



Faith Journeys 10 Day Itinerary

Day 1: Toronto/Tel Aviv

"Leave your country...for the land I will show you" Ger 12:1.

Today is taken up with our physical journey to the Bible lands. This pilgrimage reminds us of our own continuous journey towards God.

Day 2: Israel – Nazareth

Peter said, *"Teacher, where do you live? Come and see"* John 1:39.

Shalom! Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport and travel via the Plain of Sharon and Caesarea to overnight in Nazareth, the hometown of the Holy Family. We visit the biblical excavations of the Town in the convent of the sister of Nazareth.

Day 3: Lower Galilee

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light" Isaiah 9:2.

We celebrate Eucharist in the Church of the Annunciation and visit Cana, place of Jesus' first public ministry. Then we renew our Baptismal promises at the River Jordan before returning to our hotel in Nazareth.

Day 4: The Sea of Galilee

"Jesus left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea" Matt 4:13.

We cross the Sea of Galilee by boat and arrive in Capernaum, where Jesus began his ministry of healing and teaching. We spend some reflective time sitting on the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus taught the qualities of the Kingdom of God. Then we visit Bethsaida, the home of many of the first disciples of Jesus and drive to Mount Tabor, site of the Transfiguration.

Day 5: Around the Lake

"He took pity on them and healed their sick" Mathew 14:14.

We begin our final morning in Galilee with Mass on the seashore at Tabgha, site of the feeding of the 5,000 and complete the morning at the church of the Primacy. Here the Risen Christ

cooked breakfast for his disciples and reinstated Peter as leader of the group. We complete the day in Migdal, home of Mary Magdalene, first witness of the Resurrection.

Day 6: Galilee/Jerusalem via Jericho

"I will lead her into the desert and speak to her heart" Hos 2:14.

We drive by Qumran along the Jordan valley to the Dead Sea and visit Jericho, the oldest known city. After lunch we drive eastward into the Judean wilderness and commemorate deceased loved ones overlooking the Valley of the Shadow of Death. We enter Jerusalem by the Mount of Olives and celebrate mass in Dominus Flevit Church overlooking the city of Jerusalem.

"I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go the house of the Lord" Psalm 122.

Day 7: Bethlehem and the Old City

"Let's go to Bethlehem" Luke 2:15.

We celebrate Mass at Shepherd's Field, then visit Bethlehem and the basilica of the Nativity. We have lunch with students at Bethlehem University and visit the orphanage of the Sisters of Charity and Our Lady of Fatima school.

Day 8: The Last Days of Jesus

We begin our journey in the last days of Jesus with mass in the Upper Room, followed by an hour of watching in the Garden of Gethsemane. We then visit the church of St Peter in Gallicantu.

Day 9: From the Upper Room to Calvary

"Having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end" John 13:1.

We begin by carrying the cross up the Via Dolorosa to the place of crucifixion. We celebrate the mass of resurrection in the church of the Holy Sepulchre.

After lunch we journey towards Emmaus, before returning to Jerusalem for the celebration of Pentecost. We return to Bethlehem for our final community gathering and overnight.

Day 10: Tel Aviv/Toronto

We take an early morning flight back home returning filled with the Holy Spirit – renewed and recharged to tell everyone *"all the things that happened on the road and how we recognized him in the breaking of the Bread"*.