

Building as well as the *Olympic Stadium* during the drive. Lunch included. You may have some free time shopping.

November 14 – We will spend this day at sea,

November 15 – We dock in Sicily. We will travel to the town of Syracuse, where we will visit **Our Lady of Tears Basilica and Shrine.** After some time for prayer and discovery we will tour **Basilica of St. John the Evangelist.** We will enjoy a light lunch in Syracuse and then enjoy a panoramic tour of other site in Syracuse while we make our way back to our ship in Catania. Lunch included.

November 16 – We dock in Naples, Italy. We will pass Mount Vesuvius as you begin the drive enroute to *Our Lady of the Rosary* in Pompeii. We will also visit San Gregorio Armeno a street where the tradition of representing the Holy Family as true art lives on. This narrow street is crowded on both sides with hundreds of artisan workshops with colourful displays of Nativity scenes. Lunch included.

November 17 – In the early morning we dock in Civitavecchia, Italy. We board our motor coach for the airport in Fiumicino. We fly to Paris and then to Montreal, where we will board our motor coach for Ottawa.

Cruise Staterooms and Pricing*

Category (Deck)	Stateroom Description	Double	Single
10 (8/9)	Inside	\$4759	\$6195
8 (3)	Outside (window)	\$5075	\$6825
2B (6/7)	Balcony	\$5300	\$7275
C3 (9/10)	Concierge	\$5725	\$8095

~~—~~ Outside and Concierge Category allotment full. Requests can still be made, but price can not be guaranteed.

*Rates are per person, based on double occupancy and include transportation to/from Ottawa, ON, international airfare, ground transfers, shore excursions, most meals, cruise, cruise gratuities, one night in Rome and admission to attractions listed above.

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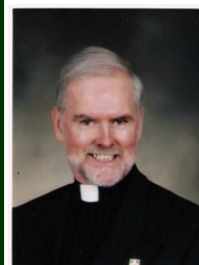


Lands of the Bible Pilgrimage 2012

November 1, 2012 to November 17, 2012



Spiritual Guide: **Fr. Leonard St. John**, St George Parish, Ottawa



✠ 17 Day Pilgrimage ✠ 14 Night cruise aboard the Celebrity Silhouette ✠ Tour of Rome and the Vatican ✠
 Cruise visits: Egypt (2 days), Israel (3 days), Turkey, Greece and Italy ✠ Tours specific to the Catholic Faith



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Lands of the Bible Pilgrimage Tour Itinerary

November 1 – We board our Air France motor coach at the VIA Rail Train Station, in Ottawa, and leave for our flight in Montreal. We will travel overnight by air to Rome, Italy via Paris, France.

November 2 (Italy) – We transfer planes in Paris, France for our final flight destination of Rome, Italy. We will board our motor coach for Rome. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the city. We will have mass at ***The Basilica Of St. Paul Outside The Walls*** or other major basilica. Lunch and dinner is included.

November 3 (Italy) – After breakfast (breakfast provided) we will continue our experience the glory of Christian Rome when you visit the ***Vatican***, home to one of the greatest museums in the world. And, of course, you'll enter ***St. Peter's Basilica*** and the ***Sistine Chapel***, where you'll view Michelangelo's frescoes which have been restored to their full, colourful glory. We will have lunch (lunch provided) and a shopping stop (time permitting) on the way to the port of Civitavecchia. At the port, we will board the Celebrity Silhouette. Final boarding call is 3:30 PM with a 5:00 PM sailing.

November 4 & 5 – We will spend these two days at sea.

November 6 (Egypt) – Journey to Cairo, Africa's largest city. Continue to the banks of the River Nile where a boat awaits to transport you on the same waterway traversed by Kings and Queens of Egypt. Enjoy a buffet lunch, belly dancing and a folkloric presentation as you glide past Cairo's waterfront landmarks. After the cruise, drive to the Giza Plateau, The Pyramids of Giza. Drive down the valley to marvel at the Sphinx with its mysterious expression as it stands guard over the mortuary complex. The last stop will be at the Papyrus. There will be some free time for souvenir shopping in the adjacent gift shop before the return drive (approximately 2.5 hours) to Alexandria. Lunch is included at a local restaurant.

