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JOIN  
BISHOP NELSON J. PEREZ  
ON A  
PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

OCTOBER 23 – NOVEMBER 1, 2019



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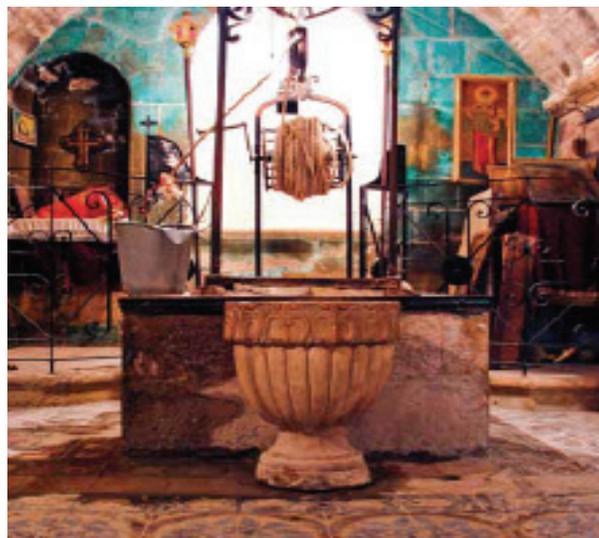
**KNOW THE LAND WHERE JESUS WAS BORN,  
WHERE HE PREACHED AND HEALED,  
SUFFERED, DIED AND ROSE AGAIN.**

**“The Holy Land is a place where faith is visible and palpable. It’s in the air.”** – Bishop Perez reflecting on his pilgrimage to the Holy Land with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in January 2018.

On this special pilgrimage with Bishop Perez, we will walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and discover the sacred lands of Israel. Laila Tours & Travel, located in Israel, will be our guide. This agency offers intimate knowledge of the region and excellent service, and are the same guides used by the USCCB and recommended by Bishop Perez.

Pilgrimage includes:

- Daily Mass with Bishop Perez and Fr. Dan Schlegel, Secretary for Clergy and Religious
- Special opportunities for prayer and reflection at holy sites
- English speaking licensed guide for the duration of the pilgrimage
- First class hotel accommodations with private bath
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Round trip airfare from Hopkins International Airport, air taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers
- Modern air-conditioned motor coach



## YOUR 10-DAY PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

### DAY 1

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019 | Overnight Travel**

Overnight flight from Cleveland Hopkins Airport to Tel Aviv.

### DAY 2

**Thursday, October 24, 2019 | Arrive Ben Gurion Airport**

Today we'll arrive at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv. We'll be taken to our hotel in Nazareth. At the end of our day we'll have dinner and overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 3

**Friday, October 25, 2019 | Mount Tabor – Nazareth – Cana**

Following breakfast at the hotel, we'll ride to Jezreel Valley to visit the site of the Transfiguration, Mount Tabor (Matthew 17:1-50). At this site, we'll reflect on Christ's Humanity and Divinity. Continuing to Nazareth (Matthew 2:23), the home of Mary and Joseph, we'll visit Mary's Well and the Basilica of the Annunciation. This is where the Angel Gabriel announced to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of God (Luke 1:30-34). We will join the Celebration of Eucharist (Mass). Optional lunch. Then we'll explore the Byzantine Church of St. Joseph, to which tradition identifies as the workshop and home of the Holy Family (Luke 2:41-52; Matt. 2:19-23). Proceeding on, we'll visit the Cana of Galilee where Jesus performed His first miracle by turning water to wine

(John 2). At the end of our day, we'll head back to Nazareth for dinner and an overnight.

### DAY 4

**Saturday, October 26, 2019 | Sea of Galilee – Mount of Beatitudes – Capernaum – Boat Ride**

Following breakfast at the hotel, we'll travel to Mount of Beatitudes – Celebration of Eucharist (Mass)– where Jesus proclaimed His Great Sermon on the Mount (Luke 6:20-49). Near the mount is Tabgha, one of Jesus' miracle sites. At Tabgha, Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000 people from five loaves of bread and two fish (Luke 9:10-17). Also, in Tabgha is St. Peter's Primacy where Jesus bestowed church leadership upon Peter (John 21:9). Optional lunch. Then we'll visit Capernaum, the launching place of Jesus' ministry. In Capernaum, we will have the opportunity to see the Synagogue of where Jesus taught (Mark 1:21-29), and gave His Sermon on the Bread of Life. Afterwards we'll have a boat ride in the Sea of Galilee in a wooden boat. At the end of our day, we'll enjoy a meal at Tanureen restaurant. Overnight at our hotel.

