



Retreat to the **Holy Land**

with the **Community of The Risen Lord** **Accompanied by** **Brother Lalith Perera**

DAY 01

Group meet at the Bandaranaike International Airport

Group met at the Departure Lounge by a Senior Company Executive

Depart to **Jordan**

Arrive in Jordan in the afternoon (Amman is the Capital of Jordan, known in Biblical times as Rabbath Amman)

Thereafter depart to Israel via border crossing. Arrive in Israel.

Transfer to Nazareth for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 02

Breakfast at hotel.

Morning visit **Jordan River** (the special Baptismal for all pilgrims) Lunch at a luxury restaurant. Visit the **Mount of Beatitudes** (Venue of Jesus' sermon on the Mount), visit the **Church of Multiplication** (the place where Jesus blessed the fishes and the loaves). Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 03

Breakfast at hotel. Drive to **Mount Tabor** - the Mount of Transfiguration - ascend the mount. Visit the **Church of Primacy**. Visit **Capernaum** (second home of Jesus) see the ancient Synagogue and the site of St Peter's House., Lunch at a luxury restaurant, and then take a **boat ride** across the **Sea of Galilee** (as taken by Jesus and his disciples) Dinner and over night at hotel.

Day 04

Breakfast at hotel.

Visit **Nazareth** and visit the **Church of Annunciation** (where Angel Gabriel appeared to our Lady) and the **Church of St Joseph** (where St Joseph had his carpentry shop)., visit Cana of Galilee (first miracle of water into wine).

Thereafter, visit **Mukhraka** which means "burned place," where Elijah faced off against the prophets of Baal and God sent down fire from Heaven.

Lunch at Luxury restaurant .Depart to Jerusalem.

Dinner and over night at hotel.



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Day 05

Breakfast at Hotel. Morning tour of **Bethlehem** visit **Shepherd Field** and the **Milk Grotto** and visit the **Church of the Nativity** (birthplace of Jesus Christ) / Church of St Catherine (The Catholic Church in the Church of the Nativity where Christmas Midnight Mass is celebrated). Lunch at Luxury restaurant. Visit **St Stephen's Gate** (where St. Stephen was stoned). Visit the **Pool of Bethesda** (where the crippled man was healed after 38 years) and the **Church of St Anne** (dedicated to the mother of the Virgin Mary/ site of the birth place of Virgin Mary) Dinner and over night at hotel.



Day 06

Breakfast at Hotel. Visit the **Church of Our Lady of the Ark of the Covenant...** (The place where the Ark of the Covenant rested until David took it to Jerusalem) Visit **Emmaus-Abu Ghosh** (the place where Jesus Christ had a meal with his disciples before his ascension) visit **Children's Memorial** at the Holocaust Museum. Visit **Ein Karem** and see the Birth Place and **Church of the St John the Baptist** and the **Basilica of the Visitation** (where Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth) also visit Mary's Spring. Lunch at a luxury restaurant. Visit **Pool of Siloam** where Jesus cured a blind man with a mud mixture and told him to go wash it from his eyes. Thereafter visit the **Western Wall** (the Wailing Wall which is the most sacred place for the Jewish people). Return to hotel for dinner and overnight stay. **Golden Gate** (as tradition says... where Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday) and also view the Temple Mount... Dome of the Rock (where tradition says was the rock where Abraham prepared to sacrifice his son)

Day 07

Breakfast at Hotel. visit the Church of St Peter in **Galicantu** (the place where Peter wept when the cock crowed for the third time marking his denial of Jesus Christ.) Thereafter, visit the **Dungeon** where, as tradition says, Jesus was kept before he was taken to trial; visit **Mount Zion** and the Room of the **Last Supper**- then visit the **Church of the Domition** (where the statue of Virgin Mary lies in the peaceful slumber of death). Lunch at a Luxury restaurant. enjoy a panoramic view of the **Old City** from Mount of Olives. Visit the **Pater Noster** (Church of the Lord's Prayer) then visit the **place where Jesus Christ ascended to heaven** and you could see his footprints on the rock. Next visit the **Church of Dominus Flevit** (the place where Jesus wept over Jerusalem) the **Basilica of the Agony** in the **Garden of Gethsamane** (where Jesus spent the night before his betrayal) - Church of All Nations... here Superlink provides you some time in the Garden for meditation. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.



Day 08

Breakfast at hotel
Walk along the **Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross)** with stops at every station. Then visit the Church of the **Holy Sepulchre** (Tomb of Jesus and the Rolling Stone) / **Calvary** (Place where Jesus Christ was crucified).
Lunch at a luxury restaurant. Visit the church of **Cenacle** – The place where Christ established the rite of the Eucharist. In the same place, seven weeks later, the Holy Ghost appeared to Mary and the Apostles at the Pentecost. Thereafter, visit the **Dead Sea/ Lowest place in the world /Saltiest Sea...** so dense you do not sink but float on the surface. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.



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Day 09

Breakfast at hotel.

Departure to Jordan. Visit **Mt. Nebo/Madaba** (Thirty kilometers south of Amman is Madaba where you see some of the finest Byzantine mosaic in the world. Most famous is the 06th century mosaic Map Palestine, possibly the oldest map of the Holy Land in existence.) Nearby, is the historic Mount Nebo which is believed to be the Tomb of Moses... it is a lonely, windswept hill with a remarkable view of the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea and the spires of Jerusalem in the distance.

Lunch at a restaurant. Transfer to airport for your departure flight to Colombo.

Day 10

Arrive in Colombo

TOUR ENDS

