Renewal of Wedding Vows)
- Shopping for Cana Wine.
- Lunch - Festive Midddle Eastern.
- Transfer to Nazareth. (30 Minutes)
- Nazareth Annunciation Basilica, Joseph's workshop & Mary’s well.

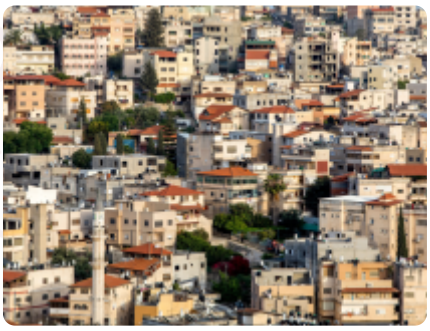
Banias waterfalls, Golan heights, Israel - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Cana Church of the wedding miracle interior, Kfar Kanna, Israel - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Grotto of Annunciation interior of the Basilica of Annunciation, Nazareth, Galilee, Israel - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Eucharist at St Joseph's Cathedral in the Annunciation Church complex, Nazareth, Galilee, Israel - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Biblical village Cana of Galilee (Kafr Kanna) in morning fog, Nazareth in Israel



City of Nazareth, Galilee, Israel

Day 03 — Galilee churches, Boat ride & Magdala

Accommodation: Nazareth | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Tour of the Galilee Churches: Mt of Beatitudes, the site of Jesus’s sermon on the mount.
- Proceed to visit Capernaum (Kfar Nahum) the city of Jesus and the site of Jesus’s ministry. The place of origin of healing and deliverance, the secrets of which were taught by Jesus.
- Visit Tabga, the site of the Jesus's miracle of the multiplication of bread loaves and fish to feed 5000 people.
- Short visit to Peter’s house (Primacy of Peter).

- Slow, short boat ride in the Galilee on a replica of ancient Galilean boats.
- Lunch. (St Peter's fish lunch at the shores of the Sea of the Galilee)
- Tour of Magdala - Recently excavated archeological site of the first century city of Mary Magdalene.
- Visit the exquisite Boat Chapel complex, a marvel of modern architecture.

Church at Mount Beatitudes, site of the 'sermon on the mount', Galilee, Israel

Archeological site of Capernaum, the city of Jesus and the site of Jesus' ministry.

Excavations at Magdala, the city of Mary Magdalene, on the western shores of the Sea of the Galilee, Israel

Mount Beatitudes chapel interior moasic floor - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Sea of the Galilee view from the Benedictine monastery at Tabgha-Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Interior of the church of multiplication at Tabgha, Galilee, Israel

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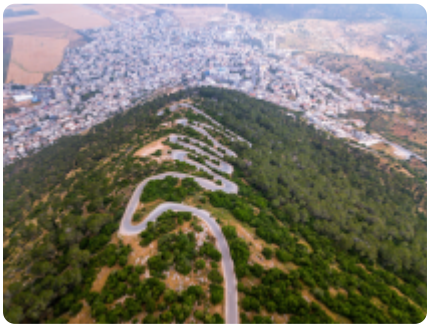
Day 04 — Tabor, Baptism site, Jericho & Qumran

Accommodation: Ein Bokek | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Transfer to the sanctuary of Tabor.
- Ride up the Tabor hill in a mini van to visit the magnificent Basilica of Transfiguration.
- Transfer to Qasr Al Yahud - The Baptism site at Jordan river. It is widely believed that Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist at this site on the eastern bank.
- Ascend Mt Temptation [2 way cable car].
- Lunch. (Open Buffet).
- Jericho, the lowest city on earth, is also considered to be the oldest city of human civilization - visit the Sycamore tree & Zacheus house.
- Transfer to Qumran. Tour Qumran Caves - The site of the discovery of the Dead Sea scrolls.
- Transfer to Hotel in Ein Bokeq.

