



Pilgrimage to Israel-the Holy Land

Led by Fr. Chuck Faso, OFM & Fr. Bill Burton, OFM
Nov. 29 - Dec. 8, 2010

Day 1 - Depart Chicago on our way to Tel Aviv, Israel.

Day 2 - *Welcome Home!* Arrive at Tel Aviv's airport where our representative greets us and gives us an introduction about the forthcoming program. Proceed to our hotel along the shore of the Mediterranean, for the overnight stay.



Day 3 - Drive along the coast to Caesarea where Paul was imprisoned and Cornelius baptized, visit the Roman Theatre, Aqueduct and the Crusader ruins. Drive via Megiddo, the biblical Armageddon, to Nazareth. Visit the magnificent Church of the Annunciation built on top of Virgin Mary's house. Overnight stay in Galilee.

Day 4 - Tour the Sea of Galilee. Visit Capernaum and Simon Peter's House, the Mount of the Beatitudes and Tabgha - the site of the feeding of the multitudes. Take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and enjoy a St. Peter's fish lunch in Tiberias. Later, walk along the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized and renew your baptismal promises. End the day with a breathtaking view from the top of Mt. Arbel - hiking down to our Kibbutz hotel. Overnight stay in Galilee.

Day 5 - Drive south through the beautiful Jordan Valley and visit the newly excavated Beth-Shean, capital of Roman Palestine. Visit Jericho, view the Tel, Zacheus's Tree, Elisha's spring and the Mount of Temptation. Ascend to Jerusalem for an overnight stay.

Day 6 - Walk into the old city of Jerusalem. Visit the various quarters and the underground excavations. See the Temple ruins and the new Citadel Museum amidst the buildings of old Jerusalem. Later continue along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Then, on to Mt. Zion to see David's Tomb, the Room of the Last Supper and the Dormition Abbey. Overnight stay in Jerusalem.

Day 7 - Today we begin our journey to the lowest point on Earth; the Dead Sea area. Drive to Massada, site of the Jewish zealots' last stand against the Romans. Continue our journey to the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Back to Jerusalem for an overnight stay.

Day 8 - In Jerusalem we visit the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Garden Tomb, the room of the Last Supper and the Church of Peter in Gallicantu (cock-crowing), built over the palace of the high priest Caiaphas. Drive to Bethlehem to visit the ancient Church of Nativity, Manger Square, and view the beautiful Shepherds' Fields. Overnight stay in Jerusalem. (B, D)

Day 9 - Morning at leisure. Your guide directs you to places you may visit at your own pace, or do your last shopping. Afternoon drive to Jaffa, to visit St. Peter's Church and the House of Simon the Tanner. Enjoy our farewell dinner. Back to our hotel for the overnight stay.

Day 10 - Arrival back home.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ *Special Solemn Entry procession for our group to the Holy Sepulcher*
- ❖ *Audience with the Latin Patriarch of the Holy Land*
- ❖ *Celebrate Mass each day at holy sites*

COST AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

For credit card payment: \$2,495
For check payment: \$2,398
**** Int'l. departure taxes **\$496**
Single room supplement, if needed, add: \$445

DUE WITH RESERVATION - \$300

BALANCE DUE OCT 1, 2010

NOTE: All checks should be made payable to AMI Travel, Inc. and mailed to: AMI Travel. Att.: Lebbie Chung, 5809 N. Cicero Ave. #1, Chicago, IL 60646

COST INCLUDES:

- ✓ Round-trip airfare Chicago / Tel Aviv
- ✓ All transfers and luggage handling in Israel
- ✓ First class hotel accommodations, double occupancy
- ✓ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ✓ Hotel taxes and service charge
- ✓ Sightseeing in a deluxe motorcoach with an English speaking licensed tour guide
- ✓ Entrance fees to sites
- ✓ Boat ride across the Sea of Galilee
- ✓ Complimentary St. Peter's fish lunch
- ✓ Farewell dinner on last evening in Israel
- ✓ Gratuities to guide, bus driver and hotel staff
- ✓

NOT INCLUDED:

- ** International departure taxes and fuel surcharge (to be determined at time of ticketing). As of 1/2010; \$496

RESPONSIBILITY: AMI Travel Inc., and its representatives act only as agents for the tour members in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, restaurants, sightseeing or any other services in connection with the itinerary. AMI Travel assumes no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss, accident, irregularity or delay to person or property for any reason including, but not limited to, acts of war or terrorism, any act or default of any hotel, carrier, restaurant or any other company or person rendering any of the services included in the tours. The tickets, coupons, tariffs, rules or contracts currently in use by any carrier, hotel, restaurant or other contractor rendering services shall constitute the sole contract between such contractor and the tour member. AMI Travel accepts no responsibility for any damage or delay for any reason, including, but not limited to, sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or any other cause. No carrier shall be responsible for any act, omission or events while passengers are not on board its own conveyance. The right is reserved to cancel or change itineraries or substitute services without notice and to decline to accept or retain any passenger at any time. In view of statutory or contractual limitations that may apply to personal injury or property damage or loss, we strongly recommend the purchase of accident and baggage insurance.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUND POLICY:

Date of Cancellation	Penalty and Service Fees
From reservation to 61 days prior to departure	\$250 service charge
60 -31 days prior to departure	\$500
30 – 8 days prior to departure	\$750 <i>plus</i> additional penalties imposed by the airlines or other suppliers. No refund on airline ticket after issuance of ticket
Cancellation less than 8 days prior to departure date	NO REFUND.

INSURANCE: Comprehensive insurance protection is strongly recommended. For travel insurance assistance please visit: <http://www.amitravel.com/sitePage.aspx?pageID=131>

Please note: The itinerary and its sequence are subject to change.

For further information please contact: AMI Travel: tours@amitravel.com / 800-821-8947 / 773 777-4900 Fax 773 777-4921; Lebbie: amitravelchicago@gmail.com.