

A Spiritual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

With Rev. Ken Vialpando, Vicar for Clergy

13 Days: October 19-31, 2021

Designed Especially for the Catholic Community

Why this Pilgrimage to the Holy Land? But to go on a pilgrimage in the Holy Land means setting off and turning the physical journey into a “path of the soul”. Walking on this land with the heart, soul and mind for an encounter: of conversion, of devotion, of listening, with the Eucharist, and with Christ in brothers. John Paul II expressed this in very moving words:

“How many memories and images and how much passion and great mystery surround the word Jerusalem! For us as Christians, it represents the geographical point of union between God and men, between eternity and history.”

Our Journey...

October 19, 2021, Tuesday: USA – Tel Aviv, Israel

Depart our home city to Tel Aviv. (In-flight meals)

October 20, Wednesday: Arrival to Holy Land and Nahsholim Seaside Resort

Arrive in the Holy Land and transfer through the Plain of Sharon and the western coastal cities of Israel to the site of the ancient port city of Dor where the **Nahsholim Seaside Resort** is located at Kibbutz Nahsholim. After dinner and a brief information meeting, we retire to our cabins on the resort’s private Mediterranean beach. (Nahsholim Seaside Resort; D)

October 21, Thursday: Nahsholim (Dor) – Nazareth

After breakfast we travel south to **Caesarea Maritima** archaeological site. Caesarea, a historic seaport and home to the summer palace of Herod the Great built in 22 BC and later home to Pontius Pilate. We continue along the coastal plain to **Haifa** and up **Mount Carmel** to the **Cave of Elijah** below the **Stelle Maris Monastery** or the **Monastery of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**, a 19th-century Discalced Carmelite monastery. At the **Haifa Observatory** we view the **Baha’i Gardens**, which mark the world center of the Baha’i faith, and **Haifa Bay**. We travel up ridge of Mt. Carmel passing **Daliyat Carmel** to a unique, local Druze restaurant for lunch. After lunch we continue to the **Muhkraqa Monastery** to view the Holy Land and **Jezebel Valley**. Here we recount the stories of the prophet Elijah and the priests of Ba’al recorded in 1 Kings 18. Winding



down the mountain we come to **Megiddo**, the royal city of the Canaanites, fortified by Solomon as a “chariot city”, and the **Valley of Armageddon**, site of the last great battle before the Second Coming of Christ. Crossing this valley, our final journey is to **Nazareth**, the boyhood town of Jesus. We first visit **Mary’s Well**, the **Church of the Annunciation** and **St. Joseph’s Carpentry Shop** before our dinner and overnight at the **Sisters of Nazareth Convent**. After dinner we will celebrate **our first mass in the Holy Land**. Before retiring we are privileged to **visit the crypt (cellar) where a 1st Century**

AD house and tomb area has been discovered. Archaeologists have suggested that this 1st-century dwelling house visible today was the house that the Byzantines believed was the house where Jesus was brought up. (Sisters of Nazareth Convent; B, D)

October 22, Friday: Lower Galilee, the Valley of Jezreel, Mt. Tabor, Magdala, Boat ride on Sea of Galilee



This morning we arise early, and after breakfast we journey to and ascend **Mt. Tabor**, site of the **Mt. of Transfiguration** and visit the **Basilica of the Transfiguration**. From Here we return to Nazareth and proceed to the 1st Century reconstructed **Nazareth Village**. We tour the village, built as Jesus would have known it in his lifetime, and enjoy a 1st Century lunch. Following lunch, we travel through the **Nazareth hills** to **Kfar Cana**, where the first recorded miracle of Christ took place turning water to wine. Couples are invited to renew their wedding vows. Traveling further through the hills of lower Galilee, we pass the **Horns of Hattin**, where the Crusaders suffered their final defeat in 1187 from Saladin. Descending through the **Hills of Lower Galilee** we visit the beautiful **Duc-in-Altum chapel** of **Magdala** to celebrate a **special mass**. Here also we stand in a **1st Century synagogue** where Jesus and his apostles stood. Next, we transfer to **Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar** to view the **first century AD fishing boat** and **Yigal Alon Center**. Finally, we **board a fishing boat to**

cross the Sea of Galilee to Kibbutz Ein Gev, perfectly located right on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. (Ein Gev Holiday Resort; B, L, D)

October 23, Saturday (Jewish Sabbath): Galilee, Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, Banias, & Golan Heights

