

DETAILED ITINERARY FOR MAY/JUNE 2025 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Thursday May 22: We meet up at JFK airport (New York City) for our NON-STOP flight to Tel Aviv on El Al Airlines. Flight departs at 11:50pm, allowing pilgrims to fly in the same day from their originating airport. (*Note: Flight details subject to change until 60 days before departure.*) Arrival at airport at least 4 hours before flight time is recommended.

Each day of our trip, we will have breakfast and dinner at the pilgrimage house where we stay, and a Traditional Latin Mass celebrated by our accompanying Priest at one of the shrines we will be visiting.

Friday May 23: We land in Israel at 5:20pm, and proceed on a chartered motor coach to the Rosary Sisters pilgrimage house in Nazareth, a short walk from the Basilica of the Annunciation. Mass (depending on arrival time), dinner, and bed.

Saturday, May 24: We have a full day in Nazareth to pray at the Holy sites there (and to recover from the trip). In addition to the Basilica with the Grotto of the Annunciation, prayer visits will include:

- The recently discovered tomb of St. Joseph's Tomb (over which we will have Holy Mass)
- Mary's Well, where she went to draw water each day
- St. Joseph's workshop
- The synagogue in Nazareth where Jesus read from the Scriptures, saying "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 4:16)
- The garden of the Poor Clare convent where St. Charles de Foucauld lived as gardener.

We will be there Saturday night, when there is a massive multilingual group Rosary around the spot of the Annunciation. Each morning and evening, those who wish may walk to the Basilica for private prayer directly in front of the Grotto of the Annunciation, only a few feet from where the Word became Flesh. Usually we are the only ones there at those times.

Sunday, May 25 and Monday, May 26: After leaving Nazareth for our next two nights on the Sea of Galilee, at the beautiful Benedictine pilgrimage house ("Pilgerhaus") on the shore (with private beach) of the Sea. On the way we make two stops – first at Mt. Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration (Mt 17, Mk 9, Lk 9), and *Deo volente*, celebrate our Traditional Latin Mass (TLM) in the Basilica there. Then Cana, where Jesus' first public miracle, turning water into wine, took place. Those who wish can "renew" their wedding vows there. Then onto the Sea of Galilee, to visit and pray at the places there sanctified by the presence and miracles of Jesus. These include:

- Capernaum, the town where Jesus lived during much of His public ministry (Mt 4 and 8, Mk 1-2, Lk 4 and 7), praying at the home of Peter (where Jesus stayed) and in the Synagogue there where Jesus gave the "Bread of Life" discourse (Jn 6), and will see the ruins of the ancient town.
- Tabgha the spot where Jesus multiplied the Loaves and Fishes prefiguring the miracle of the Eucharist. Kursi on the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus cast the "Legion of Demons" out of the demoniac and into the swine who ran into the Sea (Mk 5, Lk 8). We will visit and pray at the cave where the demoniac lived, with some deliverance prayer if our Chaplain wishes.
- The "Primacy of Peter" (aka "Mensa Christi"), where Jesus appeared after the Resurrection, prepared breakfast for the Apostles who were fishing, and told Peter "feed my lambs... tend my sheep (Jn 21).
- The Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-6)
- Chorazin, the town Jesus cursed for its unbelief (Mt 11, Lk 10)
- Safed, the world center of Jewish mysticism, praying in one of the medieval synagogues there.
- A sunset sail in a "Jesus boat" on the Sea of Galilee

Tuesday, May 27: We leave the Sea of Galilee for our final 5 days in Jerusalem. If the security situation permits, we stop on the way in Jericho*, to pray at the very spot on the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized

by John (Mt 3). Not coincidentally, it is also the very same spot where the Jewish people first entered into the Promised Land led by Joshua (Josh. 3), the same name as “Jesus” in Hebrew, and where Elijah crossed over and was taken up to Heaven in the fiery chariot (2 Ki 2). Then we ascend the Mount of Temptation by cable car, to the cave where Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days in preparation of His public ministry (now an Orthodox monastery and church). There we will be able to pray at the very stone on which He sat while Satan tempted Him. Leaving Jericho for Jerusalem, we will stop to view the dramatic Monastery of Saint George, built in the 5th century over the cave where Elijah hid from Jezebel and was fed by ravens (1 Ki 17), and also at Bethany, visiting the house of Lazarus, Martha, and Mary Magdalene (now a church) where Jesus often stayed, including during Holy Week. We may also be able to descend to Lazarus’ tomb and pray there. Arriving in Jerusalem, we check in at our Pilgrimage House in the Old City a short walk from the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where we will stay for the rest of the trip.