November 7 (Egypt) – Lying northwest of the Nile Delta, Alexandria is the largest port in the Arab republic of Egypt and one of the major summer resorts on the Mediterranean Sea. While in Alexandria we will visit the Catacombs, Citadel, Mosque of Abu El Abbas, National Museum, St. Mark's Coptic cathedral and St. Catherine church. Lunch is included at a local restaurant.

November 8 (Israel) - Your visit to Jerusalem begins with a visit to the Mount of Olives. Afterwards, visit the Church of All Nations built over the rock on which Our Lord prayed the night before he was crucified. Continue to the Church of the Paternoster, built on the traditional site where Jesus taught his disciples the Lord's Prayer. Nearby is the Tomb of the Virgin Mary and the Cave of Gethsemane. Afterwards, pass through St. Stephen's Gate where St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death. Continue to the Church of St. Anne, Pools of Bethesda,

the Ecce Homo Arch. Follow the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, walked by Our Lord on the way to His crucifixion. **Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of His crucifixion, burial and resurrection.** Your sightseeing ends with a visit to the Wailing Wall of the Temple.

November 9 (Israel) - Travel to Caiaphas' Palace in Mount Zion, known today as St. Peter in Gallicantu, where St. Peter once denied Our Lord in one of its courts. Next, visit the Church of the Dormition, commemorating Our Lady's Assumption, and the nearby Hall of the Last Supper. Proceed to Bethlehem and enjoy a stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared on the first Christmas night. **Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Nativity, built on the birth site of Our Lord.** Visit St. Catherine's Church and the grottoes of the Holy Innocents, where St. Jerome wrote the Vulgate. This afternoon, travel to Ein Karem to visit the Church of St. John the Baptist, built over the Grotto of his birthplace. See the Church of the Visitation commemorating Our Lady's visit to St. Elizabeth. Lunch is included at a local restaurant.

November 10 (Israel) - In Nazareth, you will admire the Church of the Annunciation. After a few moments for meditation and prayer, you will continue your tour, crossing Canaan to the Sea of Galilee. You will have lunch in Tiberius at a communal settlement known as a Kibbutz. Your tour will continue to Capernaum, which Christians believe to be the place where Jesus began to preach. You will then travel to Tabgha. According to tradition, it was the site of three of the most important episodes of the New Testament: the Sermon on the Mount, the miracle of the loaves and fishes and the appearance of Jesus after the Resurrection. Continue to the port city of Haifa and view the magnificent Hanging Bahai Gardens located on Mount Carmel. Ascend Mt. Carmel where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal and overlook modern day Haifa (I Kings 18). Lunch is included at a local restaurant.

November 11 – We will spend this day at sea.

November 12 (Turkey) - Journey to Ephesus, the marble city where St. Paul spent three years of his ministry. It was to this community that St. Paul may have written his Epistle to the Ephesians. Visit the ***House of Virgin Mary*** and the ***Fountain of Our Lady, The Grand Theater***, where St. Paul preached and the ***Church of Virgin Mary***". We will also see the remains of ***St. John's Basilica*** where St. John, the Evangelist, was buried. Your tour includes a **"Biblical lunch"**.

November 13 (Greece) – Prepare for an early morning departure to visit Corinth and Athens, Greece. We first travel to Corinth (Acts 18: 1-18), a city that inspired St. Paul's most familiar letter. You will visit the ***Archaeological Museum***, the ***Market Place***, and Temples. Walk among the ***ruins*** and stand on the ***Bema*** where Paul stood. Read Paul's letter to the Corinthians and visualize his address to the Gentiles as he began the task of building Corinth's church. Our journey continues in Athens which includes: the ***Acropolis***, the ***Ancient Agora***, the ***Plaka***, ***Mars Hill***, ***Hadrian's Arch*** and the ***Temple of Olympian Zeus***, and the City Highlights of the ***Parliament***



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