



Holy Light

Once upon a time -Paschal pilgrimage

Easter in Holy Land from 26 March to 05 April 2010

01 Day, 26 Mar, New York-Tel Aviv

New York – JFK airport, terminal 3, overnight nonstop Delta flight to Tel Aviv.

02 Day, Mar Tel Aviv – Jerusalem

Arrive Ben Gurion airport afternoon. Transfer to Jerusalem downtown Hotel Habira close to Old City. After check-in at the hotel, free evening at the shopping area of Jerusalem.

03 Day, 28 Mar Jerusalem old City - Palm Sunday-Entrance of Lord into Jerusalem

Breakfast at the hotel: Walking tour to Gethsemane Garden; the Church of Tomb of the Virgin (Church of the Assumption) and Virgin's parents Joachim and Anne. Monastery of St. Magdalene (Russian) build in 1885 from the Russian emperor Alexander III; the Rock of Agony where Jesus prayed His last prayer before His arrest. The Cave of betrayal. Afternoon back on the Mt. of Olives; the Patter Noster with the Lords prayer in many languages and the Ascension from where ascended to Heaven, back to hotel Habira.

04 Day, 29 Mar Jerusalem – Bethany- Bethlem - Judea Desert - Holy Monday

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit Bethany Tomb of Lazarus, The Church of the Nativity in Bethlem that stands upon the site where Jesus was born; Shepherd's Fields and Shepherd's cave where the Angels announced the birth of Jesus; Judea Desert, St. Savva Monastery, St. Theodosius Monastery and Russian Monastery in Ein Karem Back to Hotel in Jerusalem.

05 Day, 30 Mar Jerusalem – Jericho – Samaria – Bethany - Holy Tuesday

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to east, Monastery St. Gerasim and Prophet Elisha (close to Baptise site on river Jordan) with Mt. Temptation where Jesus fasted and meditated 40 days and was tempted by Satan. Monastery St George – Wadi Qelt & Fara St. Chariton Church - Caves National Park. On the back way we will visit Monastery of Bethfage (Greek Orthodox Monastery) a small village near Bethany on the road from Jericho to Jerusalem. From Bethage began the Last Triumphal Entry of Jesus in Jerusalem. During the ceremony the pilgrims with branches of Palm trees begin the litany to the Jerusalem through St. Stephen's Gate - back to Hotel Habira.

06 Day, 31 Mar Jerusalem - Mount Tabor – Cana – Nazareth - Holy Wednesday

Breakfast at the hotel: Drive to Mount Tabor to visit the traditional site of the Transfiguration of Jesus and the beautiful scenery of the Valley of Jezreel. proceed to Cana, where Christ performed his first miracle (changing water into wine at the wedding feast) and where any married couples can renew their marriage vows. Continue drive to Nazareth, the Basilica of the Annunciation & Church of Saint Gabriel holiest and most resplendent in the Christian world. Tradition holds that the church is constructed upon the site that Mary lived when the angel Gabriel came to announce to her that she would give birth to Jesus. Continue on to Jerusalem, our home at the hotel Habira.

07 Day, 01 Apr Jerusalem-Tiberias – Ginosar – Capernaum – Yardenit - Holy Thursday

Breakfast at the hotel: Visit Russian Monastery Maria Magdalena, drive to Capernaum, now in ruins but once a thriving town where Peter lived and where much of public ministry of Christ took place. See the Church of the Primacy of Peter, where Christ confirmed Peter as Head of the Church and Monastery of St Apostles. Driving along the north shores of the Sea of Galilee we shall reach Ginnosar to visit the Ancient Boat from the time of Jesus. That was found nearby. On the way back to the hotel, stop at the Yardenit Baptismal site on Jordan River to renew our Baptismal vows. Back to Jerusalem at the hotel Habira.

08 Day, 02 Apr Jerusalem Old City – Great Holy Friday

Breakfast at the hotel, cross bearing procession to Golgotha - Via Dolorosa, Path of Sorrow, This route is marked by the 14 Stations of the Cross to the ends within the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Afternoon we will visit Greek Orthodox Church Archangel Michaelo and Monastery of Panagia "Seidanagias". Evening service at the Holy Sepulcher - optional.

09 Day, 03 Apr Jerusalem Old City – Holy Saturday - Holy Light

Breakfast at the hotel. Miracle of the Holy Light. The Ceremony of the Holy Light takes place at 12.00N with Greek Orthodox Patriarch enters the Holy Sepulchare. The Patriarch prays kneeling and reading the special wishes requesting Our Lord Jesus Christ to send His Holy Light as a gift of sanctification for the people. Late afternoon walking tour from St. Stephen's Gate or Lion's Gate in the east, we retrace the Last steps of Jesus. Midnight Pasha coming Liturgy to the morning.

10 Day, 04 Apr Jerusalem - PASCHA - RESSURECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Liturgy at the Church of The Holy Sepulchare at the midnight Saturday. Back to hotel at the morning 04.00. Breakfast at 09.00 am ~ Free afternoon in New Jerusalem. Transfer to airport Ben Gurion at 08.00pm.

Pre & Post Tour Add-ons available * Airfares from other departure cities throughout the USA & Canada are available upon request * Deposit \$ 500.00 at the time of booking* Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure* Package price are based upon a wholesale cash discount, payment made by credit card will incur a surcharge * Visas are not required for US & Canada citizens, valid passport a minimum 6 months post the date of your return to home * each passenger is allowed one checked bag max 50Lb and one carryon*

All Tour include:**10 Days Air & Land****Escorted Tour Depart on 26 March, 2010****Guaranteed departure****Schedule transatlantic flights on Delta Airlines****Entrance fees & airport taxes****Habira Hotel *******Hotel service charges and taxes****Breakfast daily****Twin-bedded rooms in hotel listed or similar****English & Serbian speaking professional tour guide****Sightseeing by motor coach featuring air-conditioning****Tour Rate including air from New York \$ 2252.00****Single room surcharge \$ 400.00****Payment by check until 01 February, 2010**