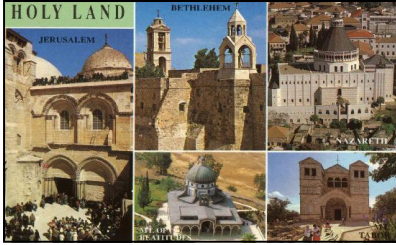


"IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR LORD"

A tour of the Holy Land
(Sample Itinerary,
customizable for groups)



Saturday

Depart the U.S.

Sunday

Welcome to Israel! Upon arrival into Ben Gurion International Airport, you are met and assisted by our airport representative and brought to your guide. Proceed to your hotel in Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight

Monday

Caesarea / Megiddo / Haifa / Acre

Following a delicious Israeli buffet breakfast depart



Tel Aviv. Drive north along the coastal plain to Caesarea (*Acts 9.30 Acts 10 24-48*), capital of Judea under the Romans. Visit the excavations of this ancient city, the Roman

theatre and aqueduct. Continue to Megiddo (*1 Kings 4.28, 9.15, 2 Kings 23,29 & Revel. 16.16*), identified as the site of Armageddon. Visit the archaeological excavations at Megiddo, including the well-preserved water supply system. Drive to the beautiful port city of Haifa, nestled on the Mediterranean Sea. Visit the world famous Persian Gardens at the Bahai Temple. From Haifa, drive to Acre (*Micah 1.10*), capital of the Crusaders for more than a century. Visit the ancient city and harbour before continuing eastwards across the plains of the Galilee to Kibutz hotel Lavi, not far from the Sea Of Galilee dinner and overnight. Evening lecture by one of the Kibutz members about life in a Kibutz.

Tuesday

Tiberias / Capernaum / Banias

After a short tour of the Kibutz grounds we take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum (*Matt. 4.13 13.54, 17.24, Luke 7, Mark 1.2, John 4.46-54*). Visit the remains of the



2nd century synagogue. Proceed to Tabgha (*Matt.*

13, Mark. 33-45, & John 21), the site of the miracle of fish and loaves; visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Continue to the Mount of the Beatitudes (*Matt. 5,6,7,8*), where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Drive to the Banias Spring and Waterfall (*Matt. 16.13 and Mark 8.27*), where Jesus was recognized as The Messiah by His Disciples. Tour the Golan Heights, with its valleys, grazing land and snow capped mountains. Return to Kibutz Lavi for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday

Nazareth / Beit Shean

Begin the day with a drive to Nazareth (*Luke 1.26, 4.16-29, Matthew 2.23*) via Cana of Galilee (*John 2.1-11*). In Nazareth, we shall visit the Church of the Annunciation, St. Joseph's

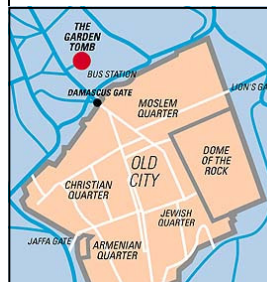


Workshop and Mary's Well. Next on our program is the Jordan River and the Baptismal site. Continue to Beit Shean, one of the ancient Decapolis cities (*Mark 5.20, 7.31*), and visit the Roman theatre. This is the city where Saul and his son Jonathan were nailed to the walls (*1st Samuel 31.10*). Judges 1.27 also mentions Beit Shean. Continue south along the shores of the River of Jordan. Passing Jericho, we proceed westward and climb to the Golden City of Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Thursday

Jerusalem - Old City

Today we visit the Old City of Jerusalem. Our appreciation of this Golden City begins with a panoramic view from the Mount of Olives, overlooking the walls of the old city and the ancient Jewish cemetery. Enter the Old City to begin exploring the wonders of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of All Nations. Proceed to Mount Zion to see the tomb of King David and the nearby Room of the Last



Supper (*Mark 14.13, Luke 22. 10-38, Matt 26 17-29, Acts 1.13 and Acts 2 The Pentecost*). Walk through the Cardo, the main street of Jerusalem 2000 years ago. View the Temple Mount and the Western Wall. Walk along the Via Dolorosa, where Jesus carried His Cross. Continue to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (*Matt. 27. 33-57, 28.10*). No visit to Jerusalem is complete without a walk through the colourful Arab bazaar (a chance to test your negotiating skills). Visit the garden tomb. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Friday

Jerusalem – New City of Bethlehem

Today's program is dedicated to the new city of Jerusalem. Visit the model of ancient Jerusalem. Continue to Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. Enter the site by walking along the Street of the Righteous Gentiles, dedicated to the non-Jews that risked their lives in order to save their Jewish neighbors. Continue to Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptists (*Luke 1.39-80*). This Spanish style church and Mary's well is where Mother Mary met her cousin Elizabeth. Proceed to Bethlehem* to visit the Church of the Nativity. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Saturday

Dead Sea / Massada

Drive through the Judean Desert to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947 by a Bedouin boy. Visit the ancient city of Qumran and drive along the shore of the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth, to Massada, the last stronghold of the Jews after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A.D.



Ascend Massada by cable car and visit the food storeroom, water irrigation system and Herod's Palace. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

Sunday

Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport for your flight back home.

Note : * visit subject to availability

This itinerary departs the U.S. each week on Saturday for Sunday morning arrival in Tel Aviv.

Tour will not operate on the following arrival to Israel dates: Sept 27, Oct 4

Included services:

- Private transfer from Ben Gurion Airport to Hotel in Tel Aviv and from Hotel in Jerusalem to Airport.
- 6 Full day touring with all entrance fees as per above itinerary.
- 7 nights' accommodation
- buffet breakfast and dinner in hotels

Not included:

- International roundtrip airfare from the U.S.
- Tips
- Personal extras or meals not mentioned above

This itinerary can be customized to add 3 days in Jordan (Petra).

A deposit of \$250 per person is required with reservations. Final payment required 90 days prior to departure.

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