Ukrainian Orthodox Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with His Eminence Metropolitan Antony

11 Days
November 5 - 15, 2017
Land and Air from Newark $3,395.00

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Sunday, November 05 – Day 1
Depart USA on an overnight flight to Tel Aviv

Monday, November 06 – Day 2: Arrival Tel Aviv – Transfer to Nazareth
Upon arrival in Tel Aviv the group is met by our Orthodox tour escort who will accompany the group for the entire trip in the Holy Land. We travel to Nazareth and settle into our hotel for an overnight. Open buffet dinner at the hotel. (D)

Tuesday, November 07 – Day 3: Nazareth – Cana – Mt. Tabor
Open buffet breakfast. Our first stop is Mt. Tabor to pray at the Greek Orthodox Monastery of Transfiguration. Next we visit Cana of Galilee, including the Greek Orthodox Church, where we see two of the six jars that Jesus used in the first miracle of turning water into wine for the wedding feast. We proceed to Nazareth, visiting the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation and Gabriel’s Well. We visit the Nazareth Synagogue, see Mt. of Precipice and walk along Blessed Mary’s route from the Orthodox Church to the Basilica of Annunciation. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth. (B, D)

Wednesday, November 08 – Day 4: Ministry on the Sea of Galilee
Open buffet breakfast. We enjoy a special experience as we sail on the peaceful waters of the Sea of Galilee. Our visit continues with a visit of the ancient Synagogue where Jesus preached. Our next visit is to the Mt of Beatitudes and the Church of the Multiplication of Fish and Loaves where we see the fabulous Byzantine Mosaic showing the five loaves and the two fish. These are the same caught in the Sea of Galilee and partaken of by Our Lord and the Holy Apostles. We enjoy a lunch of St. Peter’s fish in a local restaurant. We visit St Peter’s Primacy Church and the Valley of the Doves at the foot of the Arbel Cliff. Here is the ancient highway on the Via Maris leading from Mediterranean Sea to Damascus and is part of the route taken by Jesus from Nazareth to the Sea of Galilee. This is known as the Gospel Trail. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth. (B,L,D)

Thursday, November 09 – Day 5: Capernaum–Caesarea – Lod – Jerusalem
Open buffet breakfast. We start the day with a visit to the Greek Orthodox Church at Capernaum. We continue to Caesarea travelling along the Plains of Sharon. We have a guided tour that includes the Theatre, Herod’s Palace, Hippodrome Port and Aqueducts. We enjoy a coffee stop in a café on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. We also stop in Lod to see the tomb of St. George the Dragon slayer, before arriving in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Friday, November 10 – Day 6: Jerusalem – Mt Olives – Mt Zion
We ascend Mt of Olives visiting the Ascension chapel, then walk down the Palm (Willow) Sunday road stopping at the church of Mary Magdalene. We visit the Garden of Gethsemane and the Grotto of Gethsemane built at this holy place. En route to Mt Zion we pass St. Stephen Church, marking the area where the first Christian Martyr was stoned to death. Lunch is on your own, after which we visit St Peter in Gallicantu, Upper Room, King David’s Tomb and Dormition Abbey. A meeting will be held with the Patriarch of Jerusalem. (TBC) Overnight in Jerusalem. (B,D)

Saturday, November 11 – Day 7: Holy Sepulcher – Wailing Wall – St Ann’s Church – Monastery of the Cross
Open buffet breakfast. Today we visit the Old City including Ecce Homo, a church and convent along the path (Via Dolorosa), where Pontius Pilate presented the tortured Christ to the masses and washed his hands of him. We will see the prison where Christ our Lord was tortured and humiliated with a crown of thorns before he was forced to carry his cross along the Via Dolorosa-the Path of Suffering. We enter the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which is so large that both the Golgotha (the site of Crucifixion) and the Holy Tomb of Christ are located here. We continue to the Pools of Bethesda and the Wailing Wall. Overnight and dinner in Jerusalem. (B,D)
Sunday, November 12 – Day 8: Bethany – Bethlehem – St Sabas – Shepherd Field

Open buffet breakfast. We start our visit this morning with the Greek Orthodox Church at Bethany marking the place where Jesus met the Sisters, at the entrance of the town, followed by a visit to the Greek Orthodox Church built over Lazarus tomb (TBD). We have the day in Bethlehem to visit the Church of Nativity. We visit the Shepherd Field (Orthodox Church) followed by lunch on your own. Men will visit the Monastery of St. Sabas in the desert (TBD), while women have shopping time in Bethlehem at the Kando family store and also the Palestinian Heritage Center where we see the traditional crafts made by local women. We also visit the Church of St. Nicholas near Bethlehem. Tonight we walk the Cardo to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where we participate in the Divine Liturgy starting at 11:00PM. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B,D)

Monday, November 13, – Day 9: Jericho to include Mt of Temptation – Dead Sea – Jordan River

After a buffet breakfast we take a full day excursion to the city of Jericho, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world. We take a cable car to the Greek Orthodox Monastery at Mt of Temptation for a visit of the Monastery – from here you will have a great view over Jericho – Dead Sea, Mt Moab and Mt Nebo in Jordan. Then we take a swim in the mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea. We stop at the Jordan River Baptismal site at Bet Arabah. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Tuesday, November 14, – Day 10: Jerusalem – Ein Karem

Following breakfast we take a leisurely morning we drive to Ein Karem to see St John Ba Harim “birthplace of John the Baptist”, Mary’s Spring where Mary came to share the good news announced to her by the Archangel Gabriel with Elizabeth, her cousin, the mother of John the Baptist. Tonight we have a farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Bethlehem. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B, Special dinner)

Wednesday, November 15, Day 11: Tel Aviv - USA

This morning we depart for the airport and our flight home arriving in the afternoon. (B)

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