

Durgan Travel presents...
9-Days/7-Nights

CATHOLIC HOLY LAND

DEPARTURES: YOUR CHOICE OF DATES & RATES



All rates are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes, fees and fuel surcharges (*subject to change*).

VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED

Must be valid for 6 months beyond return date

OUR CATHOLIC HOLY LAND TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON~TEL AVIV: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic El Al flight to Tel Aviv, Israel (possible intermediate stop) with meal and beverage service en route, as well as stereo headsets for our listening and viewing enjoyment.

DAY 2 – TEL AVIV, ISRAEL: After our arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met by our Tour Escort who will assist with our transfer. Board our private motorcoach for the drive into the city of Tel Aviv where we will check-in at the 4-star *Hotel Grand Beach* (or similar). The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to familiarize ourselves with our surroundings. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (D) *Hotel website: www.grandhotels-israel.com*

DAY 3 – CAESAREA~HAIFA~MEGIDDO~NAZARETH~CANA~TIBERIAS: Breakfast and hotel check-out. Morning departure for Caesarea, once capital of this Roman province, to see the Roman and Crusader ruins, as well as the harbor where St. Paul was taken prisoner to Rome. Continue-on to Haifa where we will visit the Stella Maris Carmelite Monastery, a 19th century monastery located on the slopes of Mount Carmel, and Elijah's Cave. Our next stop is at Mount Megiddo, the hill overlooking the valley identified as the site of the final battle between the forces of good and evil at the end of time, known as Armageddon. A short drive then takes us to Nazareth, the childhood home of Jesus Christ, followed by a visit to Cana in Galilee, the site of the first public miracle where Jesus turned water into wine. Continue-on to Tiberias where we will check-in at the first-class *Hotel Ron Beach* (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (BB, D) *Hotel website: www.ronbeachhotel.com*

DAY 4 - SEA OF GALILEE AREA: Breakfast at our hotel. Morning narrated boat cruise on the Sea of Galilee. Next, we will tour the ruins of Capernaum, home to St. Peter and where Christ began His ministry. A short drive takes us to Tabgha, the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, after which we will visit the nearby Franciscan chapel known as the Church of the Primacy of Peter. Then travel to the Mount of Beatitudes where Our Lord preached the Sermon on the Mount. Return to our hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

DAY 5 – BEIT SHE'AN~JORDAN VALLEY~JERUSALEM: Breakfast and hotel check-out. Today's excursion takes us first to the archaeological excavations of the Byzantine city of Beit She'an for a tour. Next, we will visit the kibbutz of Beit Alfa, near the Gilboa Ridge, famous as the site of the Beit Alfa Synagogue National Park. We will then cross the Jordan Valley winding our way through the Judean Hills to Jerusalem, Israel's capital city known as "the city of David". Check-in at the 4-star *Hotel Grand Court* (or similar). Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (BB, D) *Hotel website: www.grandhotels-israel.com*

DAY 6 – JERUSALEM: Breakfast at our hotel. Today is a full-day of guided sightseeing in and around the Old City of Jerusalem, beginning with a drive to the Mount of Olives, where we will have a panoramic view of the entire city. On our walking tour, we will enter the Old City through the Dung Gate to visit the Western Wall, the Dominus Flevit Chapel, the Pools of Bethesda, the Via Dolorosa, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Ecce Homo Gate, the Cardo, the Jewish Quarter, the Oriental Bazaar, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of Jesus' burial and resurrection. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

DAY 7 - QUMRAN~DEAD SEA~EIN GEDI~MASADA: Breakfast at our hotel. First on our agenda this morning is a visit to Qumran where the Essene Enclave was and to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden. Before departing the Dead Sea area, we will have the opportunity to take a swim in its salty, healing waters. (*Don't forget your swimsuits!*) Back aboard our motorcoach, we will then journey to the oasis of Ein Gedi to see the Nahal David-Ein Gedi waterfall and pool. Afterwards, we will take the short drive to the fabled Fortress of Masada, where we will reach the summit by cable car for our guided tour. Return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

DAY 8 – JERUSALEM AREA & BETHLEHEM: Breakfast at our hotel. This morning, we will continue our guided sightseeing in the Jerusalem-area with a tour of the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum, followed by a tour of the Israel Museum to view the impressive Holy Land Model of Jerusalem, a 1:50 scale model of the city during the Second Temple Period, and to view the Dead Seas Scrolls. Next, we will travel to Mount Zion for a tour of the tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper. Also on the slopes of Mount Zion, we will visit the Assumption Order's St. Peter-in-Galicantu Church, built in 1931, and the Garden Tomb on Skull Hill (thought by some to be the actual location of the Crucifixion). Time permitting, we will tour the town of Jesus birth – Bethlehem – where we will also see the Shepherd's Field. Return to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

DAY 9 – JERUSALEM~TEL AVIV~BOSTON: Following breakfast and hotel check-out, we will be transferred to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv for our return flight to Boston (possible intermediate stop) with meal and beverage service in-flight. (BB)

OUR CATHOLIC HOLY LAND TOUR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- ✦ Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan International Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- ✦ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Representative.
- ✦ Round-trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-possible intermediate stop-Tel Aviv and return, with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available in-flight.
- ✦ All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe, air-conditioned motorcoach, with expert driver.
- ✦ 7-nights accommodations at the hotels indicated in the itinerary, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA. *ONLY 4 singles per tour.*
- ✦ Porterage of luggage at the hotels.
- ✦ Substantial buffet breakfast (BB) each morning, and dinner (D) every evening.
- ✦ Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.
- ✦ Services of a professional Tour Escort who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- ✦ Expert English-speaking guides where required.
- ✦ All room and meal taxes, and gratuities to bellmen
- ✦ Complimentary Durgan Travel flight bag and complete packet of required documentation.

A \$TBA DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

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