The Tour Price Includes:
Air Transportation: Airfares are based on special contract agreements with various international airlines and involve certain restrictions and deadlines. These fares are subject to cancellation penalties, and once they are issued, are NON-REFUNDABLE and CANNOT BE USED TOWARDS FUTURE TRAVEL. Please refer to our CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF AIR AND LAND ARRANGEMENTS Clause and Policy below. Airfares are based on prices in effect as of January 1, 2020, and they are subject to change without notice.

Surface Transportation: Surface transportation as described in the itinerary will be by modern motorcoach designed for highway travel. Group will be met and transferred on arrival and departure.

Hotels: First class Hotels (4 Star Throughout). Hotel classifications as per ratings on OHTS published by ZR-Davis Company in New York. Hotels are double occupancy (2 people per room).

Single room additional cost $900.00. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. If you request a roomate and none are available, you will pay this amount as a forced single room.

Meal Plan: The meal plan is full board. 3 meals per day, consists of breakfast, lunch, and dinner, depending on the routine of the itinerary. Taxes and service charges normally appearing on the restaurant bills are included in the tour price. A list of all food allergies must be emailed to nicole@inspirationaltours.com for hotel accommodations. In case the hotel is unable to accommodate, passenger is responsible for all meals. Unused meals will NOT be reimbursed.

Baggage: All tour passengers to 1 piece of checked luggage and 1 carry-on. All Passengers should check with the airline for up-to-date baggage weight and dimension information and restrictions which are subject to change at anytime before tour departure.

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Deviations: Deviation policies vary by airline and are normally only allowed on the return journey, from the same departing city as the group, and depend upon availability. If there is a change fee of approximately $150.00 per person, plus any additional airline charges. All deviation requests must be made in writing, at least 90 days before departure date. NO TELEPHONE DEVIATION REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Your Prices: All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements in this field are based on rates, (including foreign exchange rates), in effect at the time of original tour agreement with your tour host and accordingly are subject to increase without notice if such rates change prior to departure.

Insurance: To protect your travel plans, WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE. A BROCHURE WILL BE PROVIDED UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT.

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Booking Conditions: Deposits and Payment: A non-refundable deposit of $600.00 per person is required at the time of booking to be paid by either cash, check, or money order only. No order will be processed without a deposit. Credit cards will be accepted for full and final payments, which is due 90 days before departure. Registrations received within 90 days of departure require payment in full, deposit only will not be accepted.

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A History of 366 Years of Devotion

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Depart Houston to Frankfurt on Lufthansa German Airlines.

DAY 2 – FRANKFURT / ZURICH / LUCERNE
Arrive in Frankfurt and change planes to Zurich, where you will be met and greeted by your tour escort. Then board your bus and travel to Lucerne and start the tour with your visit to the Einsiedeln Benedictine Abbey with its majestic baroque edifice and elaborately decorated ceilings and marble altars. The interior is a baroque holokauss for the eyes, gleaming with multicolored pastels and relief sculpture. The most important part of the Basilica is the Lady Chapel located near the entrance. The Lady Chapel is a free-standing, square marble edifice that recalls Christ’s tomb in the Jerusalem Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Above the Chapel’s altar is the Black Madonna, resplendent in rich robes and surrounded by gold clouds. Mass will be celebrated at the Abbey. A short walk from Einsiedeln is the world’s largest nativity scene, the Diorama Bethlehem, with more than 500 wood carved figures. Then we will continue to the hotel for dinner and overnight in Lucerne.

Mass at the Abbey

DAY 3 – LUCERNE / MT. PILATUS
After breakfast, we will start the day celebrating Mass at the local Catholic parish in Weggis. We will then take an excursion into Lucerne to tour the city and visit the Chapel Bridge, Water Tower, Jesuit Church, Franciscan Church, Water Spire, Spurre Bridge, and Musaggy Wall amid other sites. Ascend the heights of Mt. Pilatus by cogwheel train and have a fantastic view of the Swiss Alps. Then return to your hotel for dinner and overnight in Lucerne.

Mass in Weggis

DAY 4 – VADUZ / INNSBRUCK / OBERAMMERGAU
Today we will board our bus for a tour of Vaduz (the capital of Liechtenstein), and then on to Innsbruck. The tour includes visits to the Annaberg, Little Golden Roof, Hellbrunnhaus, Cathedral of St. Jacob where Mass will be celebrated, the Hofkirche, and the Maximilian Museum. We will continue along the Zippisate towards Oberammergau. Return to your hotel and dinner overnight in Oberammergau.