Mount Tabor across a field of Red Anemones in early spring, Jezreel Valley, Israel



Winding snake road to ascend Mount Tabor, Galilee, Israel

Qasr Al Yahud, The site of baptism in the Jordan river, widely believed to be the place of baptism of Jesus Christ. Salt Valley, Israel

Mount Tabor Basilica of Transfiguration interior, Kfar Tavor, Israel - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Monsatery on the cliffs of Mount Temptation, Jericho, West Bank - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Qumran caves, Qumran, Israel - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Day 05 — Masada, Ein Gedi & Dead Sea

Accommodation: Ein Bokek | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Early morning visit Masada national park [2 way cable car]. Masada tells the incredible story of the Jewish resistance to and martyrdom at the hands of the Roman legions.
- Transfer to Ein Gedi National Park – Site of David's hideaway from Saul.
- Lunch at Ein Bokek. (Local barbecue)
- Second afternoon at Dead Sea, soak in the mineral rich waters and experience the Dead sea float.

Sunrise at Masada, ancient Jewish fortress, Masada, Israel

Cable car ascend to Masada National park, Masada, Israel

Natural spring water stream, Ein Gedi national park, Ein Gedi, Israel

Ibex in a gorge in Ein Gedi national park, Ein Gedi, Israel

Natural springs of the oasis in Ein Gedi national park, Ein Gedi, Israel

Waterfall and pool in the desert. Ein Gedi, Israel

Day 06 — Jerusalem - Mt Olives & Mt Zion

Accommodation: Jerusalem | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Transfer to Jerusalem. (1 hour)
- Tour of Mt Olives. View the iconic Dome of the Rock from Mt Olives.
- Tour the sanctuary of Pater Noster where The Lord's Prayer is embedded in the walls in numerous languages.
- Palm Sunday Road - view from below only, the steep decent being perilous.
- Visit the Basilica at Gethsemane - Church of All Nations and the ancient Olive Garden.
- Buffet Lunch.
- Mt Zion- Upper room & David’s Tomb.
- St Peter Gallicantu site of Peters denial of Jesus.
- Evening adoration at Gethsemane.

Pater Noster Church Mount Olives - Jerusalem - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Dominous Flevit Chapel altar and view of the Old city of Jerusalem and the Dome of the Rock - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Ancient olive trees at the garden of Gethsemane - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Church of Saint Peter at Gallicantu - Mount Zion Jerusalem - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Panoramic view of the Old city of Jerusalem and the Dome of the Rock from Mount of Olives, Jerusalem, Israel

Day 07 — Ein Karem, Shepherd's Field & Bethlehem

Accommodation: Jerusalem | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Transfer to Ein Karem.
- Tour of the spectacular Basilica of Visitation.
- At the Visitations Basilica view the Magnificat in numerous languages on the walls. (Mass)
- Church of John the Baptist.
- Transfer to Bethlehem. (30 Minutes)
- Shepherd's Field.
- Lunch - Traditional Palestinian Barbecue.
- Milk Grotto Church.
- Basilica of Nativity. (Mass)

Ein Karem, Birth place of John the Baptist, Ein Karem, Israel

Interior of Basilica of Visitations, Ein Karem, Israel

Basilica of visitations, Ein Karem, Israel

Church at the Shepherd's Field in Biet Sahour, Bethlehem, West Bank - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Grotto of Nativity inside the Basilica of Nativity, Bethlehem, West Bank - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Interior of the Basilica of Nativity, Bethlehem, West Bank

Day 08 — Jerusalem Old city, Western Wall & Mahane Yehuda market

Accommodation: Jerusalem | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Old City of Jerusalem via Lions' gate. Bethesda Pools - St Anne's, Chapel of Flagellation. Chapel of Condemnation, continuing Via Dolorosa to Calvary.
- Western Wall complex.
- Dome of the Rock.
- Buffet Lunch.
- Tour of iconic Machane Yehuda Market.
- Evening tour - The Ramparts Walk over the Old city walls.

