Holy Land Catholic Tour

10 Day Catholic Pilgrimage

Departure Dates, Pricing & Special Offers on the Back
Day 1 & 2 - USA to the Holy Land
Your spiritual pilgrimage begins as you depart the USA on an overnight flight. You will be welcomed to the Holy Land by our airport representative and transferred to your Bethlehem hotel. Enjoy dinner before retiring for the night.

Day 3 - Qasr El Yehud, Wadi Qelt, Jericho, Qumran & Dead Sea
Visit the baptismal site of Qasr el Yehud, where tradition says Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Just off the Roman road that Jesus "walked", is the Wadi Qelt gorge, site of the Monastery of St. George. Journey to Jericho (considered the oldest city in the world) to visit the ruins of the ancient city conquered by Joshua (Josh. 6:1). From Jericho, in the distance you can see the traditional site of the Temptation of Jesus (Matt.4:1). Celebrate Mass in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Jericho near a sycamore tree and remember Zacchaeus who climbed to see Jesus (Luke 18:19). Travel to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. End your day with the opportunity to take a dip in the mineral laden waters of the Dead Sea.

Day 4 - Herodion, Bethlehem & Bethany
Explore one of the most exciting archeological digs in Israel—the Herodion, the palace-fortress and final resting place of Herod the Great. In Bethlehem, visit the cave revered as Jesus’ birthplace which now resides in the world’s oldest functioning church (Luke 2). Celebrate Mass in Bethlehem and then gaze out over Shepherds’ Field where the angels first proclaimed the Good News. Visit Bethany, the home of Lazarus, Mary and Martha. Here Jesus visited on several occasions, and raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11).

Day 5 - Cana, Nazareth & Mount of Precipice
Visit the Franciscan Wedding Church at Cana, site of Jesus’ first miracle as He changed water into wine (John 2). Continue on to Nazareth, Jesus’ boyhood home (Matthew 2:23) and celebrate Mass in the Basilica of the Annunciation. You will also see the House of the Holy Family, St. Joseph’s Workshop and St. Joseph’s Church (Luke 2:41-52; Matt. 2:19-23). Stand atop the Mount of Precipice, where Luke describes how Jesus was rejected by those in the synagogue after He taught them. Filled with anger they “led Him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast Him down headlong” (Luke 4:29).

Day 6 - The Galilee
Enjoy beautiful Capernaum, the center of Jesus’ ministry, and visit the synagogue located on the site where Jesus taught (Matt.4:13, 23). Sail across the Sea of Galilee and experience a special onboard worship service. Listen to Jesus’ words from His Sermon on the Mount at the Mount of Beatitudes (Matt. 5:7) and celebrate Mass at the Church of the Beatitudes. At Tabgha, traditional location of the feeding of the 5,000, explore the Church of the Fish and the Loaves (Luke 9:10-17). Take a moment to reflect and pray in the Chapel of the Primacy, where Peter professed his devotion to the risen Christ (John 21). In Magdala, once home to Mary Magdalene, visit a recently discovered first-century synagogue.

Day 7 - Mount Tabor, Emmaus & Yad Vashem
As you stand on Mount Tabor, contemplate what it must have been like for Saints Peter, James and John to behold the glory of the Transfigured Christ (Matt. 17:2). In Emmaus (Time Permitting), you’ll see the traditional site where Jesus appeared to two disciples after His resurrection. Travel to Ein Karem, the village where John the Baptist was born and the Virgin Mary visited Elisabeth prior to our Lord’s birth (Luke 1:26-40). Visit the Church of St. John, birthplace of John the Baptist, and celebrate Mass. Visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and be touched by its poignant images before returning to your hotel for dinner.

Day 8 - Jerusalem
Be inspired by the breathtaking beauty of Jerusalem (“the Golden City”) as you stand on the Mount of Olives, the place from which Jesus ascended into heaven forty days after His resurrection (Acts 1:9-12). Visit the Church of Pater Noster and celebrate Mass in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed before His crucifixion (Matt. 26:36-44). On Mount Zion, see the House of the High Priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was imprisoned the night of His arrest (Matt. 26:57-65). Nearby is the Upper Room revered as the location of the Last Supper (Mark 14:12-26). Conclude your day by visiting the Church of the Dormition of Mary.

Day 9 - Jerusalem & the Old City
Take time to pray at the Western Wall, all that remains of Herod’s Temple. Sit on the Teaching Steps where Jesus once taught. Take a leisurely stroll down the Cardo, the main street of the Old City where modern shops stand between ancient ones. View the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus performed the Sabbath miracle of healing (John 5:1-31), and sing a hymn in the Church of St. Anne, renowned for its beautiful acoustics. At Herod’s Antonia Fortress, see where Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate (Luke 23:1-11). Walk the Via Dolorosa, “the Way of the Cross,” and celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Day 10 - Depart on an extension or return to USA
CAIRO & THE ROUTE OF THE EXODUS - $848*
Offered on: 1/9, 1/30, 2/13, 2/27, 5/1, 10/23

Day 10 Follow the Ancient Caravan Route to Mount Sinai.
Day 11 Visit the Monastery of St. Catherine before continuing to Sharm el Sheik for dinner and overnight.
Day 12 Stop at Wadi Feran, Elim and Marah by the Red Sea on your way to Cairo. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.
Day 13 Visit Memphis & Saqqara. View the Step Pyramid, the Great Pyramids at Giza and the majestic Sphinx today. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.
Day 14 See King Tut’s Treasures and explore the Egyptian Museum. View the Citadel of Old Cairo and stop at the Coptic Church. This evening you will sail the Nile on an authentic Egyptian Felucca. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.
Day 15 Return to USA.

