# 2018 Holy Land Tour

## With Fr. Roberto

## February 10 - February 20, 2018

*Caesarea´s National Park, Israel*

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Featuring tours of Tel Aviv, Old Jaffa, Caesarea, Haifa, Megiddo (site of one of the oldest churches ever discovered), Mt. Tabor (site of the Transfiguration), Cana, Church of the Annunciation, Mount of Beatitudes, Tabgha (site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes), and all of the holy sites in and around Jerusalem, including the Garden of Gethsemane, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and a visit to Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity.

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- Nine days of touring and sightseeing
- Round trip airfare out of Newark Airport
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- Hotel accommodations
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**Departure Date: Saturday, February 10, 2018**
From designated airport/airline (TBA)

2 nights in Tel Aviv, 3 nights in Nazareth, 4 nights in Jerusalem

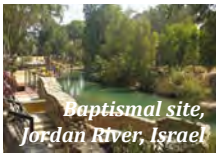
## 2018 Holy Land Tour · Trip Itinerary

*Old Jaffa, Tel Aviv*

*Tel Aviv*

*Bahá'í Gardens, Haifa*

*Capernaum, Lake Galilee*


*Baptismal site, Jordan River, Israel*

*Mount of Olives, Jerusalem*

*Western Wall, Rock of the Dome, Jerusalem*

*Waterfall, Ein Gedi Dead Sea*

*Masada*

**Day 1 – Sunday, February 11, 2018‡ (Tel Aviv) – Dinner**
- Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport. Transfer to hotel.
- Check-in, rest time, orientation drive through Tel Aviv.
- Welcome Dinner.

**Day 2 – Monday, February 12, 2018 (Tel Aviv) – Breakfast, Dinner**
- Old Jaffa, ancient port city famous for biblical stories of Jonah, Solomon, and St. Peter.
- Rabin Square (formerly known as Kings of Israel Square), onto the Port of Tel Aviv.
- Tel Aviv by bus, followed by leisure time.

**Day 3 – Tuesday, February 13, 2018 (Nazareth) – Breakfast, Dinner**
- Morning departure for next overnight destination, Nazareth.
- Caesarea, port city founded by Herod the Great, about 25 BC.
- See Muhraka, highest point of the Carmel mountain range.
- Visits to port cities Haifa and Akko before arriving at Nazareth.

**Day 4 – Wednesday, February 14, 2018 (Nazareth) – Breakfast, Dinner**
- Megiddo, an active archaeological site where lies one of the oldest churches ever discovered.
- Mt. Tabor, believed by many Christians to be the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus.
- Kfar Kana, associated with Cana, where Jesus turned water into wine.
- Return to Nazareth. Visit Church of the Annunciation. Believed to be site where angel Gabriel announced to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she would conceive and give birth to Jesus

**Day 5 – Thursday, February 15, 2018 (Nazareth) – Breakfast, Dinner**
- Mount of Beatitudes, commemorated as the site of the Sermon on the Mount.
- Tabgha, thought to be the location of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes.
- Capernaum, near homes of Apostles Peter, Andrew, James, John and Matthew. Sea of Galilee boat ride.
- Final visit of the day at the Spring of Banias, known in the Gospels of Mark and Matthew as "Caesarea Philippi."
- Dinner at the hotel in Nazareth.

**Day 6 – Friday, February 16, 2018 (Jerusalem) – Breakfast, Dinner**
- Leave Nazareth, depart for Jerusalem.
- Yardenit, the site on the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. • Gan HaShlosha National Park (a.k.a. "Sakhne"), famous for its natural warm water pool.
- Beit She'an, an interesting city of important significance for all historical periods since the Bronze Age.
- Jericho, city where Joshua fought the Canaanites, and the setting for the Parable of the Good Samaritan.
- Check-in. Dinner at the hotel in Jerusalem.

**Day 7 – Saturday, February 17, 2018 (Jerusalem) – Breakfast, Dinner**
- Mount of Olives, where several key events occurred in the life of Jesus, including His Ascension into Heaven.
- The Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed before seizure by Romans for crucifixion, site of Church of All Nations.
- Western Wall (Wailing Wall), and the Via Dolorosa (path Jesus took to his crucifixion).
- The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built on site where Christ was crucified.
- Mount Zion, the room of the Last Supper, King David's tomb.

**Day 8 – Sunday, February 18, 2018‡ (Jerusalem) – Breakfast, Dinner**
- Yad Vashem, western slope of Mount Herzl – Israel's official memorial to the victims of the Holocaust.
- Israel Museum (Dead Sea Scrolls, scale model of Jerusalem during Second Temple Period, prior to Roman destruction).
- Knesset (located close to the museum), legislative branch of the Israeli government.
- Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity, built by Constantine the Great and his mother Helena.

**Day 9 – Monday, February 19, 2018 (Jerusalem) – Breakfast, Dinner**
- Fortress of Masada, one of the most popular tourist attractions in Israel.
- The Dead Sea and the natural oasis of Ein Gedi (David Falls, Qumran Caves).
- Farewell Gala Dinner at a local Jerusalem restaurant.

**Day 10 – Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – Breakfast**
- Departure.

‡ SUNDAY MASS WILL BE ARRANGED SATURDAY EVENING AND/OR SUNDAY MORNING.

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