

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN

with the spiritual leadership of **Father Xavier De Pinto**, KHS and Pastor of Precious Blood Parish, Scarborough, September 16th to 27th, 2019



Join us on a spiritual journey that is sure to be one of the most unforgettable experiences of your life. Imagine yourself in the Galilee at the same sites where Jesus taught and performed his miracles, being baptized in the Jordan River, walking through the streets of Jerusalem and reflecting on the sacrifice He gave in this city that changed the world. In Jordan we will visit the Mt. Nebo, the alleged burial site of Moses and from where he first glimpsed the Promised Land, a land he was forbidden to enter by God. We also explore the wonderful Rose City of Petra and we'll spend time by the Dead Sea. Come and see for yourself, you will never be the same!!!

I rejoiced when they said to me « Let us go to the house of the Lord » (PSalm 122 :1)

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Day 1 Mon Sep 16

Flight Toronto-Tel Aviv

We depart from Toronto International Airport direct to Tel Aviv. Prepare yourself for an experience that will change your life. In only few hours you will be walking in the same path that Jesus walked! Relax and enjoy your flight with complimentary meals and entertainment on board. Overnight on board.

Day 2 Tue Sep 17

Tel Aviv-Nazareth

Welcome to Israel! Upon arrival and clearing customs and immigration, we meet our guide and board our bus to drive us to Nazareth. It is here that the Word became Flesh (Luke 1:30-31) and it all began and we start our pilgrimage in a very solemn way. We get settled in our rooms and enjoy free time to rest or explore on our own. Later we gather for opening prayers at the Church of the Annunciation. Dinner and overnight. [Hotel Legacy Nazareth, sup rooms](#)

Day 3 Wed Sep 18

The Ministry of Jesus

Today we start our day with a relaxing boat ride across the Sea of Galilee recalling the miracle of walking on water and calling on Peter and Andrew to become 'fishers of men'. In Capernaum, Jesus' home (Matthew 9:1) and the center of his ministry (Matthew 4:13, 23), we see the remains of the ancient Synagogue where our Lord preached and the new church built atop St. Peter's house. It is here where Jesus spent most of his public life. In Tabgha, traditional location of the feeding of the 5,000, we see the splendid mosaic of the miracle of the loaves and fishes (Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:32-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:1-15), we pray at the Chapel of the Primacy where Jesus reinstates Peter (John 21:15-19) and we reflect at the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached the Sermon of the Mount (Matthew 5:3-11; Luke 6:20-26). Back in Nazareth enjoy free time to rest or private prayers and reflection at the Basilica of Annunciation. [Hotel Legacy Nazareth, sup rooms](#)

Day 4 Thu Sep 19

Cana-Mt. of Transfiguration-Mt. Carmel

This morning we visit Cana, where the Shrine reminds us of the first miracle of Jesus turning water into wine (John 2:1-11), and couples who are present could renew their wedding vows at this same spot. Then we pray at Mt. Tabor, site of the Transfiguration of Christ (Luke 9:28-36). In the afternoon we visit Mt. Carmel, site of Elijah's confrontation with the priests of Baal (1 Kings 18:19-29) and we pray at the Carmelite Sanctuary of Stella Maris. Here the image of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is venerated and is where the Carmelite order began. [Hotel Legacy Nazareth, sup rooms](#)

Day 5 Fri Sep 20

Magdala-Jordan River-Kingdom of Jordan

This morning we visit Magdala, the home town of Mary Magdalene. To see the recent discovery of a First Century Synagogue where it is certain that Jesus taught. We pray at the beautiful Church Duc in Altum and learn about the Women's Atrium, Boat Chapel and Encounter Chapel with its original 1st century floor. Then we stop at the Jordan River, and whoever wants may renew at this spot the baptismal promises. Next we depart from the Galilee and cross into the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, meet our local guide and drive directly to our hotel located by the Dead

Sea, the lowest point of earth, 420mt below sea level. We'll check-in and enjoy free time to relax before dinner. [Hotel Crowne Plaza Dead Sea, sup room](#)

Day 6 Sat Sep 21

Excursion to Petra

We depart on a full day excursion to the Rose City of Petra, a World Heritage Site, located near the town of Wadi Musa. Local tradition says that the spring at Wadi Musa (Valley of Moses), is the place where Moses struck the rock and brought forth water (Numbers 20:10-11). We explore the wonderful city of Petra, with its famed gorge, a one-kilometer-long fissure between overhanging cliffs that seem to meet more than 300 feet overhead and we can walk to or travel part way by horseback (optional carts available at additional cost). We also see ancient streets, dwellings and tombs, as well as incredibly beautiful temples carved into its multi-colored sandstone, it is an extraordinary experience. This is the place mentioned in the Old Testament as the Seir mountain. [Hotel Crowne Plaza Dead Sea, sup room](#)

Day 7 Sun Sep 22

Mt Nebo-Madaba-Dead Sea

This morning we pray at the alleged burial site of Moses in Mount Nebo... and from where he first glimpsed the Promised Land, a land he was forbidden to enter by God (Numbers 20:12). On a clear day, Mt Nebo offers stunning views of the Jordan Valley, Dead Sea and the rooftops of Bethlehem & Jerusalem. It was here that His Holiness Pope John Paul II stood, raised his arms, looked towards the heavens and prayed for Peace in the Holy Land. Next we see the earliest original map of the Holy Land at the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George in the biblical town of Madaba. We return to our hotel to enjoy free time at the Dead Sea. Try floating in the salt water or cover your body with the famous mud rich in salt and minerals. It will be a lot of fun! [Hotel Crowne Plaza Dead Sea, sup room](#)