Vi Dolorosa Fifth Station Old City of Jerusalem - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Via Dolorosa Eighth station - Old city of Jerusalem - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Holy Tomb of Jesus Christ at the Holy Sepulchre church complex-Old city of Jerusalem - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Dome of the Rock and the Old city of Jerusalem at dusk - Fr. Biju Michael SDB

Lions Gate entrance to the Old city of Jerusalem. Pilgrims start the walking tour of the Way of the Cross from this gate. Jerusalem, Israel

Pool of Bethesda

Day 09 — Saxum, Emmaus & Jaffa

Accommodation: Jerusalem | Meals Included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

- Transfer to Kiryat Yearim.
- Tour of Saxum - Museum & Digital interactive timeline of Israel.
- Transfer to Emmaus. (Mass)
- Transfer to Jaffa.
- Farewell Lunch at Jaffa seafront.
- Short tour of Jaffa visiting St Peters church.
- Transfer to Hotel in Jerusalem. (1 Hrs 15 minutes)

Pilgrims celebrating the Eucharist at Emmaus Nicopolis, Israel

The ruins of the Byzantine church complex in Emmaus Nicopolis, Israel

View of St. Peter's Church in Jaffa, Israel.

Jaffa fishing harbour at sunset, Jaffa, Israel

Jaffa skyline viewed from Tel Aviv

Day 10 — Departure

Meals Included: Breakfast

- Trf to Airport.

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Masada

"Masada is a rugged natural fortress, of majestic beauty, in the Judaean Desert overlooking the Dead Sea. It is a symbol of the ancient kingdom of Israel, its violent destruction and the last stand of Jewish patriots in the face of the Roman army, in 73 A.D. It was built as a palace complex, in the classic style of the early Roman Empire, by Herod the Great, King of Judaea, (reigned 37 – 4 B.C.). The camps, fortifications and attack ramp that encircle the monument constitute the most complete Roman siege works surviving to the present day." https://whc.unesco.org/en/licenses/6

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Mt Temptation by Cable Car

"Welcome to the Jericho Cable Car, an extraordinary attraction that promises an unforgettable experience! Soar above the ancient Jericho to the Mount of Temptation and take in breathtaking views of the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. Our car system ensures a safe and comfortable ride for visitors of all ages. Enjoy the cultural and historical significance of the region, with easy access to the Monastery of Temptation and the interesting Temptation Caves. Whether you seek adventure, spirituality, or simply wish to marvel at nature's beauty, the Jericho Cable Car is your gateway to an extraordinary journey."

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Saxum

Saxum Visitor Center is a multimedia resource center that helps visitors to deepen their knowledge of the Holy Land in an interactive way. The guided visit offers a tour through the main events of sacred history, where the historical, geographical, and biblical contexts are brought together. The experience covers the heritage of the Holy Land from Abraham to the present day, going through the holy places across multiple historical periods.

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Jerusalem old city - Ramparts Walk

The Ramparts Walk offers a different experience of Jerusalem. The tour is best conducted at dusk, allowing marvelous views of the Old city from above. "The walls of Jerusalem are a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Jerusalem’s most important cultural heritage asset, and a prominent and influential monument in the city’s urban landscape in the past and present."

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Additional information

What are the travel requirements?

- Passport valid for at least 6 months from the start date of the tour.
- Entry permit as required for various Nationalities. Refer Israel's visa policy.
- Health insurance valid for the duration of the journey, preferably "cash free" policies.

Who can travel?

- Adult passengers from most countries.
- Minors must be accompanied by an immediate relative/guardian.

Is it safe to travel to Israel?

- Israel is safer than most places in the world.
- Stop watching the TV.

Are credit cards accepted in Israel?

- Yes, all credit cards are accepted in Israel.
- Please check with your service provider too.

Can an insurance policy be purchased in Israel?

- Yes, please write to us to know more.

Are foreign insurance policies accepted in Israel?

- Yes, they are, and it is preferred, because your insurance company is liable to the laws of your country, while local Israeli insurers are not.

Can cash be carried?

- Cash could be carried, but currently it is limited to NIS 12,000 which is about $3250 at an exchange rate of US$ 1= NIS 3.6.
- *Passengers carrying currencies whose total value exceeds the above amount are required by Israeli law to make a declaration with the customs at the port of entry.*

How much does this package cost?

- The cost of a tour package is a function of various services; viz, class of accommodation, period of travel, meal plan etc.
- Please make a booking and we will send a price offer for your consideration.

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