NILE CRUISE - $1698*
Offered on: 1/9, 1/30, 2/27, 5/1, 10/23

Day 10-11 Same as Cairo & the Route of the Exodus.
Day 12 Fly to Luxor and board your Nile cruise boat. You will visit Luxor and Karnak Temples late this afternoon.
Day 13 Visit the Necropolis of Thebes before exploring the Valleys of the Kings & Queens. See the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. Sail to Esna and cross through the Nile locks, before sailing to Edfu.
Day 14 Explore the Temple of Horus in Edfu this morning. Sail to Kom Ombo and visit the Temple there shared by the gods Sobok & Haroeris this afternoon. Sail to Aswan this evening.
Day 15 Disembark your Nile Cruise boat in Aswan this morning. Visit the High Dam of Aswan and the Granite Quarry nearby to see the unfinished obelisk. Explore the Temple of Philae before flying to Cairo for dinner and overnight.
Day 16 See King Tut’s Treasures and explore the Egyptian Museum. Visit Saqqara. View the Great Pyramids at Giza and the majestic Sphinx today. Dinner and overnight in Cairo.
Day 17 Return to USA.

WONDERS OF PETRA AND THE DEAD SEA- $798*
Offered on: 1/2, 1/30, 2/13, 11/27, 12/4

Day 10 Cross the Allenby Bridge into Jordan. Visit Mt. Nebo & Madaba. Overnight in Petra or at the Dead Sea.
Day 11 Explore Petra. Travel to the Dead Sea area for a late dinner and overnight.
Day 12 Journey through Jerash, and then recross the border into Israel. Enjoy dinner before transferring to the airport for your return flight home.
Day 13 Return to USA.

HIKING IN THE HOLY LAND - $898*
Offered on: 11/27

Day 10 Hike from Nazareth to Sepphoris (5 Miles). Travel to Kibbutz Lavi for dinner and overnight.
Day 11 Hike from Kibbutz Lavi to Moshav Arbel (8-10 miles). See the Horns of Hittim & Nebi Shweib (sacred Druze site). Return to Kibbutz Lavi for dinner and overnight.
Day 12 Hike from Mount Arbel to Capernaum (10 Miles). See stunning views of the Sea of Galilee, Wadi Hamam, Sapir, Tabgha, the Church of St. Peter’s Primacy and Capernaum. Dip your feet in the Sea of Galilee and rest before returning to Kibbutz Lavi for dinner and overnight.
Day 13 Enjoy a day of rest or join the optional Horseback Riding & Kayak trip ($100 additional). Dinner at Kibbutz Lavi.
Day 14 Return to USA.

JERUSALEM EXTENDED STAY - $298*
Offered on: 1/2, 1/9, 1/30, 2/13, 2/27 ($100 higher), 11/27, 12/4

Day 10-12 Extend your stay in the heart of Jerusalem. You are on-your-own to enjoy sightseeing, meditation, reflection and renewal. Hotel, buffet breakfasts & dinners are included.

*All prices reflect a 4% cash discount
Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.
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Daily Buffet Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motorcoaches

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates For All Tours

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Additional Cancellation Protection

Additional Cancellation Protection Coverage can be purchased at the time of deposit. Coverage is not refundable in the event of cancellation. Coverage is valid up to the date of departure. Insurance is provided by诗意画册

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**Payment Information:**

- **Premiums must be paid in addition to your deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.**

**CANCELLATION FEES:**

- 100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is insured. Those who do not take travel protection must be aware of the following cancellation penalties:
  - From day of registration to 90 days prior to departure, you will be charged the $100 non-refundable administrative fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, there will be a $25 cancellation fee and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person non-refundable administrative fee:
    - 55-64 days: $600
    - 44-43 days: $400
- Full deposit required. Savings deducted from balance.

**PASSPORT INFORMATION, CONFIRMATION OF ITINERARY & CHECK IN PROCESS:**

- All passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 10 days prior to departure.
- Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. 10 days prior to your trip you will be contacted to re-confirm your itinerary, travel arrangements and registration information during the preliminary check in process for your trip. Discrepancies in the preliminary check in process for your tour may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel.

**PRICE INCREASES:**

- All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

**AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:**

- In order to keep prices low, EO does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once "printed", airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on major carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-cancelable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entrie itinerary. If you depart from a different city than your group travelling companion, or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight.

**FLIGHT TIMES:**

- Flight plans are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and will not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays.

**ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:**

- Additional fees may apply for changes to your itinerary, delays, weather, and other unforeseen circumstances.

**INFORMATION CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS:**

- Information changes or cancellations may occur at any time because of unforeseen circumstances, airline changes, hotel, schedule, and local conditions. Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra days at a reduced rate at some locations. For the customary exception of those who deviate from the schedule, participants will receive a full refund, less $250 cancellation fee. If you need to deviate, you will be charged $150 per night for single rooms and $250 per night for double rooms.

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