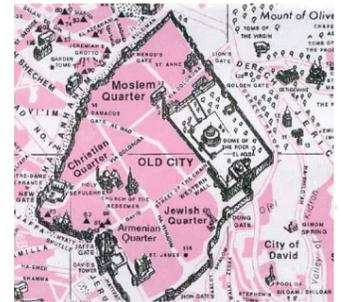




PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: ISRAEL

Servite/Rosary Trip 2014



TRIP DATES: April 10-21, 2014

GROUP LEADERS: Mr. Joe Swoboda, Mr. Chris Weir, and Mrs. Maureen Tunstill
Provided for Servite High School by Authentic Israel

COST: \$3800 for all transportation, meals, and accommodations.

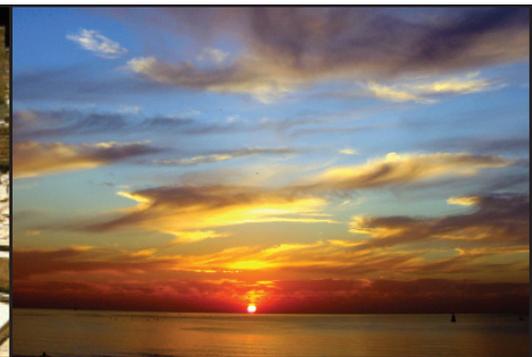
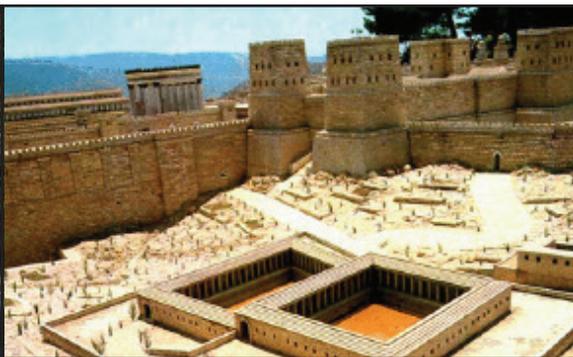
WHO IS WELCOME: students of all grade levels at Rosary and Servite High School

PROGRAM PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Three meals daily
- Hotel accommodations
- Professionally licensed guide educator daily
- Deluxe motor coach daily
- Entrance fees and activity costs according to proposed itinerary
- Local health insurance (does not cover pre-existing conditions)
- Gratuities for guide/driver (budgeted at \$75/participant)
- Servite High School named as an indemnified party by Tlalim
- Complimentary land costs for 3 chaperones (one double room / one single room)
- Group flight from Los Angeles (does not include complimentary flights)

BASIC GOALS:

1. We want students to have the experience of a life time by being together in pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We want to walk and talk where Jesus did. We want to be where he was crucified, died, and rose from the dead.
2. We want all participants to carefully prepare for the trip, to maximize what we will learn and experience!
3. We want to honor the state of Israel by learning about it and appreciating it as a democracy. In our post Second Vatican II Church, we want to follow our popes in understanding Jewish Catholic relations: "On the day of his election to the papacy as Francis, the former Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina wrote to his new neighbor, the chief rabbi of Rome: "I eagerly hope to be able to contribute to the progress that relations between Jews and Catholics have experienced since the Second Vatican Council, in a spirit of renewed collaboration, and in service of a world that might be more and more in harmony with the Creator's will." Philip Cunningham, Ph.D. director of the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations of Saint Joseph's University. Understanding better the history of Israel as a state will help students to think more productively about the challenges faced by both Israel and Palestinians in the disputed territory. In short, we hope to educate and inspire deeper faith in the living God and open ourselves more to God's call for justice and peace.



"Authentic Israel is a travel program provider with three decades of experience sharing the beauty of Israel and beyond. We offer a range of programs open to the public, as well as custom programs for synagogues, schools, community organizations and families"

PLEASE ATTEND the interest meeting September 17th at 7:00pm in the Servite Library

Safety & Security

As an organization with roots in youth travel, Authentic Israel understands what it takes to provide a safe and secure travel experience in Israel. Although safety will always be our primary concern, we are equally committed to providing you with meaningful and entirely enjoyable experience. It is our sincere belief that these two elements of the program do not need to be mutually exclusive. Our approach to security and safety in Israel is layered. Some elements are standard across all Authentic Israel programs and others are elective according to the discretion of our clients.

Smart Itinerary Planning

Planning itineraries to avoid crowded public areas or restaurants/sites without proper security policies.

Security Room Oversight

Oversight from Israel's "Situation Room", a government-sponsored service that monitors travel programs (typical for youth tours)

Protection from the Sun

Ensuring a safe environment by ensuring proper attire and hydration under the hot Israeli sun.

