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**Join Father Felix Kauta on the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

**For 9 Days 7 nights, from September 9-17 of 2024**

**St. James the Greater Roman Catholic Parish, Glendale, AZ**

**September 9: USA – TEL AVIV**

**September 10: TEL AVIV**

**Arrive to Tel Aviv airport. Meet and assist. Transfer to your hotel. Dinner and overnight.**

**September 11: TEL AVIV – JAFFA – CAESAREA – HAIFA – NAZARETH**



**Breakfast at the hotel. Leave for Jaffa, an old port On the commercial road of Via Maris. Walk through the ancient quarter and visit the Church of St. Peter. Continue through the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, an important roman port built by Herod the Great. It was the capital of the Palestinian Roman Province and the residence of the roman procurators. Visit the roman theater and the remains of the crusader city. Leave for Haifa, the major port and industrial capital. Ascend to Mount Carmel for a visit to the Shrine of Stella Maris and enjoy a view of the bay and port of Haifa. Arrive to your hotel in Nazareth. Dinner and overnight.**

**September 12: MOUNT TABOR – CANA OF GALILEE – NAZARETH**



**Breakfast at the hotel. Ascend by taxis to Mount Tabor for a visit to the Basilica of the Transfiguration built over two earlier sanctuaries: byzantine and crusader. Descend and continue to Cana of Galilee, the place of the First Miracle and visit the church that recalls this Evangelical event. The afternoon will be entirely dedicated to visit Nazareth, starting with Mary's well and a walk through the old streets of the city till the Basilica of the Annunciation to visit the House of Mary, the Upper Basilica, the Holy Family Church, and the remains of the ancient town. Return to your hotel, dinner and overnight.**

**September 13: NAZARETH – JORDAN RIVER – JERICHO – DEAD SEA – BETHLEHEM**



Breakfast and leave for Jericho, the oldest city in the world. Visit the archaeological site and view Mount of Temptation. Continue to Jordan River and renewal of the Baptismal Vows. Visit the ruins of Qumran and view the caves of the Scrolls. Transfer to the Dead Sea to enjoy a bath in its unique and salty waters. Ascend to Bethlehem through the Judean Desert. Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

**September 14: BETHLEHEM – NEW CITY – EIN KAREM – THE ISRAEL MUSEUM**



Breakfast and start our visit to the Church of the Nativity with the Birth Grotto, the Manger, the Chapels of St. Joseph and St. Jerome and the Basilica of St. Catherine. Leave then to the Shepherds' Field to visit its natural caves and the rest of the byzantine monasteries. In the afternoon, visit the new city of Jerusalem passing by the University and the Parliament Building for a stop at the Israel Museum where the Dead Sea findings are exposed. Also visit the Model of Jerusalem from the first century. Return to your hotel, dinner and overnight.

**September 15: MOUNT OF OLIVES AND MOUNT ZION**



After breakfast, drive to Mount of Olives for a visit to the Ascension Chapel and then to Pater Noster Church. Walk down to the small Chapel of Dominus Fleuit and enjoy a panoramic view of the Holy City with all its major shrines. Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane for a visit to the Church of Agony (called also of All Nations) and Mary's Tomb in the Josaphat Valley. In the afternoon, explore Mount Zion: St. Peter in Gallicantu, David's Tomb, the Last Supper Room (The Cenacle) and the Dormition Abbey. Then entering Zion's Gate, walk through the Cardo Maximum and the Jewish Quarter to the Wailing Wall. Back to your hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and overnight

### **September 16: OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM**



**After breakfast, transfer to the Lions' Gate and enter the Old City for a visit to St. Anne Church and the Pool of Bethesda. Continue then walking through the Via Dolorosa (the Way of the Cross) to the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher for a detailed visit to Mount Calvary, the Holy Tomb and St. Helen Chapel. In the afternoon, free time for rest and/or personal activities. It could be dedicated to walk one more time through the narrow streets of the Old City of Jerusalem. Dinner at a typical restaurant with folkloric dance show.**

### **September 17: BETHLEHEM – TEL AVIV AIRPORT – USA**

**Breakfast. At the convenient and previously established time, transfer to Tel Aviv airport to board your flight back home.**