Following breakfast, we travel along the eastern shore of the **Sea of Galilee** below the **Golan Heights**, passing **Kursi** (Jesus feeds the multitudes), **Bethsaida**, and the northern **Jordan River** to **Capernaum**. In Capernaum we see the foundations of the synagogue where Jesus preached and nearby what is believed to be **the House of Peter**. We hope to hold a special early morning mass in **the Pilgrimage Church of St. Peter**. Not far from here is **Primacy of the Rock** where the resurrected Jesus asks Peter, "Lovest thou me?" and the **Mensa Christi Chapel**; **Tabgah**, site of the multiplication of the fishes and loaves; and **the Mt. of Beatitudes** where Jesus delivered His epic "Sermon on the Mount". We continue our journey, if time permits, to the new **Dominus Galilaeae** overlooking the Sea and the Mount of the Beatitudes. From here we pass by **Chorazin**, **Hatzor**, the **Hula Valley**, to the **Lebanese border** near **Tel Dan**. Time permitting, we will visit **Banyas (Caesarea Philippi)** at the foot of **Mt. Hermon** where Peter confessed the Savior's divinity. ("Whom do men say ye that I am?") We see the **northern borders of Israel with Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan**. We visit the bunkers in the Golan Heights at **Bental**, and then end the day with a dinner and enjoy **an evening swim** or just relax. (Ein Gev Holiday Resort; B, L, D)



October 24, Sunday: Sea of Galilee to Jericho through Jordan River Valley

We depart Ein Gev and the Galilee driving south along the **Jordan River** to **Beit She'an**, inhabited more than 6,000 years ago, and later occupied by the Romans. Here also King Saul and his sons were defeated and killed by the Philistines. After touring the **Roman Byzantine city**, we continue south along **the Jordan River Valley** to **Jericho**. We visit **Tel Jericho**, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world. We see the remains of the **Walls of Jericho** that came "tumbling down" during Joshua's siege of the city. If time permits, we will take the **gondola** up **the Mount of Temptations** to the **Deir al-Quruntal Greek Orthodox Monastery**. Also, near **Jericho** we visit the site recently identified as **Bethbara** (identified as **the baptism site of Jesus**) on the Israeli side of the border with Jordan called **Qasr Al- Yahud**. Dinner and overnight in Jericho. At 8:00 pm a special optional **lecture on Islam and the Palestinians** will be provided. (Jericho Resort Hotel; B, D)

October 25, Monday: Jericho, Dead Sea, Masada, Qumran, Judean Wilderness, Bethany, Jerusalem

We depart **Jericho** and drive south to **the Dead Sea**, the lowest point on earth, and continue along its banks to **Masada**, a magnificent Herodian mountain fortress once occupied by Jewish zealots under siege by the Romans. From here we continue to **Qumran**, site of the original **Dead Sea Scrolls** found by shepherds in local caves. Those who choose will have an opportunity to "float" in the waters of the **Dead Sea**. Departing the Dead Sea Rift Valley, we pass through the **Judean Wilderness** to Jerusalem. We detour near the **Old Roman Road** of Jesus' day to view the Judean Wilderness and take a walk to view **Kozeba or St. George's Monastery** across **Wadi Qelt**. This area was the traditional location of the **Inn of the Good Samaritan**. Before entering Jerusalem, we will visit **Bethany**, home of Mary Martha and Lazarus and the tomb

where tradition places Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. In **the Chapel of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus we will celebrate mass.** Upon arrival in Jerusalem we check into our hotel where we will stay the next four nights. (Olive Tree Hotel; B, D)

October 26, Tuesday: Hebron, Bethlehem and the Israel Museum

Arising early, we depart through **the Judean Hill Country** along **the old Patriarchs' Way** to **Hebron** and the **Tombs of the Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their wives at Machpelah.** If time permits, we stop at a **glass-blowing and pottery shop.** We travel a few miles north to **Bethlehem**, the birthplace of Jesus. We visit **Manger Square, Church of the Nativity,** and the **Catholic Church of Shepherd's Fields in Beit Sahour.** We return to **Jerusalem** for some free time and an early dinner at the hotel. After dinner we transfer to **West Jerusalem** and the **Shrine of the Book and Dead Sea Scrolls** at the **Israel Museum.** Here we see a **Model City of Jerusalem** that is a **reconstruction of the Herodian city** before its destruction in 70 AD. A brief stop at the **National Menorah** and **Israeli Knesset,** or Parliament building, before returning to our hotel. (Olive Tree Hotel; B, D)

