



SOUTHWESTERN LIEUTENANCY OF THE EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE



# 13 Day Holy Land & Rome Pilgrimage

Jerusalem \* Bethlehem \* Sea of Galilee Mt. Beatitudes \* Nazareth \* Rome \* Assisi

> **December 27, 2025 – January 8, 2026** \$4,890.00 Per Person From Austin

Includes: Roundtrip Air Transportation From Austin, First Class Hotels, Double Occupancy, 2 Meals A Day - Breakfast And Dinner, Daily Sightseeing, English-Speaking Tour Guides, Airport Taxes, Fuel Surcharges - Which Are Subject To Change, And Tips To Drivers And Guides.

**Spiritual Directors:** 

#### 13 DAY TRAVEL ITINERARY

#### **DEC 27 / DAY 01 AUSTIN / FRANKFURT**

Leave Austin for your flight to Frankfurt.

#### DEC 28 / DAY 02 FRANKFURT / ROME

Arrive in Frankfurt then change planes to Rome. Upon arrival, you will be met by your tour guide and have a tour of Rome to include: The Major Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, and the ancient catacombs where early Christians were buried, and the Trevi Fountain. Then you will be transferred to your hotel for dinner and overnight in Rome.

Mass at St. Paul Outside the Walls Church



#### **DEC 29 / DAY 03 ROME**

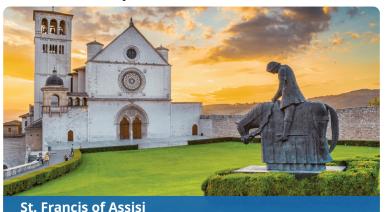
Visit Vatican City, including St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world, the Vatican Museum with its halls of paintings, tapestries, and statuary, and the breathtaking Sistine Chapel. See the Mamertine Prison, where Paul was imprisoned, view the Roman Forum, the Colosseum, and the St. Peter in Chains Church, containing Michaelangelo's masterpiece, the Statue of Moses. Visit San Clemente, one of the best examples of 1st century Christianity which leads to Byzantine era which leads to 12th century. Head to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Mass at St. Peter's Basilica

#### **DEC 30 / DAY 04 ASSISI**

Morning departure to Assisi where we will visit St. Francis Basilica for Mass and to see the Chapel of St. Catherine. The tour of Assisi will include the Portiuncula (the chapel that St. Francis re-built by hand), the Rose Garden, St. Francis' Cave, and the chapel of Francis' death. See the Tomb of St. Francis, St. Claire's Church where her body lies intact and where the famous St. Damiano Crucifix that spoke to St. Francis is located. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Basilica



#### **DEC 31 / DAY 05 ROME / PAPAL AUDIENCE**

This morning attend the Papal Audience if the Holy Father is in Rome. Then you will have a tour of the Major Basilicas of St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran (Cathedral of Rome), and the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. This basilica was consecrated around 325 to house the Passion Relics brought to Rome from the Holy Land by St. Helena of Constantinople, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine. At that time, the basilica floor was covered with soil from Jerusalem, thus acquiring the title "in Jerusalem". Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight in Rome.

Mass at St. Mary Major

# JAN 1 / DAY 06 ROME / TEL AVIV / MT. CARMEL / STELLA MARIS / CAESAREA / SEA OF GALILEE

This morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Tel Aviv. Upon arrival, you will be met by the tour guide, then travel to Galilee for Mass overlooking the lake on which our Lord walked. Check in to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Mass at Magdala



# JAN 2 / DAY 07 BOAT RIDE ON SEA OF GALILEE / MOUNT OF BEATITUDES / CAPERNAUM / MOUNT TABOR

We start the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Next, we visit Capernaum to see the synagogue and St. Peter's house, Tabgha to see the splendid mosaic about the miracle of the loaves and fishes, and the nearby Church of Peter's Primacy where Peter was told "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep." Then visit the Mount of Beatitudes, where the Sermon on the Mount was given, for Mass. This afternoon we travel to Mount Tabor, scene of the Transfiguration. Dinner and overnight at Magdala.

Mass at Mount Tabor or at Capernaum

## JAN 3 / DAY 08 CANA / NAZARETH / MOUNT CARMEL / CEASAREA / JERUSALEM

Today we visit Cana, the village of Jesus' first miracle of changing water into wine; here couples may renew their wedding vows. Then visit the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth for Mass. In the afternoon, travel on to Stella Maris, a Carmelite Monastery with the Madonna of Mt. Carmel. On to Caesarea Maritima where St. Paul was imprisoned. Then, drive up to Jerusalem, check in, have dinner and overnight.

