Holy Land Retreat, 2010

This itinerary is shown as an example only and is subject to change.

May 15-16  We depart the U.S. and arrive at Tel Aviv airport. A short ride brings us to the kibbutz guesthouse of Nahsholim on the Mediterranean coast (ancient Dor) to spend the night.

Monday 17  We leave the coast for a mountain day: Muhrara, site of the commemoration of the contest of Elijah with the priests of Baal (1 Kings 18), the Carmelite Monastery of Stella Maris on Mt. Carmel, and Mt. Tabor, site of commemoration of the Transfiguration, where we will celebrate Eucharist before going to En Gev on the east side of the Lake of Galilee, our home for the next nights.

Tuesday 18  Today we will travel north to the springs of Banyas (Caesarea Philippi), Tel Dan, and the restored village of Katzrin, with final stop at the Mt. of Beatitudes.

Wednesday 19  Today’s sites are connected with Jesus’ origins and ministry around the lake: Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Kursi (Gedara), and a view of an ancient boat from the time of Jesus.

Thursday 20  We continue visiting sites at the lake: Tabgha with its commemorations of Jesus’ words to Peter and the multiplication of bread and fish, where we will celebrate Eucharist, as well as Bethsaida and Chorazim, towns cursed by Jesus, and conclude with a boat ride on the lake.

Friday 21  In the morning, we leave the lake behind at Yardenit in the Jordan River, where we renew our baptismal promises. We head south, visiting along the way the Crusader fortress of Belvoir, Qumran, site of the Dead Sea Scrolls, with overnight in the Negev at the new town of Arad.

Saturday 22  Today we first visit Tel Arad, location of a rival Yahwist temple at the time of the Israelite monarchy, Beersheva, city of the patriarchs and matriarchs, with final stop at one of the sites commemorated as Emmaus (Latrun) before arriving in Jerusalem.

Sunday 23  The Feast of Pentecost finds us visiting the Mt. of Olives, the model of ancient Jerusalem at the Israel Museum, and En Karim in the hill country with its commemoration of the Visitation, where we will celebrate a Pentecost Eucharist.

Monday 24  Bethlehem is our destination in the morning, with visit to Shepherds’ Field and the Basilica of the Nativity. In the afternoon, St. Peter in Gallicantu on the way back to Jerusalem.

Tuesday 25  The Temple Mt., Mt. Zion, and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher will be the places of our visits today.

Wednesday 26  On our final day in Jerusalem, we will visit in the morning the Bethesda Pools/Church of St. Anne, and Ecce Homo, where we will have a final Eucharist. The afternoon is free for you to revisit your favorite places or explore something new.

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