It is important to remember that despite persistent tension in the Middle East, the State of Israel remains a vibrant, active, and colorful society. Hundreds of thousands of travelers of all ages and backgrounds continue to visit Israel each year and have deeply meaningful experiences. Most of our clients remark that they feel no security concerns at all once they land.



ITINERARY:

Friday, April 11 Introduction at Caesarea -Our introduction to Israel is in the archeological remains of Rome's port city to Palestine. It was not only Peter the Apostle who witnessed here the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Gentiles and where the Apostle Paul was in prison, but where later Christians were sacrificed to the cruelty and control of the Roman government. We will walk on the Hypodrome, close to where Christians were martyred in the fourth century. Orientation at Kibbutz Haon, where we will be staying, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

Saturday, April 12 Hike Jesus Trail -Culminating in a hike down Arbel. The Jesus trail is a modern link with an ancient foot path from Nazareth to the Sea of Galilee. Sight seeing includes Nazareth, where we will visit the Church of the Annunciation, and Mt. Tabor, the site of the Jesus' Transfiguration, ending with a cruise on the Sea of Galilee in Tiberias at sunset.

Sunday, April 13 Kibbutz El Rom and Oz 77, Banias and Jordan Kayaking -Oz 77 is a battle heritage site in Kibbutz Elrom near the Valley of Tears (Emek HaBacha). Here, inside a cinema is screened a fascinating film which tells the story of the battle of the Valley of Tears, when the Syrian Army tried to penetrate the Israeli frontline during the Yom Kippur War. We will climb Mount Bental, one of Israel's favorite mountain peaks to visit, partly due to the great panoramic views of the Golan and even Syria. We will then go to Banias, also known as Caesarea Philippi in Roman times, a beautiful vacation spot sporting the head waters of the Jordan River. We will see where Jesus asked his apostles, "Who do you say I am?" Lastly, kayaking on the Jordan River, we will be relaxed and refreshed!

Monday, April 14 Baptism site at Yardenit, Tabgha and Capernaum -Will have the opportunity of renewing our Baptism in the waters of the Jordan, where Jesus himself was baptized. Jesus Boat at Ginnosar (site visit) and Tabgha: place of "Feeding the Four Thousand". Next is Capernaum, where we will walk around the ancient remains of the place Jesus made his home town. At Mt. Beatitudes we are planning an evening picnic dinner looking over the Sea of Galilee.

Tuesday, April 15 Bethlehem, Emmause and Mount of Olives -We will not only see the traditional spot of Christ's birth, we will explore some of the underground chambers of St. Jerome's fourth century monastery under the Church of the Nativity. At Emmaeus we will pray in the church which commemorates Christ's post-resurrection appearance to two of his disciples in dialogue and in breaking bread. We will then explore Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, and the Pool of Bethesda.

Wednesday, April 16 Ancient Jerusalem, Church of Holy Sepulcher -We will be exploring the City of David & Hezekiah's Tunnels, the Pilgrim tunnels to Southern Wall Excavation, Kotel (Western Wall) + Kotel Tunnel, Via Dolorosa + Church of the Holy Sepulcher (the Church building over the spots where Jesus was crucified, died, and rose from the dead! - Roof Top Views, and Pilate's House/Peter's Denial.

Thursday, April 17 Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum -After visiting the Holocaust Memorial, we will go to the Mahane Yehuda marketplace, tour the Knesset Campus, and see the National Menorah.

Friday, April 18 Ayalon Institute, Tel Aviv Beach -Secret Munitions Factory. At Independence Hall we will revisit the story of Israel's founding as a state. Next is sight seeing at Nahalat Binyamin and Carmel Market where we will possibly meet with Tel Aviv Teens. **Good Friday Services in Tel Aviv.**

Saturday, April 19 Qumran Caves, Masada -Site of Dead Sea Scrolls' discovery. Hike to Ein Gedi desert waterfalls along with floating in the Dead Sea. Will Hike up Snake Path and down Roman Ramps in Masada along with participating in a Women's weaving project in Sidra.

Easter Sunday, April 20 -Mass in the Old City Easter Sunday in Jerusalem: we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection on the day and in the city of his reality changing revelation! In the Upper Room we visit the place both of the Last Supper and the Pentecost out-pouring of the Holy Sprit.

Processing time

Closing dinner in Abu Ghosh

Return to airport for overnight flight back to USA



PROGRAM COSTS & TERMS LAND COSTS

- Students canceling within 60 days of departure are entitled to a 50% refund
- Students canceling within 13 days of departure are not entitled to a refund

FLIGHT COSTS ON DELTA VIA JFK Base fare: \$1,345

- Taxes & fees: \$705 (subject to change) Total air fare: \$2,050
- Change fees or extension fees once tickets are issued – \$250

PLEASE CONTACT Mr. Swoboda, Mr. Weir, or Mrs. Tunstill if you are interested or have any questions.