Day 8 Mon Sep 23

Jesus' baptism & Temptation-Triumphal Entry

We check-out from our hotel and visit Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John the Baptist preached and baptized Jesus (Matthew 3: 13-17). Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, the opening of the heavens and the arrival of the Holy Spirit is the very beginning of Christianity. Next we cross back into Israel and we follow the route to the Mount of Temptation, traditional site where Jesus spent forty days and forty nights and was tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12; Luke 4:1). We visit Jericho, the city conquered by Joshua (Joshua 6:1;2;20) and we recall the story about the poor blind man (Luke 18:35-43) and Zacchaeus, the tax collector (Luke 19:1-10). We continue our tour and ascend the Judean Hills towards Jerusalem for a thrilling entrance and admire the breathtaking beauty of "the Golden City" from atop Mt. of Olives as we pause and celebrate the Triumphal Entry. "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" (Psalm 118:26)! We follow Palm Sunday route to Dominus Fleuit Chapel, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41-44), and the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:36), where we enjoy time for personal prayer. [Hotel Dan Panorama, Jerusalem room](#)

Day 9 Tue Sep 24

Magnificat-Israel Museum-Mt Zion-Temple Mount

We find ourselves today in the city that is still immersed in the mystery of the passion and resurrection of Christ. We begin at the Church of St. John the Baptist and the Church of the Visitation, where the Blessed

Virgin Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth and proclaimed the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). Next we see the outdoor model of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus and the Shrine of the Book housing the Dead Sea Scrolls. Discovered in 1947, they are the oldest copies of the bible in Hebrew and other manuscripts ever found. We pray at the Dormition Abbey, where Mary "fell into eternal sleep", and visit the Upper Room, where Jesus shared the last meal with his Apostles the night before he died. We enter the walls of the Old City, visit the Southern Wall excavations, and walk on the steps where Jesus walked. At the Western Wall, the holiest site for the Jewish religion for prayer and pilgrimage, we hear all about this wall of Herod's Temple that remains standing and explore the subterranean passage that runs along the side of the Temple Mount and under the present day houses in the Old City. You'll walk through areas where the faithful have in our generation returned to pray, believing they are as close to the Temple's Holy of Holies as is humanly possible to be today.

Hotel Dan Panorama, Jerusalem room

Day 10 Wed Sep 25 The Nativity-Caiaphas House-Passion of Christ

This morning we celebrate the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. We pray at the Church of the Nativity and visit the Manger and the Grotto of St. Jerome, and remember the humble shepherds listening to the angels that sang: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors! (Luke 2:14). Next we visit the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu as we recall Peter's denial of Christ (Matthew 26:69-75). We enter the Old City and visit the Church of St. Ann, traditional site of the home of Jesus' maternal grandparents, Ann and Joachim, and the birthplace of the Virgin Mary, and we see the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus performed the miracle of healing (John 5:2-9). We prayerfully follow the last footsteps of Jesus as we walk the Via Dolorosa, following the Way of the Cross, something unforgettable in our pilgrimage, ending at the site of the crucifixion of Christ (Calvary), and the site of the Sepulchre. **Hotel Dan Panorama, Jerusalem room**

Day 12 Thu Sep 26 The Resurrection-Free Afternoon in Jerusalem

Is our last day in the Holy Land and end our pilgrimage celebrating Jesus' resurrection, He is not here, He has Risen (Matthew 28:6). The balance of the day is free for last minute shopping, further explore on your own or visit again the Holy sites. Tonight, we share our thoughts and enjoy a Farewell Dinner. **Hotel Dan Panorama, Jerusalem room**

Day 12 Fri Sep 27 Flight Home

We depart to the airport for our return flight feeling deeply moved for the spiritual experience that we have just lived, knowing that we have walked in the footsteps of Jesus, the Virgin Mary and the Apostles bringing new meaning to our Scripture reading and celebration of Mass. We will cherish the memories that will last a lifetime. We land at Toronto International Airport. **END OF OUR PILGRIMAGE**

\$ 4,590 CAD

per person in Double Occupancy including Fuel Surcharge & Airport Taxes \$687.44 CAD – Taxes are subject to change without notice until time of ticketing
See next column for complete list of inclusions

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. (Psalm 84:5)



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THE TOUR INCLUDES

- ✓ Round trip airfare from Toronto
- ✓ 10 night accommodation in Superior First Class hotels double occupancy
- ✓ Breakfast and Dinner daily
- ✓ Private coach transportation throughout
- ✓ Entrance fees, tours and visit to holy sites as per the itinerary with English speaking guide
- ✓ Daily Mass and/or Spiritual activities
- ✓ Hotel taxes and service charges
- ✓ Fuel surcharge & Airport taxes (at time of printing \$687.44 CAD, subject to change at any time without notice until time of ticketing)
- ✓ Gratuities to hotel and restaurant staff

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- ✓ Lunches, Drinks during meals
- ✓ Passports: Canadian Citizens require only a passport valid for minimum 6 months after the return date
- ✓ Jordan Border tax: USD 45 (subject to change without notice)
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- ✓ Costs of personal nature, optional tours, excess baggage charges
- ✓ Insurance for medical, Cancellation and Interruption, baggage (strongly recommended)

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A non-refundable deposit of \$400.00 CAD per person is required at time of booking. If you opt to purchase Cancellation/Interruption or All-Inclusive insurance, it must be purchased at time of the 1st deposit. A 2nd payment of \$ 1,000 CAD is due by Feb. 15th, 2019 and balance of \$3,190 CAD (plus or minus changes in Airport taxes if applicable) is due by June 10th, 2019. For bookings within 90 days prior to departure, full payment is due at time of booking.

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Fr. Xavier De Pinto, Precious Blood Parish, September 16th to 27th, 2019 Deposit Registration Form

(Please make copies as necessary)

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