

Day 1



DEPART ON OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

We depart from the United States on our overnight flight to Tel Aviv, Israel. On route to the Holy Land we will be served dinner.

Overnight: Enroute

Day 2



Tel Aviv

ARRIVAL IN THE HOLY LAND

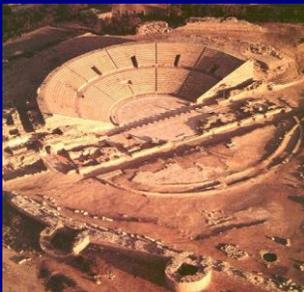
Breakfast is served before we land. We arrive in Tel Aviv where we will be greeted and assisted by our tour representative.

Transfer to our hotel in Tel Aviv.

Enjoy our first dinner together as a group in the hotel. (D)

Dinner and Overnight: Tel Aviv

Day 3



Caesarea

COASTAL ROUTE

Following a delicious Israeli buffet breakfast (which you will enjoy each morning prior to departing for your day of touring), 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, for a panoramic view of the Bahiya gardens and Haifa Bay. From **Haifa** continue to **Acre** (*Micah 1.10*), capital of the Crusaders for more than a century. Visit the ancient city and harbor. Continue to our hotel in the Galilee.

Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Dinner and Overnight: Galilee

Day 4



Boat Ride

TIBERIAS – GOLAN HEIGHTS

After a short tour of the Kibbutz 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, and 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. (B,D)

Dinner and Overnight: Galilee

Day 5



Nazareth

NAZARETH – BEIT SHE'AN

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 **Yardenit**. 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. (B,D)

Dinner and Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 6



Church of the Holy Sepulchre

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. 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*). Enter the Old City to begin exploring the wonders of Jerusalem. 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 colorful Arab bazaar (a chance to test your negotiating skills). Visit the **Garden Tomb**. (B,D)

Dinner and Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 7



Massada

MASSADA – DEAD SEA

After enjoying a delicious Israeli breakfast, we will travel south to **Qumran**, site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Then, tour **Massada**. Ascend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress where the Zealots made their last stand against the Romans in 73 AD. Descend by cable car. Continue to the **Dead Sea** in the afternoon and enjoy a float in the buoyant waters. Then, stop at the **Ein Gedi Nature Reserve** home to beautiful hot springs, fascinating plants and wildlife along with great hiking trails. Proceed to our hotel in Jerusalem. (B,D)

Dinner and Overnight, Jerusalem.

Day 8



Yad Vashem

JERUSALEM – NEW CITY

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 on to **Mount Herzl**, a military cemetery and museum honoring Theodore Herzl. It is the burial site of many great Israeli leaders including Yitzhak Rabin and Golda Meir.

Proceed to **Bethlehem** to visit the Church of the Nativity.

Farewell dinner at a local restaurant before departure to Ben Gurion Airport for our flight back to the U.S.

Overnight, Enroute

Note: All itineraries are subject to change.