

Israel 12 days/9 nights

Day 1 Depart U.S. for flight to Israel.

Day 2 Arrive Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport. Meet our guide and transfer to hotel. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 3 We will visit the Mt. of Olives; Church of the Ascension, then begin the "Palm Sunday" walk, stopping at Pater Noster Church, commemorating Jesus' teaching His disciples the Lord's Prayer and end in the Garden of Gethsemene, the place of Jesus' agony, betrayal and arrest, and Church of All Nations, which contains the rock where Jesus is believed to have prayed before His betrayal and arrest. We will also visit Mt. Zion; St. Peter's in Gallicantu, which is built over the site of the house of the High Priest Caiaphas and the stone pit where Jesus was held. Three times, Peter also denied knowing Jesus near this same place. Visit the Upper Room, the site of the last supper, and David's Tomb. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 4 Temple Mount, Western Wall, Jerusalem Archaeological Park and Davidson Center; teaching steps, Israeli Museum; Shrine of the Book and Model of Jerusalem. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 5 Bethlehem; Church of the Nativity and Shepherd's Field. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 6 St. Anne's Church and Pool of Bethesda. Begin the Way of the Cross/Via Dolorosa, the Way of Sorrows, which tradition says Jesus went with the cross to Calvary. Today, it passes through the colorful Old City markets to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, bazaar shopping, and end the day by visiting the Garden Tomb. Overnight in Jericho.

Day 7 Take the cable-car to the top of Masada – to view the fortress of Herod. Proceed to the ruins of the ancient Essene settlement at Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, enjoy floating in the Dead Sea, Qasar al Yahud; Bethany beyond the Jordan and the crossing of the Jews (traditional site of Jesus' baptism, Israeli side). Overnight in Jericho.

Day 8 Jericho; Mt. of Temptation and the Sycamore Tree, Elisha's Spring, and Tel es Sultan. Drive through the Jordan Valley, stopping by Beit She'an, the ancient biblical city, which the Greeks and Romans knew as Scythopolis. Overnight in Galilee.

Day 9 Begin the day by visiting Tel Dan and Caesarea Philippi. Drive to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation. Continue to Cana - the village where Jesus performed the first Miracle, with the Wedding Church. Overnight in Galilee.

Day 10 Sea of Galilee, including: the Mount of Beatitudes; Tabgha, the place of Jesus' miracle of the Multiplication of the Fish and Loaves, Capernaum: known as "Jesus' home town." We will also take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Overnight in Galilee.

Day 11 Megiddo, Mount Carmel - visit the traditional site commemorating Elijah's burning of the sacrifice and defeat of the Baal prophets, and Caesarea Maritime. Farewell dinner. Depart for U.S.

Day 12 Arrive back to the U.S.