During our time in Jerusalem, we will be staying at the Maronite Pilgrimage House, close enough to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to be to walk there each morning before breakfast for an hour or two of private prayer, and before dinner for the same. There we can pray at the tomb from which Jesus Resurrected, the literal Foot of the Cross, the stone of the Anointing, at the pillar on which Jesus was Crowned with Thorns, etc. Deo volente, those who wish may also have the opportunity to spend the night in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre being locked in, with permission, at 7pm when it closes until 5am when it reopens.

Wednesday, May 28 through Saturday, May 31:

We have 4 full days here, 3 in Jerusalem and one in Bethlehem and Ein Karem. In Jerusalem there are incredible altars, such as at the foot of the Cross on Calvary, inside the Tomb itself in the Holy Sepulchre, on the stone where Jesus sweat blood in Gethsemane, etc. I request these altars, but it is up to the shrine when they grant them to us, so I schedule the particular days around the altar times we get for Holy Mass (Traditional). The following are typical of our days in Jerusalem, but which day is when depends on the altar assignments. Remember, each day can begin with several hours of quiet prayer in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, if one so desires. Places we can pray at and visit include:

- the actual foot of the Cross on Calvary
- the actual tomb where Jesus lay dead until His Resurrection
- the stone in Gethsemane where Jesus sweat blood
- the spot where Peter denied Jesus 3 times
- the prison cell under Caiaphas’ palace where Jesus spent the night prior to His crucifixion
- the spot from which Jesus ascended into Heaven
- the cave where Jesus taught the disciples the Our Father
- doing the Stations of the Cross at the original stations
- St. Anne’s house (birthplace of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
- the Pool of Bethzatha (Jn 5) where Jesus healed the man ill for 38 years
- the Church of the Flagellation, where Jesus was whipped under orders of Pontius Pilate
- Ecce Homo, where Pontius Pilate displayed the scourged Jesus to the crowd
- Gabbatha, the pavement in front of Pontius Pilate’s Palace where the Jews cried out “His blood be on us and our children”
- the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (where we are often able to have Mass)
- the Jewish quarter and praying at the Western Wall
- the Church of the Dormition, where according to Catholic tradition the Blessed Virgin Mary fell asleep and was assumed into heaven
- St. Stephen’s Priory, where St. Stephen was stoned shortly after the Crucifixion (Acts 6 and 7)

One of our days in Jerusalem we will go to Bethlehem and Ein Karem.

In Bethlehem we will visit and pray at:

- the Birth Cave (in the Basilica of the Nativity) where Jesus was born
- the Milk Cave where he was nursed by the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Shepherd's Field where the shepherds heard the angels announce the birth of the Messiah.

And in Ein Karem, visit and pray at:

- the home of Elizabeth and Zachariah (now a Church) at the very spot where John the Baptist was born
- the location where Mary encountered Elizabeth and the Visitation took place
- the "hideout" of John the Baptist in the wilderness
- the Tomb of the noted Jewish Catholic convert Alphonse Ratisbonne

Sunday June 1: After supper on Saturday, May 31, we take our motor coach to the airport, to check in for our very early (1 am) non-stop flight back to JFK, which arriving at 5:50am, early enough for our pilgrims to make their connections back home

**Itinerary details subject to change. Some destinations may be closed.*

For information on registration, pricing, travel arrangements, etc.

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See photos from the May 2023 trip at <https://tinyurl.com/RoyMay23> !