### DAY 5

**Sunday, October 27, 2019 | Jericho – Baptismal Site – Mount of Temptations**

Following breakfast at the hotel we'll travel to Jericho,

the oldest city in the world that was conquered by Joshua (Josh. 6: 1). It was here in Jericho that the Lord Jesus gave Bartimaeus back his sight and converted the rich Zacchaeus, performing for both his ministry of the Good Shepherd (Luke 18-19). We'll visit The Franciscan Church of the Good Shepherd for Celebration of Eucharist (Mass). It was dedicated to Jesus for being a Good Shepherd for Bartimaeus and Zacchaeus and is one of the most beautiful churches in Jericho. On our way we pass by the archeological site of Beit She'an. We'll continue to drive south along the Jordan Valley to visit Jesus' baptismal site (Qasr El Yahud) on the River Jordan (Matthew 3:13-17). Optional lunch. Then we'll visit the Sycamore Tree that recalls the incident in which the tax collector Zacchaeus, too short to see over the crowd, climbed a sycamore's branches to see Jesus. (Luke 18-19) and then have a look at the Mount of Temptations. This is the hill in the Judean Desert where Jesus was tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:8). At the end of our day we'll head to Jerusalem or Bethlehem to check in at our hotel for dinner and an overnight.

#### DAY 6

##### Monday, October 28, 2019 | Bethlehem – Nativity Church – Milk Grotto – Shepherd Fields

Following breakfast and check out at the hotel, we'll visit the Church of the Nativity, marking the birthplace of Christ (Matt. 1: 18-25). As we enter the church, we'll proceed down to the Grotto of the Nativity, which marks the spot of Our Savior's birth (Matthew 2:1-18). Beneath the Altar, there is a silver star and a Latin inscription that states: HIC DE VIRGINE MARIA JESUS CHRISTUS NATUS (Here Jesus Christ was born to the Virgin Mary). We'll continue to explore Saint Catherine's Church where the midnight Mass beams from Bethlehem to television viewers worldwide on Christmas Eve; and descend to visit Saint Jerome's Cave where the bible was translated. Optional lunch. Following lunch we'll walk to Milk Grotto Street and admire the Church of Milk Grotto. This is where Virgin Mary was feeding baby Jesus and a drop of milk fell on the ground and turned the stones all to white. Afterwards we'll ride to Shepherd Fields, for Celebration of Eucharist (Mass), identified since ancient times with the shepherds who saw the Star of Nativity (Luke 2:8). In the caves of these fields, we are still able to see the soot marks of fires that shepherds lit to keep warm. At the end of our day we'll drive to our hotel. Here we'll have dinner and an overnight at our hotel.

#### DAY 7

##### Tuesday, October 29, 2019 | Jerusalem – Mount of Olives – Old City – Via Dolorosa

Following breakfast at the hotel, we'll venture off to the Mount of Olives and visit the Chapel of the Ascension; the earthy spot where Jesus ascended into heaven forty days after his resurrection. We'll continue to the Pater Noster Church where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer (Matt. 26:36-44). Then we'll approach an observation point that overlooks the Old City of Jerusalem. We'll have the opportunity to stop at Dominus Flevit, which is a church that

commemorates where Jesus wept for Jerusalem (Luke 19:41) and Celebration of Eucharist (Mass). Strolling down the Palm Sunday route, we'll descend to the Garden of Gethsemane. It's a garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives that still contains trees with roots that date back to the time of Jesus. Beside the Garden is our next stop, the Church of All Nations, built over the "Rock of Agony". This is where Jesus prayed alone on the night of His arrest (Luke 22:29-53). Throughout this time, we are invited to remain in prayer and to reflect on Christ's agony that he experienced. Optional lunch. Afterwards we'll tour Saint Ann's Church and visit the Pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the crippled man (John 5:1-9). We'll start walking the Via Dolorosa, where we'll reflect upon the Stations of the Cross as we travel through the markets of the old city to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Luke 23:26-33) This Sacred destination is the site of Calvary (Jesus' crucifixion place) and, His tomb (Luke 23: 50-55). At the end of our day we'll have dinner and an overnight at hotel in Jerusalem or Bethlehem.

