

Tour 00302

The Holy Land

March 2-12, 2020

Fr. Ricky Varner

Parochial Vicar, Epiphany Cathedral Parish, Venice FL



invites you to join him
on an 11-day pilgrimage to Israel



Star marks the spot where Jesus was born



Boating on the Sea of Galilee



Early registration price
\$3,199 + \$759*
per person from Tampa
if deposit is paid by 11-23-19

Base price \$3,299 + \$759*
after 11-23-19

***Estimated Airline Taxes & Fuel Surcharges
subject to increase/decrease at ticketing
(30 days prior to departure)**

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(reference tour #00302)



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To register by phone:

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Notes: ❶ Passports can take 3 months or more to process (from application to delivery). ❷ Ave. temps 44-78°F

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REGISTRATION FORM

Send to: Pentecost Tours, Inc.
PO Box 280
Batesville, IN 47006-0280

Enclosed is my/our \$_____ deposit of \$500 per person. Please reserve _____ seat(s).

Full Name _____ Gender: M F

Date of Birth: _____ U.S. Citizen: Y N

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Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____

Work Phone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

Email _____

- Single room only
- I will need a roommate
- My roommate will be _____

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 4/29/2019 and subject to change without notice should there be a revision in rates prior to departure of tour. The tour price is based on a minimum of 32 passengers. Should there be fewer, there could be a surcharge.

ACCOMMODATIONS: In first class hotels or better, based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities. Single-room supplement is \$89 per night and based on availability. Requests for a roommate are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed. The single-room supplement will be assessed if a roommate is not available when the group is finalized.

MEALS: Eight full hot breakfasts and nine dinners throughout the basic tour (continental breakfasts in hotels only where full breakfasts are not available). Extra charge for beverage not included in the menu of the day.

TIPS AND TAXES: Those normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as "service" are included. **Airport fees, departure taxes, and fuel surcharges are estimated on the original invoice and adjusted at the time of ticketing.**

SIGHTSEEING: By modern motorcoach, including services of English-speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary. Masses at churches indicated are subject to availability.

NOT INCLUDED: ❶ Airport fees, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (est. - \$759); ❷ tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (\$132); and ❸ optional travel protection. **An amount to cover these items will be added to your original invoice.** Also not included: airline baggage fees, passport and visa fees, laundry, wines, liquors, meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned and items of a personal nature. **NOTE: Due to limited storage space on motor coaches, Pentecost Tours entitles each passenger to one checked bag and one carry-on bag that meets airline "size/weight" allowances. Baggage fees, overweight baggage charges, and fees for additional bags fall under the responsibility of the passenger. Be aware, while you may agree to pay fees for additional luggage, there may not be room on the motor coach.**

ASSISTANCE: Pilgrims who require personal assistance must be accompanied by a paying passenger who will provide that assistance.

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION: A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure reservations, which sum will be applied to the price of the tour, with the **balance to be paid in full no later than 12/1/2019.** Payment of remaining balance received after 12/1/2019 will incur a \$50 penalty. Reservations made within 92 days of departure may be subject to a late charge.

- ▶ In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 11/3/2019 [PENALTY PHASE ONE] with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties.
- ▶ From 11/3/2019 to 12/1/2019 [PENALTY PHASE TWO] the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties.
- ▶ If cancellation is received after 12/1/2019 [PENALTY PHASE THREE], refund will be subject to a minimum 40% cancellation fee plus any airline cancellation penalties, or an amount equal to expenses to the tour operator, whichever is greater.
- ▶ There will be no refund for cancellations within 45 days of departure.

Cancellation must be in writing and the effective date will be the date that Pentecost Tours, Inc. receives it. In the event 15 passengers do not book the tour within 120 days of departure, the agent reserves the right to cancel the tour. If the entire tour is cancelled by Pentecost Tours, Inc., you are entitled to a full refund.

NOTE: Any change request/alterations to the group flight itinerary, requests for airline deviations and/or added domestic flights, automatically accelerates to a minimum PHASE TWO penalty level or the current level whichever is greater. Once the change request/alteration is made, those arrangements are final and can NOT be changed back to the group arrangement.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round trip Tampa/Tel Aviv and Tel Aviv/Tampa on economy class jet via Delta or any other IATA member. Based on 6-day minimum/21-day maximum advanced purchase fare, subject to participation of ten persons on entire flight itinerary. If cancellation is effected by passenger after 12/1/2019, or after air tickets are written, whichever comes first, 100% of airfare will be forfeited by passenger in addition to the penalties mentioned above. All airfares are subject to government approval and change without notice.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel Protection is NOT included in the tour price. We highly suggest that all participants purchase a plan to help protect your trip and your investment. Plans offer benefits for trip cancellation/interruption, accident & sickness medical expense, emergency evacuation & repatriation, and more. You will be mailed a travel protection brochure along with a waiver form, in the event that you choose to decline coverage. The Plan Document will be provided, upon purchase. Read through this document carefully as it contains full plan and benefit details and exclusions & limitations. Please note that Medicare does not provide coverage outside of the United States. Check with your own insurance provider to determine whether or not you are covered outside of the U.S.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY: Land arrangements including surface transportation: Pentecost Tours, Inc., and the participating Tour Operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors and others that provide the actual land arrangements and are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these land arrangements. Delta and other IATA carriers, steamship lines and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES: All changes must be in writing and may incur a per-person charge for each revision. Deposits received within 92 days of departure may incur a late registration fee.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary because of emergencies or extenuating circumstances beyond our control.

