

Join Monsignor Frank Chiodo
On a Pilgrimage to:

THE HOLY LAND
November 8 - 16, 2010

\$2,459.00 p.p. (Double Occupancy) out of Des Moines, IA
Departure Tax/Fuel Surcharge are additional (Approx. \$530)



Day 1 Des Moines, IA

Depart from your home city on MidWest Airlines for connecting international flight out of EWR on Continental Airlines. Enjoy dinner and breakfast served on board overnight flight.

Day 2 Galilee

Morning arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in the "Holy Land". We are met by the tour escort and transferred to the hotel. Balance of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight in Galilee area. (D)

Day 3 Galilee

After breakfast we visit the **Church of the Annunciation** and Joseph's carpentry workshop in **Nazareth**. Visit **Cana** of Galilee (site of Jesus' first public miracle) and continue to **Mt. Tabor** to the **Church of the Transfiguration**. Drive to **Caesarea**, the ancient port city on the Mediterranean Sea and see the Crusader's town, Aqueduct and Roman Theatre. Continue to **Mt. Carmel** for Mass at **Stella Maris Church**. Dinner and overnight in Galilee. (B,D)

Day 4 Galilee

Visit the sites along the shores of the Sea of Galilee - **Mt. of Beatitudes**. Site of the Sermon on the Mount, **Tabgha**, site of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish, **Capernaum**, where Jesus preached in the Synagogue and raised Jairus' daughter, and the **Church of the Primacy of Peter**. Also visit the **Jordan River**, site of Jesus' baptism by St. John. Enjoy a boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee**. Dinner and overnight in Galilee. (B,D)

Day 5 Jerusalem

Depart for **Jerusalem**. En route, visit Bet **She'An**, a well-preserved Roman town. Continue to **Bethlehem** to visit the **Church of the Nativity**, the Holy Manger, Basilica of St. Catherine and the **Milk Grotto** before resuming your journey. You will view **Shepherd's Field** and visit Rachel's Tomb before arriving in Jerusalem toward evening. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B,D)

Day 6 Jerusalem

Today's excursion takes you to **Masada** and the Dead Sea. **The Dead Sea** - the lowest point on earth - is a natural wonder and is known for its relaxing and therapeutic waters. Drive along the shore to Masada, the fortress where the Jewish Zealots held off the armies of the Roman Empire rather than surrender, ultimately fighting to their deaths. Continue to **Ein Gedi**, where King David found shelter from the wrath of King Saul. After lunch, we enjoy a short "float" on the Dead Sea. Continue to **Qumran** where in 1947 the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in cave. Afterwards we return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Day 7 Jerusalem

Full day tour of Jerusalem including a visit to **Mt. of Olives**, Mt. Scopus, the **Garden of Gethsemane** and the **Basilica of Agony**. Continue to the Kidron Valley and Mt. Zion. Visit the **Last Supper room** and David's tomb. Visit the **Old City** of Jerusalem, with a walking tour of the **Via Dolorosa** (carrying a wooden cross if available), the **Holy Sepulchre** (Mass), the Christian and Armenian quarters, the Cardo and the **Western Wall**. Visit **Ein Karem**, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist. Enjoy a farewell dinner before departing for the airport and your 11:40PM flight to EWR. (B,D)

Day 8 New York, NY

Visit the church of **Pater Noster** and the **Chapel of Ascension**. Walk down the **Palm Sunday road** to the church of **St. Peter in Gallicantu** where the Apostle denied Christ three times. This afternoon is free to explore the Old City on your own or do some last minute shopping. Dinner at a local restaurant before continuing to the airport and your return flight home.

Day 9 New York, NY

Arrive EWR at approximately 4:50AM and connect to your domestic flight back to Des Moines via Houston, arriving home the same day.