

Lay Ministry Study Pilgrimage to the  
**HOLY LAND**

with Frank Villaronga  
and Fr. Fidel Melo

**10 Days**

**February 10 – 19, 2017**

***\$3,295.00 Land and Air from Charlotte***



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# DAILY ITINERARY



**Day 1: February 10 – Friday : Depart USA** on your overnight flight to Tel Aviv.

**Day 2: February 11 – Saturday: WELCOME TO THE HOLY LAND!**

Upon your arrival at Tel Aviv Airport and after collecting your luggage and clearing customs you will meet your Christian guide outside the customs area. He will assist you with bus boarding and transfer to the hotel in Tiberias where we stay for 3 nights. Check in and dinner at the hotel. (D.)

**Day 3: February 12 – Sunday: Galilee, Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, Tabgha, Magdala**

We explore the Sea of Galilee area. Our first experience of the day is the ride on the Sea of Galilee (included). We then see the Jesus Boat Museum (entrance included), which contains an ancient boat from the time of Jesus. Next, we'll visit the Church of Peter's Primacy and celebrate Mass at the outdoor altar overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Continue with visit Tabgha and the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes. We see Magdala, home of St. Mary Magdalen. Enjoy a hearty lunch of St. Peter's fish at the Tanureen Restaurant (included), followed by a visit to the Mount of the Beatitudes and Capernaum (entrance included). (B,L,D.)

**Day 4: February 13 – Monday: Tabor, Nazareth, Cana**

After breakfast we ascend the winding roads of Mount Tabor to the Church of the Transfiguration (transportation included). Continue to Nazareth to see St. Joseph's Church and time permitting Mary's Well. We celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation. After our visit of the Basilica we walk over to the International Center for Mary of Nazareth to learn what life was like for the Holy Family. Following lunch (included) we visit Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle, where married couples can renew their wedding vows and pilgrims may purchase Cana wine! (Be sure to bring your wedding bands). Conditions permitting we walk part of the Gospel Trail, which would have been the same path Jesus would have taken from Nazareth to the Sea of Galilee. Overnight in Tiberias. (B,L,D.)

**Day 5: February 14 – Tuesday: Mt. Carmel, Caesarea Maritima-Bethlehem – Sharing the Bread Dinner**

Following breakfast we visit the monastery atop of Mount Carmel, to celebrate Mass at 10:00AM at the Discalced Carmelite Monastery of Muhraqa (entrance included), where Elijah made his famous sacrifice. We also see Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Then, it's off to enjoy the sea, ruins, and salty air at Caesarea Maritima (entrance included), the ancient harbor from which St. Paul set off to spread the Good News! We enjoy lunch on our own in the harbor before departing for Bethlehem. We spend some time buying souvenirs at the Kando store, a Christian cooperative that helps support dozens of Christian families from this area. Tonight the group will be split up into smaller groups of 3 or 4 people and transferred to local Christian homes, where you will enjoy a home cooked meal as part of our Sharing the Bread program (included). After the meal you have arranged transportation back to the hotel. Overnight in Bethlehem. (B,D.)

**Day 6: February 15 – Wednesday: Jericho, Baptismal site, Masada, Dead Sea**

Visit Jericho, the first city to be captured by Joshua as part of his conquest of the Land. It's also the harrowing location of Jesus' temptation by the Devil. Mass will be celebrated in Jericho. We visit the Baptismal site on the River Jordan. We have lunch included today. Then we're off to Masada the hilltop fortress (entrance & cable car included). We have time to take a float in the Dead Sea and shop for mineral rich Dead Sea products (remember to bring your bathing suits). Dinner at the hotel in Bethlehem. Overnight in Bethlehem. (B,L,D.)

**Day 7: February 16 – Thursday: Bethlehem, Shepherds' Field, Mt Zion, Wailing Wall, Jerusalem**

We celebrate Mass at Shepherds' Fields in Bethlehem! We'll explore Manger Square, kiss the star at the Grotto of the Church of the Nativity, and visit the Church of St. Catherine of Alexandria. Depart for Jerusalem. After lunch (included), we'll visit the ruins of Caiphas' palace under the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu (entrance included). We'll finish our day with a visit to the Upper Room

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and Dormition Abbey. At the end of the day we stop to tuck a prayer into the Wailing Wall, the holiest place for Jewish people. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B,L,D)

**Day 8: February 17 – Friday:  
OLD CITY Jerusalem, Mount of Olives,**  
We start the day early walking the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa, ending with Celebration of Mass at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. Return to the hotel for breakfast. Continue with a visit of the Ascension Chapel (entrance included) and the Church of the Pater Noster (entrance included). We'll marvel at the views from the Mount of Olives, as we walk down Palm Sunday Road towards the Old City of Jerusalem, stopping at the Church of Dominus Flevit. We'll pray at the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B,L,D.)

### Day 9: February 18 – Saturday: St. Anne's, Ein Karem, Farewell Dinner

After a leisurely breakfast we have time to visit the Old City before we check out of the hotel. Our visit includes St. Anne's Church, Pools of Bethesda (entrance included), and the Chapel of Flagellation. Our last stop is Ein Karem's Church of the Visitation and the Church of St. John the Baptist. Here we celebrate Mass. Farewell dinner is in a local restaurant with traditional Middle Eastern food and beverages (included). Overnight Jerusalem. (B,L. Special dinner)

### Day 10: February 19 – Sunday: Return to the USA

Following breakfast early this morning we depart for the airport and the flight home. (B)

## YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL PROGRAM INCLUDES

- Round trip airfare from Charlotte to Tel Aviv
- Airline surcharges
- Accommodations in hotels as listed for 8 nights
- Open buffet breakfast daily
- 6 buffet hotel dinners (beverages are not included)
- 6 Lunches as per itinerary
- Two special dinners with beverages (Sharing the Bread and Farewell dinner)
- Private Air conditioned bus
- English and Spanish speaking Christian Guide for 9 days (the primary language will be English)
- Whisper sets
- All admission charges as per the itinerary
- Baggage handling for one suitcase per person only included at the hotels
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- Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- Confirmation of daily Mass
- Gratuities for guide , driver and meals

## RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Trip cancellation and medical insurance (required by the diocese)
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Church donations
- Anything not mentioned in above inclusions



Total package	
Cash discount price	\$ 3,295.00
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**GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS: Lay Ministry Study Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

**Deposits and final payment:** A deposit of \$500.00 per person by check should accompany the registration form along with your optional insurance payment and a copy of your passport picture page by **October 28, 2016. Final payment is due by November 8, 2016.** Please mail your payment to: **Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822** ATT: Susan Prendergast 800-842-4842, susan@select-intl.com.

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