# Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimages

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# **TENTATIVE ITINERARY**

### DAY 1

Depart EWR, late evening flight

# DAY 2

Arrive Tel Aviv – Ben Gurion Airport Joppa (Joffa) Simon the Tanner's house, etc. to Hotel in Tel Aviv for one night

# DAY 3

Caesarea Maritima

Aqueduct

Mt. Carmel

Lunch

Tel Megiddo

Cana (first miracle)

Nazareth

Church of the Synagogue

Church of the Annunciation

Workshop

Arrive at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar,

on the Sea of Galilee for two nights

# DAY 4

The ancient boat museum at Nof Ginosar

Boat ride across the Galilee

Mount of the Beatitudes

Chorazin

Lunch (St. Peter's Fish)

Tabgha

Capernaum (Peter's house & synagogue)

Migdal (Magdala)

Yardenit (Jordan River, baptismal renewal) \$

# DAY 5

Mt. Tabor (Transfiguration) Beit She'an

Lunch

On to Jerusalem
The Garden Tomb
Jerusalem overlook and welcome
Arrive at Hotel in Jerusalem
for the balance of the pilgrimage.

#### DAY 6

Mt. Zion

Cenacle / Cenaculum (Upper Room)

Tomb of David

**Dormition Abbey** 

Church of St. Peter Galicantu
Ancient steps from upper city to Kidron Valley

Bethlehem

Church of the Nativity

Lunch

Shepherds Fields

# **DAY 7,** if Sunday

Group visit to the tomb area inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher join queue to enter the tomb

Group Worship Service at Station 7 on the Via Dolorosa (with Communion)

Lunch on your own

Afternoon of exploration on your own in Jerusalem

Important evening program at the hotel

# DAY 8

Enter the Old City via the Dung Gate Western Wall (Wailing Wall)

Temple Mount (Haram esh Sharif, when available)
Dome of the Rock & al Aqsa Mosque

Stephen's Gate (Lion's Gate) St. Anne's Church & Bethesda Pools

Via Dolorosa (The Way of Sorrow):

- 1. Jesus is condemned
- 2. Jesus receives the cross
- 3. Jesus falls the 1<sup>st</sup> time
- 4. Jesus meets his mother
- 5. Simon of Cyrene assists Jesus
- 6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
- 7. Jesus falls the 2<sup>nd</sup> time (city gate)
- 8. Jesus speaks to the daughters of Jerusalem
- 9. Jesus falls the 3<sup>rd</sup> time

Inside The Church of the Holy Sepulcher:

- 10. Jesus is stripped
- 11. Jesus is nailed to the cross
- 12. Jesus dies
- 13. Jesus is removed from the cross (unction)
- 14. Jesus is laid in the tomb (Edicule/Aedicule)

Lunch in the old city

Jewish Quarter See the Cardo Walk through Armenian Quarter The Garden Tomb (alternative)

A possibility that the Masons in the group may be able to meet some Masonic Brothers in the area.

#### DAY 9

Dead Sea

Masada

Lunch

Qumran (Dead Sea Scrolls & Essenes)

Dead Sea Swim / Float

# **DAY 10**

Israel Museum

Model of the Jerusalem Shrine of the Book

Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Lunch

Mt. of Olives

**Ascension Chapel** 

Pater Noster Church (The Lord's Prayer)

Palm Sunday Route

**Dominos Flevit** 

Garden of Gethsemane (Ambo)

& The Church of All Nations or

Church of the Agony

Group Closing at Haas Promenade Overlook

**Closing Dinner** 

To Ben Gurion Airport

for a late-night flight

#### **DAY 11**

Return to USA via EWR