



Denis Preka

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Denis, a 2015 graduate of De La Salle Collegiate, lived life to the fullest, loved the Lord, and was passionate about travel. It was his dream to bless young men with the experience of Holy Land pilgrimage upon graduation from high school. He knew this would be a wonderful way to prepare men for the next step in their life journey and unite young men through faith. It is our honor and privilege to make Denis' dream a reality by offering the Inaugural Denis Preka Holy Land Pilgrimage to the graduating seniors at Detroit Catholic Central. We pray you can join us on this life changing experience and honor the memory of our beloved Denis.

What's Included

- Round trip airfare from Detroit
- Portorage at airport and hotels
- 8 overnights at 4 star hotels
- Daily buffet breakfast and dinners in the hotels, begins with dinner on arrival day and ends with breakfast on departure day.
- "St Peter's Fish" lunch on the Sea of Galilee
- 7 days sightseeing as per program with Catholic guide
- Luxury air-conditioned coach w/ Wi-Fi
- Entrance fees as per itinerary: Caesarea Maritima, Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, Mt Tabor, Jericho, Masada, Ein Gedi, Yad Vashem, etc.
- Personal headphones throughout the entire tour
- Daily Mass



10 Day Pilgrimage to The Holy Land May 23 - June 1, 2020

\$3,795/person (double occupancy)





DAY 1 & 2: DETROIT > TEL AVIV - Begin our journey to The Holy Land, with meals and beverages served on board our flight. On arrival in Tel Aviv we will be met and transferred to our hotel in Netanya. Dinner served at the hotel. **D**

DAY 3: CAESAREA / NAZARETH / MAGDALA - After breakfast we leave for Caesarea Maritima to view the impressive archaeological remains of the Roman and Byzantine city that once dominated the region. Here, God revealed to Peter the Good News was for the whole world. We then drive to Nazareth where we will celebrate Mass in the Basilica of the Annunciation and visit the Church of St. Joseph. Continue to the fascinating Archeological Park in Magdala, the hometown of Mary Magdalen. Here we will see the first century synagogue, the Magdala Stone and parts of the ancient town. Dinner and overnight at our hotel on the Sea of Galilee. **B | D**

DAY 4: MT OF BEATITUDES / TABGHA / CHURCH OF THE PRIMACY / PHILIPPI
The day starts with Holy Mass at the Mount of Beatitudes, scene of the Sermon on the Mount. Then to Tabgha where Jesus fed the 5,000 and The Church of the Primacy of Peter where Jesus told Peter to “feed my lambs; feed my sheep.” On to Capernaum where Jesus launched his Ministry. After enjoying a lunch of St Peter Fish, we head north to Caesarea Philippi at the foot of Mt Hermon, where Jesus told St. Peter “You are the Rock, and upon this rock I will build my Church.” Dinner and overnight at our hotel. **B | L | D**

DAY 5: MT TABOR / JERICHO / BAPTISMAL SITE / JERUSALEM - We start the day a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee followed by a visit to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration, where Jesus revealed His glory. Mass will be at the Basilica designed to represent the three tents Peter, James and John wished to erect. We then drive down the Jordan Valley to Jericho, the world’s oldest continuously inhabited city, to view the Mt of Temptation and see an example of a Sycamore Tree up which Zacchaeus climbed to see Jesus. After lunch, we will go down to the Baptismal site on the River Jordan where John the Baptist lived, taught and baptized in the desert wilderness. After renewing our baptismal vows, we will drive up to Jerusalem to our hotel for dinner and overnight. **B | D**

DAY 6: SHEPHERD’S FIELD / BETHLEHEM / YAD VASHEM - Today we visit the caves at the Shepherds’ Field which still have soot marks of the fires the shepherds lit to keep warm. After, we go to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem where will descend to the Grotto of the Nativity; here Jesus was born to the Virgin Mary. After Mass at the Church of St. Catherine and the Grotto of St Jerome, we visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. Back to our hotel for dinner before we head back to the Old City for the “Night Spectacular” at the Tower of David. At a set time we return to the hotel. **B | D**

DAY 7: MASADA / EIN GEDI / DEAD SEA - In the morning we will visit the incredible ruins of King Herod’s Judean Desert fortress of Masada. It was here the Jewish patriots made their last stand in the face of the Roman army, in 73 A.D. After, we drive to the desert oasis of Ein Gedi. Here we will experience the incredible natural beauty of the Judean desert. We will then visit the Dead Sea where you will have the incredible experience of floating in this unique body of water. **B | D**

DAY 8: MT. OF OLIVES / GETHSEMANE / MT ZION - We ascend Mount of Olives to visit the Pater Noster shrine where Jesus taught His disciples The Lord’s Prayer. Walking down the Palm Sunday Road we stop at the beautiful Dominus Flevit Church - “The Lord wept.” We arrive at the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Church of All Nations to pray at the “Rock of Agony.” From there, we visit Peter in Gallicantu, “Crowing Rooster,” church built over the site of the house of the High Priest Caiaphas and where Peter denied Jesus. After Mass, we visit the Upper Room. Return to hotel. **B | D**

DAY 9: ST ANNE’S CHURCH / VIA DOLOROSA / HOLY SEPULCHRE - This morning we start the day at St Anne’s Church, the birthplace of Our Lady’s mother. We will also learn about the Pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the paralytic. The we will then begin the Via Dolorosa and pray The Stations of the Cross, ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher; the site of Calvary and the Tomb of Christ. Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We then visit the Southern Steps to ponder the Presentation of Jesus and the healing of the blind man, and then the most holy site in Judaism - the Western Wall. Back to our hotel for a Farewell Dinner. **B | D**

DAY 10: TRANSFER to AIRPORT for DEPARTURE.