ERRORS: The Pentecost Tours staff does its best to provide you with accurate billing, brochures, etc. However, in the event of computer error, verbal or written human errors, we reserve the right to invoice, re-invoice, or forward corrected materials.

Travel Arrangements by:

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Day 1: Monday, March 2, 2020, USA / TEL AVIV

Tour members are welcomed at an international airport for our departing flight to Tel Aviv via wide-body aircraft, arriving the next day. Meals served on board.

Day 2: Tuesday 3/3, TEL AVIV / NETANYA

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, we meet our full-time tour escort and board our motor coach and head north along the Israeli coast, parallel to the Mediterranean Sea. We proceed to our hotel in **Netanya** to check in for a welcome dinner and overnight. [D]

Day 3: Wednesday 3/4, NETANYA / CAESAREA / MT CARMEL / TIBERIAS

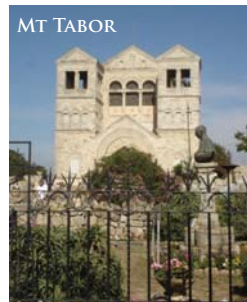
After breakfast, we board our motor coach and venture north to visit **Caesarea Maritima**, where we view the Roman aqueduct and port, Crusader's Moat and the **ruins of the ancient amphitheater** located on the shore of the Mediterranean. It was in Caesarea that Paul was imprisoned, tried, and sent from this Mediterranean harbor to Rome. Next, we continue north to Haifa and stop at the **Stella Maris, Our Lady of Mount Carmel** and the home of the prophet, Elijah. Then, we head east to **Nazareth**, where Jesus played, grew up amongst the other children of the city, and later worked with Joseph in carpentry. We visit the **Church of the Annunciation**, location of the grotto just behind the altar where Mary said "yes" to the angel of the Lord. We visit **St. Joseph's carpentry shop, Mary's well, and the Church of St. Joseph in**

CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION



Nazareth. Nearby is Cana, the place where Jesus performed his first miracle. We stop there and couples may renew their wedding vows at the place where Jesus changed the water into wine at the wedding in **Cana**. From there, we drive to the top of Tiberias we have a splendid view of the city and the Sea of Galilee. We proceed to our hotel in **Tiberias** to check in for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 4: Thursday 3/5, TIBERIAS



Our first stop today is at **Mt. Tabor**, site of the Transfiguration, located on a hill that rises above the Jezreel Valley. From there, we travel to **Caesarea Philippi**, just north of the Sea of Galilee and at the base of Mt. Hermon. It is here you will see one of the main springs of the Jordan River. Caesarea Philippi, also called "Banias", the location where Jesus declared Peter "Rock"

and entrusted him with the keys to the kingdom of Heaven. We spend some time here before visiting **Bethsaida and Chorazin**, Galilean towns where Jesus did much of his teaching. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 5: Friday 3/6, TIBERIAS



THE SYNAGOGUE, CAPERNAUM

The **Mount of Beatitudes** is a beautiful, peaceful place well suited for contemplative reflection and prayer. It is here that we begin today's journey. Then, we proceed to **Capernaum**, where Peter lived

and within which Jesus made his base of operations for His Galilean ministry. As we **visit the ruins of the town** you will find out why Jesus focused his ministry here, where ancient Judaism flourished. We visit the **Synagogue** where Jesus healed and taught and also visit the **church that was built over the ruins of Peter's house. Tabgha**, location of the miracle of the loaves and fishes and the nearby **Church of St. Peter's Primacy** are our next stops before we enjoy a relaxing **boat ride on the lovely Sea of Galilee**. *Time permitting, we visit the ancient boat at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar, which was dated back to the time of Christ.* Our day concludes as we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



BOATING ON THE SEA OF GALILEE

Day 6: Saturday 3/7, TIBERIAS / BET SHEAN / JERUSALEM

As we depart the Tiberias area this morning we travel south, parallel to the Jordan River, to **Bet Shean** (or the Scythopolis), which is a strategic junction between the Jezreel and Jordan River Valleys. It was here, in Bet Shean, where Jewish King Saul faced-off with the Philistines in a battle at nearby Mount Gilboa (1004 BC). The victorious Philistines hung the bodies of King Saul and his sons on the walls of Bet Shean. Later, brilliant military strategy enabled King David to free Bet Shean of the Philistines and send them back to their strongholds in and around the Gaza region. We see **ruins of Bet Shean's ancient theatre, Circus Maximus (chariot racing stadium) and Cardo Maximo (main street)**. From there,

we head further south to **Qasr El Yahud**, the actual site where Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan. We renew our baptismal promises. Next, we visit **Jericho**, the world's oldest city. From the excavated tel atop the ruins of ancient Jericho, we view the lush green Jordan Valley, Elisha's spring and Qarantal, the Mount of Temptation. We continue on to Jerusalem to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