October 27, Wednesday: Old City of East Jerusalem

Today we visit **the four quarters of the Old City,** including the **Moslem, Jewish, Armenian, and Christian quarters.** We visit **the Temple Mount, Western or Wailing Wall** of Herod's Temple and site of Ha Kotel excavations, and the **Ophel Davidson's Museum.** A highlight of the day is our walk along **the Via Dolorosa** or Way of the Cross with its **14 Stations.** Time for some shopping and rest is given in the early afternoon. After our dinner at the Olive Tree Hotel, an **optional free tour** is offered in the evening to **Ha Kotel excavations** along the length of the Western Wall. (Scheduling Mass at the Holy Sepulcher Church this day or the next.) (Olive Tree Hotel; B, D)

October 28, Thursday: In the Footsteps of Christ from Bethpage to the Garden Tomb

We travel to **Bethpage,** on the eastern side of the **Mt. of Olives,** we visit the **Church of Mounting,** traditional place of the Triumphant Entry of Jesus during the "Passion Week" or last week of the Savior's life. After a panoramic view of Jerusalem from atop the Mt. of Olives, we visit the sacred **Garden of Gethsemane** to remember the Atonement and Christ's final hours before His arrest. We visit **Mt. Zion** and the "**Upper Room**" of the Last Supper, the traditional **House of Caiaphas at St. Peter in Gallicantu** (hold mass), the **Pool of Bethesda** at today's **St. Anne's Church** considered the birthplace of Mary, mother of Jesus and near the pools where Jesus healed the paralyzed man. Then following a portion of the **Via Dolorosa** or "**Way of the Cross**" we stop at the **Sisters of Zion Convent** to review the trials of Christ before the Roman Prefect Pontus Pilatus. Other sites include **King David's Cenotaph, Lions' Gate,** and the **Damascus Gate.** Our day will end at the **Garden Tomb** where some believe Christ was buried and resurrected. Afterward we return to our hotel for dinner. (Olive Tree Hotel; B, D)



October 29, Friday: Jerusalem Optional Tours

This morning we offer optional tours to **West Jerusalem, Yad Vashem** (Museum of the Holocaust) or the **City of David** and **Hezekiah's Tunnel,** subject to availability. This afternoon is free to spend as you wish. You can return to sacred sites and/or explore new ones. It's a day for shopping the bazaars, walking the labyrinth of alleyways and side streets throughout the Old City or visiting the "New City" with its many shops, restaurants, and boutiques along **Ben Yehuda Street** and area as they **prepare for the Jewish Sabbath.** This evening we will go to the **Western Wall** to watch the faithful Jewish community **welcome Sabbath,** the Sabbath day which begins at sundown. (Olive Tree Hotel; B)

October 30-31, Saturday-Sunday: Jerusalem, Emmaus Nicopolis, Old Jaffa, Tel Aviv, USA

We bid farewell to **Jerusalem** and travel to the **ancient Emmaus (Nicopolis)** where we will hold our last mass before going on to Jaffa to visit the underground walk through a museum and walk the promenade. It was from Jaffa that Jonah embarked on his fateful ocean voyage, and here Peter raised Tabitha from the dead. This evening we join for a farewell dinner in Jaffa-Tel Aviv. Following dinner, we transfer to the Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport for our return flights home. Depending upon your flight schedule, your return flight may depart Tel Aviv late night October 30, or just past midnight October 31. Your Columbus Travel® agent will assist you with scheduling your airline flight schedule. (B, D)



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An Invitation to Join Us...

Dear Friends,

Columbus Travel is planning this pilgrimage to the Holy Land to pay homage to Our Lord in this special way, and so we would like to extend to you a very special invitation. Come and walk with us in the footsteps of Jesus. Come see the place of His Annunciation and Birth. Come and walk the Way of the Cross sharing in His Passion. Come and see the empty tomb of our Risen Lord!

Come and join us on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It will be not just another vacation but a journey of faith. The experience we will have cannot be described with mere words. We will be led to an encounter with Jesus in the mystical land of His Life, Death and Resurrection. The Gospels will literally come alive for us as we have the opportunity to visit, pray and celebrate the Eucharist at the places held most sacred to Christians.

We fully expect this pilgrimage to be one of the most spiritually uplifting experiences of our lives. We will leave the Holy Land blessed and completely filled with peace that only the Lord knows how to give. It is our hope that you will say, "YES" to this invitation to the most invaluable gift you can ever give yourself - a pilgrimage to The Holy Land.