Mass at Cathedral of St. Jacob

DAY 5 – OBERAMMERGAU / PASSION PLAY: PERFORMANCE DAY
We will travel to Wieskirche and visit the The Pilgrimage Church of Wies (German: Wieskirche) is an oval nuns’ church, that is said that in 1738, tears were seen on a dilapidated wooden figure of the Scourged Saviour. Continue to Munich with visiting Frauenkirche, “Church of Our Lady”, and celebrate Mass and go to St. Michael’s Church in Munich. We continue to the Church of St. Anina Im Lehel, the first Rococo church of Old Bavaria, I shaped the development of religious architecture in Bavaria. Then see St. Peter’s Church and visit the Marienplatz, also known as Mary’s Square. Return to the hotel dinner and overnight in Munich.

Mass at St. Michael’s Church

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DAY 7 – MÜNCHEN / TEL AVIV / MT. CARMEL / STELLA MARIS / CAESAREA
Board your flight from Munich to Tel Aviv. Upon arrival, we will travel via the coast to Caesarea, the place where Helen held Paul prisoner. Visit the Roman and Crusader ruins. Continue to Stella Maris, a Carmelite Monastery with the Madonna of Mt. Carmel, where you will have Mass. Drive through the Jezreel Valley to Tiberias for dinner and overnight at Stella Maris.

Mass at Stella Maris

DAY 8 – THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST IN THE GALILEE: TIBERIAS / BOAT RIDE ON SEA OF GALILEE / CAESAREA / MOUNT OF THE BEATITUDES
Some of today’s highlights are a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee, the synagogue and St. Peter’s House in Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount was given and where you will have Mass, then onto Tabgha and see the splendid mosaic about the miracle of the loaves and fishes, and the nearby Church of Peter’s Primacy, where Peter was told “Feed my lambs, feed my sheep.” Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Tiberias.

Mass at the Mount of Beatitudes

DAY 9 – CANA / NAZARETH / JERUSALEM
The day starts with a visit to Cana, the village of Jesus’ first miracle of changing water into wine; here couples may renew their wedding vows. Continue to the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, and visit the Wailing Wall and the Church of the Angel Gabriel. Drive through the Jordan Valley and then up through the Judean hills to the Holy City of Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation

DAY 10 – JERUSALEM / EIN KAREM / BETHLEHEM
On the first day in Jerusalem we head to the village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and to the Church of Visitation where the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth, and proclaimed the “Magnificat”. Continue to Bethlehem to visit the Bethlehem University, the only Catholic University in the Holy Land, which is supported by the Order. Visit the Shepherd’s Fields where the angels announced the birth of Jesus and the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem that stands upon the site where Jesus was born. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Jerusalem.

Mass at the Church of the Nativity

DAY 11 – MOUNT Tabor / BETANYAH / JERICHO / MT. TEMPTATION / DEAD SEA
Drive to Mount Tabor, site of the Transfiguration. The desert east of Jerusalem is rich in Christian tradition. Further east, just off the Roman road that Jesus walked, is Wadi Qelt gorge, site of the Monastery of St. George. At the oasis town of Jericho, visit the excavations of the oldest city in the world and view Mount of Temptation where Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan. On the way back there is time for a swim (or rather a float) in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea, renowned for its healing properties. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Jerusalem.

Mass at Mount Tabor

We begin to retrace the last steps of Jesus as we walk along the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow), through the markets of the Old City. While praying the Stations of the Cross, we reflect on the greatness of His sacrifice. Celebrate Solemn High Mass at the Holy Tomb. After breakfast, visit the Latin Patriarch and participate in the Pilgrim Shell Ceremony. Visit St. Anne’s Church, the home of the Virgin Mary and her parents Saints Joachim and Anne. We pass the Ecce Homo Wall where Pilate proclaimed “Behold the man”, then the Wailing Wall, the most holy place for Jews. Nearby is the Dome of the Rock and the Haram al Sharif or Temple Mount. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Jerusalem.

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DAY 14 – FRANKFURT / HOUSTON
This morning, transfer to the airport and fly to Houston.

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