

Fr. James L. Lambert, S. j.
Celebrate Mass Daily

JOIN FR. JIM FOR A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO **Lands of the Bible Cruise**

October 16 - 29, 2022

12 Nights Aboard the Celebrity Apex • Round Trip from Rome, Italy



River Jordan renewal of Baptismal Vows



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Rome Pre-Tour

October 14 - 17, 2022

Starting at \$950

October 14 - Depart USA

Your pilgrimage begins as you depart the USA on your international overnight flight.

October 15 - Arrive in Rome

Today you will arrive in Rome, Italy where you will be met by our representative and travel along the Appian Way. Step beneath the surface into the Catacombs of Callixtus, built along the Appian Way. Here 16 Popes from the 2nd through 4th Centuries were interred, though they have been removed to various churches over the centuries. Check in to your hotel this evening and enjoy dinner and rest.

October 16 - Vatican City & Christian Rome

Visit the Vatican, and explore its museum. Marvel at the beauty of St. Peter's Basilica, and stand in awe of Michelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Next, proceed to the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. The present structure stands over the place where Constantine built the first church over Saint Paul's grave. The church features a portrait of every Pope that has served the church. Climb the graceful Spanish Steps and stop at the famous Trevi Fountain before returning to your hotel this evening.

October 17 - Ancient Rome

Discover the history woven throughout Rome with visits to the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Forum, Circus Maximus, the Arch of Titus, the Baths of Caracalla and the Arch of Constantine today. After touring, you will be transferred to the Port of Civitavecchia to board the Celebrity Apex.

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October 18 – AT SEA

October 19 - KATAKOLON

Arrive in Katakolon and enjoy the views of the bluer than blue Ionian Sea, romantic Greek vistas, and a beach paradise. You can venture to Olympia, home of the first-ever Olympic Games, held to honor the Greek gods. In Katakolon's tiny fishing village, you can enjoy a fresh plate of olives and feta cheese at a seaside tavern before wandering the charming town shops. For a relaxing day, you can stretch out on Katakolon's beautiful beaches and enjoy the sea air and scenic views.

Shore excursions today will be booked directly through Celebrity Cruise Line

October 20 - ATHENS & CORINTH

Discover the rich architectural splendor of the ancient city of Athens as your guide introduces you to the world-renowned Acropolis, the Propylaea, the Parthenon and the Erechtheum. Stand on Mars Hill as the apostle Paul did when he proclaimed, "I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you." As you stroll the agora (ancient market place and center of Athenian public life), recall that this was where the Apostle Paul preached "Jesus and the resurrection" to the skeptical Athenians. Also, see the House of Parliament, the Presidential Palace and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This afternoon, tour the city of Corinth, where the apostle Paul met fellow tentmakers Aquila and Priscilla and received a vision from the Lord saying, "I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city." As Paul spoke, Crispus (chief ruler of the synagogue) and many others believed and were baptized, establishing the church at Corinth to whom Paul later wrote his two epistles. Discover the Archaeological Museum, market place and temples. As you walk among the ruins, stand on the Bema, where the apostle Paul stood before Gallio to face charges brought against him by the Jews.

October 21 - EPHEBUS

Ephesus is one of the Seven Churches of Revelation and was once a bustling port town with wide, colonnade-bordered streets and a population of 250,000. Spectacular excavations have revealed much of the glory of ancient Ephesus, including the huge agora and library, although much has been lost. The ancient world once declared the Temple of Artemis to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Today, only a single column remains to mark its site. View the terrace houses, also known as "the houses of the rich," which give a true impression of ancient lifestyle. Explore the Museum of Ephesus for an up-close look at ancient artifacts. You will have time to explore on your own and recreate some of the footsteps of Paul.

October 22 – AT SEA

October 23 – SEA OF GALILEE

Venture inland to the Sea of Galilee to stand on the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached (Matthew 5). At Tabgha, the traditional location of the feeding of 5,000, you will visit the Church of the Loaves and Fish (Luke 9). On the shores of the Sea of Galilee is the Chapel of the Primacy of St. Peter, where three times Peter professed his devotion to the risen Christ (John 21). From there, travel to Capernaum, where Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James, John (Matt. 4) and later Matthew to be disciples.

October 24 & 25 – BETHLEHEM & JERUSALEM

While docked in Ashdod, explore Bethlehem, where you will discover the cave revered as the place where Jesus was born (Matt. 1; Luke 2). The Church of the Nativity constructed over the site is the oldest functioning church. Journey to Jerusalem to see Caiaphas' House, where Jesus was tried before the Sanhedrin. Stand upon the Mt. of Olives and view the city as Jesus did. See the ancient olive trees of the Garden of Gethsemane. Wander the Old City to view the Pool of Bethesda and walk along the Via Dolorosa. Step inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built over the sites of the crucifixion and the resurrection.

October 26 - LIMASSOL

Go deep into Cyprus' history as you explore the island today. This beautiful port town is known for its seafood, pottery, leather goods and traditional lace works. Wander the streets and enjoy the shops on your way to the Kolossi Castle built by the Order of St. John in 1210 in the city center of Limassol. Take a trip to Paphos from Limassol to explore ancient ruins, archaeological sites, and the goddess of love's mythical birthplace. Travel past the Temple of Apollo on the way to this UNESCO-recognized city and discover elaborate tombs in a third-century necropolis.

October 27 – AT SEA

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October 29 – RETURN TO USA

Disembark the Celebrity Apex and transfer to Rome to return home with a new understanding of the Apostle Paul's life and ministry.



After mass on Mt. of Olives



Group Leader: **Fr. James L. Lambert S. j.**

Fr. James L. Lambert, S.J. is a native of Florida. He is a member of the Jesuit Order and was ordained a priest in 1966. His early ministry was at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. He has served as a pastor at Jesuit parishes in Texas, in Louisiana, and (currently) in Miami, Florida.

Two memorable experiences for the Pilgrims in our October 2019 visit to the Holy Land were our celebration of Mass in the Basilica of the Annunciation (Nazareth) and the visit to the House of the Virgin Mary (Ephesus).



Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Castel Gandolfo Post-Tour

October 29 - 30, 2022 · Starting at \$525*

October 29 - Castel Gandolfo

Disembark the ship and travel to Castel Gandolfo, the summer residence and retreat for the Pope. During World War II, the Pontifical villas served to protect some 12,000 refugee children during the Allied invasion. The present palace was built in the 17th century for Pope Urban VIII. The Barberini Gardens of the Palace are now open to visitors. Once part of Emperor Domitian's villa, they provide sweeping views of the Roman ruins and Lake Albano. Continue to Rome and check into your hotel this evening.

October 30 - Return to USA

Bid farewell to Italy as you transfer to the Rome airport this morning for your return flight to the USA.

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ABOARD THE CELEBRITY APEX

Celebrity Apex is the second ship in our highly anticipated Edge® series. With an innovative outward-facing design and visionary spaces that stand apart from anything else at sea (with the exception of her equally stunning sister, Celebrity Edge, of course), Celebrity Apex will revolutionize the way you experience the world. Discover the unparalleled luxury of The Retreat®, exclusively for guests of The Retreat®. Unwind in transformational accommodations that blur the boundaries between indoor and outdoor living. Soar above the sea on the Magic Carpet. Surrender to the carefree pleasures of the Rooftop Garden. And embark on a culinary journey through an unrivaled collection of restaurants, bars, and lounges.



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Shore Excursions as listed on itinerary

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