Renewal of Marriage Vows at Cana Mass in Nazareth – Basilica of the Annunciation



#### JAN 4 / DAY 09 BETHANY / JERICHO / THE JORDAN RIVER / WADI QELT

This morning, we head to the village of Bethany, afterwards we will drive to Jericho and visit the excavations of the oldest city in the world and view the Mount of Temptation where Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan. Visit Wadi Qelt, widely identified as the place called the Valley of the Shadow of Death. Proceed to the River Jordan, the traditional site where Christ was baptized, where you also, will have a chance to renew your baptismal promises! Pass by the Dead Sea and continue to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

#### Mass at the Shrine of Bethany



## JAN 5 / DAY 10 EIN KAREM / BETHLEHEM / SHEPHERD'S FIELD

This morning, we go the village of Ein Karem to visit to the Church of St. John the Baptist, which marks his birthplace (Luke 1.5). Nearby is the Church of the Visitation of our Blessed Mother to her cousin, Elizabeth, staying with her for 3 months (Luke 1.39). Continue to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ. We start with a Visit to the Shepherds' Fields where the angels announced the birth of Jesus. Visit Bethlehem University for a chance to see the campus of this Catholic center of hope, which is supported by the Order. You will gain a unique insight into daily life in present day Bethlehem and hear from young students. Then we visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem that stands upon the site where Jesus was born and celebrate Mass. We will also have some shopping and a driving tour of the graffiti art along the inside of the wall in Bethlehem. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Jerusalem.

Mass at the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem

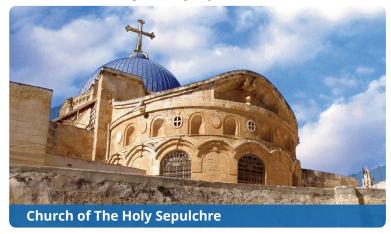
# JAN 6 / DAY 11 MOUNT OF OLIVES / GETHSEMANE / MOUNT ZION / UPPER ROOM / CHURCH OF DORMITION

After breakfast, visit the Mount of Olives to walk the Palm Sunday route stopping at Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Walk to Gethsemane and view the Rock of Agony where Jesus prayed His last prayer before His arrest. Visit Pater Noster where you see the Lord's Prayer in many languages. Drive through the Kidron Valley to St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Him thrice. At the Cenacle, visit the Upper Room of the Last Supper. Finish the day at Dormition Abbey where we believe the Blessed Virgin Mary died. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Jerusalem. *Mass at Gethsemane* 

### JAN 7 / DAY 12 OLD CITY / ST. ANNE'S / TEMPLE AREA / STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We begin to retrace the last steps of Jesus. As we walk along the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow) through the markets of the Old City, praying the Stations of the Cross, including the Ecce Homo site, where Pilate proclaimed, "Behold the man." We reflect on the greatness of His sacrifice and we walk up to Calvary and then celebrate Mass at the Tomb. After breakfast at our hotel, we will visit the Latin Patriarchate, where members of the Order will receive the Pilgrim Shell. We will also visit St. Anne's Church, the home of the Virgin Mary and her parents Saints Joachim and Anne. In the afternoon we have free time to return on your own to the Old City of Jerusalem or to pack and get ready for departure tomorrow. Final dinner overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem at the Notre Dame Center and overnight.

Mass at The Church of the Holy Sepulcher



## JAN 8 / DAY 13 TEL AVIV / FRANKFURT / AUSTIN

This morning, transfer to the airport and fly to Austin.

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#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### The Tour Price Includes:

Air Transportation: Airfare is based on special contract agreements with various international airlines and include certain restrictions and deadlines. These fares are subject to cancellation penalties, and once tickets are issued, they are NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE AND CANNOT BE USED TOWARDS FUTURE TRAVEL. Please refer to our CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY below. Airfare and tour prices are based on prices effective as of JANUARY 1, 2025 and are subject to change without notice.

**Surface/Land Transportation:** All surface/land transportation described in the itinerary will be provided by modern motor coach, designed for highway travel. Groups will be met and transferred upon arrival and departure.

**Hotels:** We only use first-class hotels. Hotel accommodations are based on double occupancy (2 per room). We reserve the right to substitute hotels of similar quality for those specified in the itinerary.

**Single Room Supplements:** If you would like a single room, there is an additional cost of **\$1,500.00** that will be added to the tour price. Single rooms are limited and will be reserved on a first come first serve basis. If you request a roommate and none is available, you will be considered a "forced single," and charged one half (½) of the Single Room Supplement cost.

Meal Plan: Meal plans include two (2) meals per day, breakfast and dinner, with timing depending on the itinerary. Taxes and service charges normally appearing on restaurant bills are included in the tour price for these meals. A list of any and all dietary requests or food allergies must be emailed to cathy@inspirationaltoursinc.com for hotel/airline accommodation at least seven (7) days before departure. We cannot guarantee any dietary accommodations but will make all efforts to secure special dietary requests. In the event airlines or hotels are unable to accommodate dietary requests, you will be responsible for your meals; it is the individual's responsibility to choose appropriate foods while on the tour. Unused meals will NOT be reimbursed.

