



ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON

200TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

WITH FATHER JUSTIN PULIKUNNEL AND FATHER BRIAN PRICE, OCTOBER 5-15, 2026



I rejoiced when they said to me « Let us go to the house of the Lord » (Psalm 122:1) We invite you 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 site where Jesus taught and performed his miracles, renewing your baptismal promises in the Jordan River, walking through the streets of Jerusalem and reflecting on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is an experience that will enrich your faith and change your life. Come and see for yourself, you'll never be the same.

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DAY 1 - MONDAY | OCT 5

FLIGHT TO TEL AVIV

Fly from Toronto to Tel Aviv aboard Air Canada. 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! Group seating for our flights will be pre-assigned by the airline.

DAY 2 - TUESDAY | OCT 6

TEL AVIV - NAZARETH

Upon arrival, clear customs and immigration, meet our local guide and begin your journey in the **Holy Land**. We drive to the city of Nazareth, get settled at our hotel and enjoy free time to rest after the long journey. We gather to pray at the **Church of the Annunciation** and visit the **House of Mary**. Here, it is believed, the archangel Gabriel told the young Mary, that she would become the mother of the Son of God. Celebrate the beginning of our pilgrimage right here, where it all began, where the Word became Flesh (John 1:14). We enjoy dinner and retire for the evening. (D)

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY | OCT 7

AROUND THE GALILEE

Following breakfast, we depart on our sightseeing and visit **Mt. Tabor**, the **traditional site of the Transfiguration of Christ** (Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9: 2-8 and Luke 9:28-36), and **Cana**, where the Shrine reminds us of the **first miracle of Jesus turning water into wine** (John 2:1-11), couples who are present could renew their wedding vows at this same spot. Back in Nazareth, enjoy some free time for private devotion, explore and relax before dinner. (B,D)

DAY 4 - THURSDAY | OCT 8

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

Spend the day around the **Sea of Galilee**. Take a relaxing boat ride recalling the miracle of walking on water (Matthew 14:22-33) and calling on Peter and Andrew to become 'fishers of men' (Matthew 4:19). See **Tabgha**, where Jesus fed the 5,000 with only five loaves of bread and 2 fish. Here you will visit the **Church of Multiplication** and enjoy its remarkable 4th century Byzantine mosaic floor (Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:32-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:1-15), pray at the **Chapel of the Primacy** where Jesus reinstates Peter (John 21:15-19) and reflect at the **Mount of Beatitudes**, where Jesus preached the **Sermon of the Mount** (Matthew 5:3-11; Luke 6:20-26). Visit **Magdala**, best known as the home of Mary Magdalene and end the day at **Capernaum**, Jesus' town (Matthew 9:1) and stand in the synagogue remains, where Jesus ministered. Today, we will experience a succulent "**St. Peter's Fish**" lunch at one of the local restaurants. Chicken, beef and vegetarian options are also available upon request. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 - FRIDAY | OCT 9

JORDAN RIVER - JERUSALEM

Start the day at the **Jordan River** and whoever wants may renew their baptismal promises. We depart from the Galilee and ascend the Judean Hills towards **Jerusalem**. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" (Psalm 118:26)! We arrive at our hotel inside the city walls, and we get settled for the next 6 nights. (B,D)

DAY 6 - SATURDAY | OCT 10

THE NATIVITY

Today we celebrate Christmas! We visit **Bethlehem** and pray at the **Church of the Nativity**, see the Manger and the 14-pointed star that mark the exact place of Birth of our Lord. Next at the **Milk Grotto**, a place of veneration since the 4th Century. According to tradition, while Mary and Joseph were fleeing Herod's soldiers on their way to Egypt, they stopped in this cave while Mary nursed the baby Jesus, a drop of milk fell on the floor of the cave and changed its colour to white. (B,D)

DAY 7 - SUNDAY | OCT 11

AROUND JERUSALEM

Start the day at the **Church of the Dormition** of Mary, identified in Christian tradition as the place where the Virgin Mary died – or "fell asleep", and at the **Church of St Peter in Gallicantu**, built on top of the remains of the house of the High Priest we recall Peter's denial of Christ (Matthew 26:69-75). Through the narrow streets of the Old City we reach the **Western Wall** and the **Southern Stairs**, the main entrance to the Temple Mount during the time of Jesus. Our next visit are the ongoing excavations of the **City of David** where you will have the opportunity to walk through the **Hezekiah's Tunnels**, also known as the Siloam Tunnel, a water system that was carved during ancient times. Tonight, the evening is yours to discover Jerusalem's dining scene on your own. (B)

DAY 8 - MONDAY | OCT 12

AGONY AND PASSION OF CHRIST

From atop **Mt. of Olives** we follow Palm Sunday Road to the **Chapel of Dominus Flevit**, traditional site where Jesus wept over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41-44) and the **Garden of Gethsemane** (Mark 14:36). It was here that Jesus experienced his deepest anguish, deciding to entrust himself, in total abandonment, to the will of the Father (Mark 14:36). We see the outdoor model of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus and we pause to reflect on the Passion of Christ, probably one of the most meaningful moments in our pilgrimage. We walk on the **Via Dolorosa** and relive the final moments of Jesus to his crucifixion 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. (B,D)

DAY 9 - TUESDAY | OCT 13

MAGNIFICAT - YAD VASHEM - DEAD SEA

Today we pray at the **Church of the Visitation**, where the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth and proclaimed **The Magnificat** (Luke 1:46-55). We visit **Yad Vashem**, the world Holocaust memorial where our guided tour will bring a profound experience that offers deep insights into the Holocaust and its impact on history and humanity. Six million Jewish people were killed during the Holocaust. We head towards the **Judean wilderness** and spend the rest of the day relaxing by the **Dead Sea** and enjoying free time to float effortlessly in the mineral-rich famous salt water – an experience not to be missed. (B,D)

DAY 10 - WEDNESDAY | OCT 14

JERUSALEM AT LEISURE

Our last day in the Holy Land. The day is yours to relax, private devotion, explore or shop at the colourful market. (B,D)

DAY 11 - THURSDAY | OCT 15

FLIGHT TO TORONTO

Sadly, we say goodbye to the Holy City, and depart for the airport for our return flight. **Conclusion of our Pilgrimage.** (B)

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$ 6,390 CAD

Price includes Fuel Surcharge & Airport Taxes (at time of printing: \$ 973.53 CAD), and they are subject to change without notice until time of ticketing. Staying in a Single room pay \$ 1,100 CAD supplement. --See next page for a complete list of inclusions.

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