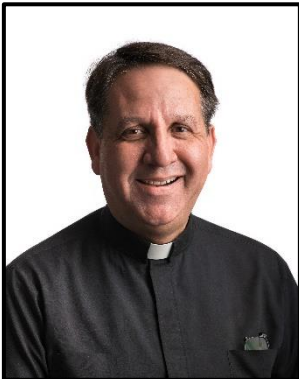
Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Kenneth L. Vialpando

Vicar for the Clergy, Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City



Meet Your Tour Hosts



Ken Vialpando was born in 1960 on Armistice or Veteran's Day where he arrived on the scene on the 11th Month of the 11th Day at 11:00 a.m., giving him a chance to "hit the ground running" on this great day where we, as U.S. Citizens, get to honor all of our Veterans from every military branch for their service to God, country and Family. Because Ken had this respect for the military running through his blood from the very first day of his life, shortly after he graduated from high school in 1979, he entered the United States Marine Corps in order to become one of "The Few, the Proud, the Marines." After being honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in 1983, Ken entered the seminary so that he could fulfill his dream of becoming a Catholic Priest for the Diocese of Salt Lake City, which, thanks to God's grace and the support of his family and friends, became a reality on August 24, 1991.

Since that day, 29 years ago, Fr. Ken Vialpando taught at Judge High School for three years; was a Parochial Vicar of several parishes (St. Therese in Midvale and St. Pius X in Moab) and was also a Pastor of several parishes (Our Lady of Guadalupe in Salt Lake City, St. Joseph in Ogden and St. Marguerite in Tooele). Fr. Ken is presently assigned to the Cathedral of the Madeleine and serves as the Vicar for Clergy throughout the diocese. Because Fr. Ken received his calling to become a Catholic Priest while he was in the Marine Corps, he wanted to pay it back or forward by helping other military men and women draw closer to the Lord, and so, Fr. Ken was commissioned with the Navy for one year as a First Lieutenant and Chaplain and with the Air National Guard as a Captain and Chaplain for four years. Fr. Ken is very proud of his service in the Marine Corps, Navy and Air National Guard, but most importantly, he is proud of his ministry in the Army, the Army of God, where he gets to serve as a Catholic Priest in the Diocese of Salt Lake City and around the world through pilgrimages sponsored by the Church.



Dann Hone is one of the founding members of the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies and held virtually every position at the Center, including Academic Coordinator where he was responsible for training and teaching all Jerusalem Center faculty in history, archaeology, geography, and scriptures. His studies include 13 modern and ancient languages and scripts. Dann lived in Israel for many years and received his graduate degree in Biblical History from the Jerusalem University College. He is engaged in pos-graduate PhD studies at Birmingham University. A published author, Dann has written study guides and books on the Near East and recently finished volumes one and two of a seven volume *Scriptural Reference and Exploration* series on "scriptural manners and customs." Dann is emeritus faculty of Ancient Scripture at BYU. After thirty years at BYU, he entered back into teaching as adjunct faculty in the Department of History and Political Science at Utah Valley University. He currently serves as

the Managing Director and Faculty for the International Travel Studies Institute.

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- All tour transfers via deluxe motor coach
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- Mediterranean Coast: Nahsholim Holiday Resort
- Jericho: Jericho Resort Village Hotel
- Nazareth: Sisters of Nazareth Convent
- Jerusalem: Olive Tree Hotel
- Galilee: Ein Gev Holiday Resort

Land cost: \$2,985 per person based on double occupancy (Single Supplement: + \$1,308)

Deposit: \$500 per person

Final payment due: July 21, 2021

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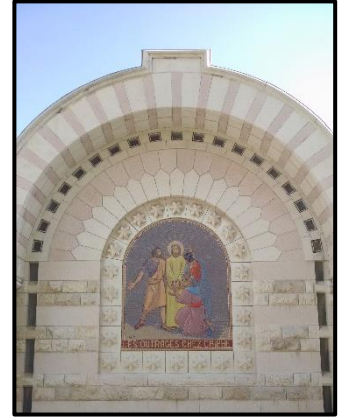
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St. Peter in Gallicantu, Jerusalem

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Holy Sepulcher Church,



The statues of Jesus and Twelve Apostles in Domus Galilaeae on the Mount of Beatitudes near the Sea of Galilee in Galilee



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