Baggage: Inspirational Tours, Inc. restricts all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage (max. 50 lbs.) and one (1) carry-on (max. 18 lbs.). All passengers should check with the airline for up-to-date baggage weight/dimension information and restrictions, which are subject to change at any time before departure.

Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges: are included in the tour price and are subject to change.

The Tour Price Does Include: Tips to guides, porters, headwaiters, and drivers.

**The Tour Price Does Not Include:** Expenses related to issuance/renewal of passports, laundry, mineral waters, wine & liquor, after-lunch/dinner tea, coffee, or food not included in the meal plan above; additional baggage; expenses of carriages, guides, sightseeing or other services other than those specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary; insurance for baggage or personal trip or health insurance; all items of a personal nature, in addition to those not listed above as being included in the tour price.

Booking Conditions: Deposits and Payment: A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person, payable via cash, check or money order, is required at the time of registration. No registration will be processed without a deposit. Invoices for final balances are issued at or near 90 days before departure. Full and final payment is due 60 days before departure. Registrations received within 90 days of departure require payment in full. If there is any outstanding balance by the Final Payment due date listed on your invoice, all travel services will be subject to automatic cancellation and cancellation fees will apply. A service reinstatement fee may be added to your invoice and must be paid in advance in order to apply for reconfirmation of services. WE ONLY ACCEPT CASH, CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS FOR THE REGISTRATION FEE. Payment by credit card is accepted ONLY for final balances or payments towards final balances; all credit card payments will be assessed a 3% non-refundable convenience fee, which will be added to the total amount being charged.

Cancellations and Refund Policy: All cancellations MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING VIA FAX, E-MAIL OR U.S. MAIL. The date of the cancellation request is the date used for purposes of any assessed cancellation fees. Please note that some Registration Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE as stated on the Registration Form. Cancellation fees (as to any monies paid over the deposit for a tour with a non-refundable deposit) depend on the timing of the cancellation request, and are as follows: request received between time of registration and up to 59 to 45 days prior to departure—cancellation fee of 50% of tour cost; request received 44 days or less prior to departure through date of departure—assessed 100% of the tour cost (air and land, and any deviation fees) as the cancellation fee. Additional charges/fees for deviations and/or upgraded seats may require full payment at time of booking/confirmation, and may be non-refundable; if a non-refundable air ticket has been issued prior to receiving notice of a cancellation request, you will be 100% responsible for those fees, in addition to the cancellation penalties listed above. Package cancellation fees include airfare. Once airfare is purchased, either at time of booking, including but not limited to, deviations or seat upgrade requests, or at time of full payment, airline tickets will be issued and are always subject to a 100% penalty. Once full payment is received, Inspirational Tours, Inc. will issue airline tickets, which are non-refundable. If the tour is canceled for any reason, including but not limited to, tour leader's decision, decision of Inspirational Tours, Inc., weather or natural disasters, strike, acts of war, terrorism, acts of god, quarantine, disease, virus, epidemic, pandemic, compliance with government orders, travel restrictions issued by the U.S. Department of State, or any other force majeure event, Inspirational Tours, Inc. reserves the right to charge a minimum \$300.00 administrative fee per person, plus any non-reimbursable expenses incurred from airlines and/or overseas operators. ALL RESERVATIONS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE AT ANY TIME FOR

**Deviations/Seat Upgrades:** Deviation policies vary by airline and are normally allowed only on the return journey, **from the same departing city as the group, and is subject to availability.** There is a **minimum** change fee of \$150.00 per person, plus any additional airline charges. Seat upgrade requests may also require additional fees by the airlines and vary. Any additional fees required to be paid by the airline for deviation requests and/or seat upgrade requests will need to be approved by the passenger in writing before confirmed/reserved, and

if the request requires payment at the time of confirmation, this must be paid by the passenger at the time requested, and may be non-refundable. **ALL deviation or seat upgrade requests must be made in writing**, at least 90 days prior to your departure date.

**Tour Prices:** All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements in this tour are based on rates, (including foreign exchange rates), in effect at the time of the original tour agreement with your tour host and Inspirational Tours, Inc. and are subject to increase without notice prior to departure. **NOTE:** Our tours are based on a minimum number of participants. We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any tour for any reason including insufficient participants, or events beyond our control. Any cancellation will be advised at the soonest date possible. Inspirational Tours, Inc. will not be held responsible for any costs related to the issuance and/or cancellation of airline tickets or visa fees that are not refunded by those entities.

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