STAR MARKS THE LOCATION OF JESUS' BIRTH

Day 7: Sunday 3/8, JERUSALEM

This morning, we drive to the **Mount of Olives** for a panoramic view of Jerusalem. We visit the **Church of Pater Noster and the Chapel of Ascension** and then we walk down the hill to **Dominus Flevit Chapel**, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. We proceed to the **Garden of Gethsemane** to visit the cave of betrayal and the **Church of All Nations** where Jesus endured his Agony. We continue to **Bethlehem** to visit the **Church of the Nativity, the Manger, the Crusader's Cloister and the Grotto of St. Jerome**. We then visit the cave in **Shepherd's Field** and view the **Fields of Boaz**. We will stop for **shopping in Bethlehem** and return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 8: Monday 3/9, JERUSALEM / MASADA / QUMRAN / JERUSALEM

We drive to **Masada** today and ascend by cable car to the magnificent ruins of the fortress where, from 70 to 73 AD, Jewish defenders made their last stand in the Judean revolt against Rome. We see the remains of storehouses, cisterns



PHOTO BY ANDREW SHIVA

MASADA

and a sixth-century Byzantine church. We stop at the **Dead Sea**, 1300 ft. below sea level (the lowest spot on earth) before we proceed to the **excavations of Qumran**, the Essene community connected with John the Baptist which is the site of the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. We return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 9: Tuesday 3/10, JERUSALEM

HOLY SEPULCHRE



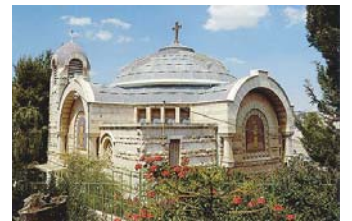
UPPER ROOM

Our first stops today include **Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos, and the Arch of Ecce Homo ("Behold the Man") and the Convent of the Sisters of Zion**. From there, we prayerfully follow the **Via Dolorosa** (Stations of the Cross) through the old city to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, where we pray on top the **Rock of Calvary, inside the Lord's tomb** and celebrate Holy Mass (subject to confirmation). From there, we visit **Ein Karem**, birthplace of John the Baptist and **Church of the Visitation** where Mary uttered the words of the Magnificat. Next, we visit the **New City of Jerusalem, Mount Zion, the Upper Room, and Dormition Abbey**. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. [B,D]

Day 10: Wednesday 3/11, JERUSALEM / TEL AVIV

On our final day of sightseeing, we stop for a brief view of the **Model of the City of Jerusalem** at Jesus' time. At the same location, we (briefly) visit the **Shrine of the Book**, where we see the Dead Sea Scrolls on display. From there, we visit the **Church of St. Peter of Gallicantu** (The Cock Crows) where Jesus was held in the house of the High Priest Caiaphas. Crossing the Kidron Valley, we pass the tombs of Absalom, Zechariah and St. James then visit the newly discovered **Pool of Siloam**. This afternoon we enter the **Old City through the Zion Gate** and see the Cardo and the remains of Nehemiah's Wall on the way to the **Western (Wailing) Wall**. We visit the **Davidson Center, view the Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount, and visit the Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda**. We enjoy a group **farewell dinner** at a local restaurant before returning to our hotel. [B,D]

ST PETER OF GALLICANTU



Very early, we proceed to Tel Aviv, where we check in at the **Ben Gurion Airport** to board our flight headed back to the United States. Our journey in the footsteps of Jesus offers the mind and soul a new and treasured canvas of memories inspired by God's majestic landscape and a world we explore one pilgrimage at a time.

Day 11: Thursday, March 12, 2020, TEL AVIV / USA

Sample Disclaimer for Pilgrimage Trips

The pilgrimage trip to THE HOLY LAND (March 2-12, 2020) (insert name of activity or event) is an event organized by and operated by Pentecost Tours, Inc., (Pilgrimage Operator) who will be responsible for the event. The pilgrimage is not an event sponsored by or endorsed by the Diocese of Venice or by Epiphany Cathedral (name of parish/school). While Fr Ricky Varner will be attending this pilgrimage, neither he, nor the Diocese is responsible for any of the arrangements. This pilgrimage represents travel to destinations outside of the United States. Participants must make their own travel arrangements; should familiarize themselves with the destination(s); and must make their own decision on the safety and security of the travel arrangements provided by the pilgrimage Operator. The role of the parish/school in helping promote the trip should not be deemed as an endorsement or a representation of any kind as to the travel arrangements.