#### DAY 8

##### Wednesday, October 30, 2019 | Jerusalem – Mount Zion – Yad Vashem

Following breakfast at our hotel, we'll visit Mount Zion. Upon arrival we'll admire the Church of the Dormition. This is the Church where Mary, the Mother of Jesus, "Fell asleep". We'll continue to tour the Cenacle, also known as the "Upper Room", where Jesus and His disciples celebrated the Last Supper (Mark 14:12- 26) and continue to Saint Peter Gallicantu. A Celebration of Eucharist (Mass) will be arranged. This Church is where Jesus was examined and eventually imprisoned before the Council in Jerusalem. It also commemorates Peter's Denial of Christ (John 18:15-18). Optional lunch. Then we'll visit Yad Vashem; the memorial to the Holocaust. And continue to Knesset and Menorah. At the end of our day we'll enjoy a traditional meal at Tent restaurant. Overnight at our hotel.

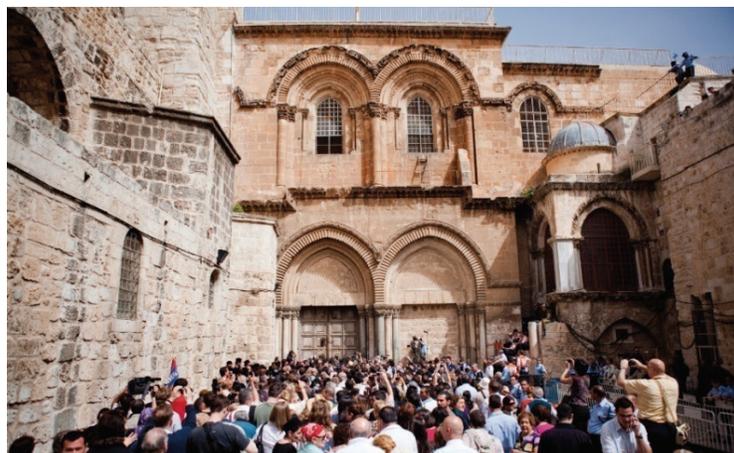
#### DAY 9

##### Thursday, October 31, 2019 | Departure

Following breakfast at the hotel, we'll check-out of our hotel and transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure.

#### DAY 10

##### Friday, November 1, 2019 | Arrival home



## PER PERSON RATES

Double \$4,225\* | Single \$4,995\*

*Reservations due by April 23, 2019*

*\* Price is based on current airfare. Final airfare and pilgrimage rates will be confirmed by December 31, 2018.*

**Included in Price:** Ground Tour, Round Trip Air from Hopkins Intl Airport, Air taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers, Tips for Guide and Driver.

**Not included:** All personal expenses, lunches (approx. \$20 per meal), and travel protection insurance.

**Important Note on Travel Protection Insurance:** Laila Tours and Travel requires that each person carries Travel Protection Insurance. Travelers are responsible for obtaining their own plans and will be required to provide the Policy Issuer and Policy Number within 90 days of departure.

### Hotels:

Ramada (Nazareth), Oct. 24-27 <https://en.ramadanazareth.com>

Olive Tree Hotel (Jerusalem), October 27-31 [www.olivetreehotel.co.il](http://www.olivetreehotel.co.il)

**Air:** Price is based on existing airfare. Final pricing cannot be confirmed until December 31, 2018. If airfare should increase, the price of the tour will change accordingly.

Upgrade your in-flight experience to Business Class. Ticket rate \$7,580.\*

**To Make Reservations:** A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure your reservations for the pilgrimage. Reservations and non-refundable deposit can be made online at: [www.catholiccommunity.org/Pilgrimage](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/Pilgrimage). Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Checks should be made payable to Catholic Community Foundation and mailed to: Catholic Community Foundation, Attn: Cathy Brown, 1404 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, OH 44114.

*"We want to encourage Catholics undertaking visits to the Holy Land to do so in the spirit of true pilgrims, to walk prayerfully and devoutly in the steps of our Lord and with openness to the movement of the Spirit of Jesus in their lives." – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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