

DAY 6 Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Jerusalem and Bethlehem

INFO	VISIT	BIBLE REFERENCES
Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to Ein Gedi where a precipitous cliff, filled with caves, rises some 2000 ft.		
	Time allowed for a float in the Dead Sea	
	Rtn along the Dead Sea to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered by a shepherd boy in 1947, before returning to Jerusalem.	
	Then we drive to Bethlehem	
	Visit the Basilica of the Nativity, built over the site of the birthplace of Christ where Mass will be celebrated.	Matthew 1:18-25, 2:1-8 Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-14 Micha 5:1-4
	Visit the Cave where Christ was born and it is the occasion to sing the traditional Christmas Hymns.	
	A visit is made to the Chapel of St. Jerome, who lived here for many years and translated the Bible into Latin.	
	The nearby Church of St. Catherine is the venue for the midnight Mass which is broadcast all over the world from Bethlehem on Christmas Eve.	
	Con't to the Shepherd's field, recalling the "great throng of the heavenly hosts" who appeared to the Shepherd's and told them of the birth of the Savior.	Luke 2:8-20
	Return to hotel for dinner.	
	This evening, we request a meeting with His Beatitude, the Latin Patriarch.	