

## ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI RESPECT LIFE TRAVEL MINISTRY PILGRIMAGE IN THANKSGIVING TO THE LANDS OF THE BIBLE

*November 10 - 21, 2011*

**NOV 10 (Thu): DEPART THE USA**

**NOV 11 (Fri): ARRIVAL ATHENS**

Upon arrival, you will be met by our airport representative and transferred to the ship.

**NOV 12 (Sat): AT SEA**

**NOV 13 (Sun): JERUSALEM**

From Ashdod, you'll travel to Jerusalem. Stand upon the Mount of Olives and view the city as Jesus did. Wander among the olive trees of the Garden of Gethsemane and the rock of Agony. You'll walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre including the Rock of Calvary.

Overnight Ashdod on the ship.

**NOV 14 (Mon): BETHLEHEM-JERUSALEM**

Your cruise ship is docked in Ashdod this morning. Travel to Bethlehem where you'll visit the cave revered as the place where Jesus was born (Matt. 1: 18-25; Luke 2: 1-7). In Bethlehem, visit the church of nativity, which was constructed on the site and is the world's oldest functioning church. Nearby you'll view Shepherds' Field where the Good News was first heard.

Continue to Jerusalem where you will visit the Upper Room, the traditional site of the Last Supper. Finally, visit the Western Wall, the last remains of the Herodian Temple and the holiest site in Judaism.

**NOV 15 (Tue): DEAD SEA**

We start our day from Ashdod and we travel to the Dead Sea. Visit Masada where we will ascend high upon the wilderness mountain by way of the cable car to the fortress built by King Herod. Here we survey the ruins of the fortifications, waterworks, synagogue, temples and palaces. We proceed to Ein Gedi where David hid from King Saul and time permitting a float in the waters of the Dead Sea. Our ship will be docked in the beautiful port of Haifa, Israel's northern capital situated between the beautiful Mediterranean Sea and the awe-inspiring Carmel mountain.

**NOV 16 (Wed): THE GALILEE**

Your cruise ship docks in the port of Haifa. Travel inland to the Sea of Galilee. Much of the Gospel is centered around the Sea. Take a Boat tour on the Sea of Galilee. You'll stand on the Mount of the Beatitudes where Jesus gave his most famous sermon (Luke 6:12-49).

Visit the Baptism site on the river Jordan followed by a visit to Cana the place of Jesus' first miracle, followed by Nazareth for the church of the Annunciation.

**NOV 17 (Thu): LIMASSOL - CYPRUS**

Visit Paphos where Apostle Paul lived and preached during his first missionary journey. See the famous Saint Paul's pillar.

**NOV 18 (Fri): RHODES**

Rhodes, island of "roses", is the legendary home of the sun god Apollo. The old town (the largest inhabited medieval town of Europe) and its mighty fortifications (built by the crusaders of St. John) are the finest surviving example of defensive architecture. Following on the tour takes us to Lindos. From the Acropolis a breathtaking view covering the great expanse of the Aegean Sea and St. Paul's Bay, where the Apostle cast anchor during his historic voyage to Ephesus.

**NOV 19 (Sat): EPHEBUS**

Your cruise ship docks in Kusadasi. Journey to Ephesus, the marble city where Paul spent 3 years of his ministry. It was to this community that Paul may have written his epistle to the Ephesians. The ruins of Ephesus have been restored much like the city was in Paul's time. You will visit the ancient Agora and imagine where Demetrius, the silversmith, sold his silver shrines of the Greek goddess, Artemis. See the library of Celsus and enter the Great Theatre mentioned in the book of Acts. Visit the House of Virgin Mary.

**NOV 20 (Sun): DISEMBARKATION. ATHENS & CORINTH**

The architectural splendors of the ancient city of Athens are as magical as ever. Follow your guide on a journey to the ancient Acropolis where you will see the Propylaea, the Parthenon and the Erectheum. View Mars Hill where Paul preached the gospel to the intellectual Athenian community of his day (Acts 17: 15-34). View the ruins of the Agora, ancient market place and center of Athenian public life, where Paul preached to the skeptical Athenians.

You will view the Olympic Stadium, where the modern Olympics began and where the games returned in 2004. Visit Corinth (Acts 18: 1-18), a city that inspired of St. Paul's most familiar letter. You will visit the Archeological Museum, the Market Place, and Temples.

Walk among the ruins and stand on the Bema where Paul stood. Overnight in Athens.

**NOV 21 (Mon): DEPARTURE for USA.**

