



**Peninsula Covenant Church
Israel Tour Itinerary
Pastor Gary Gaddini, host
March 19-29, 2019
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Day 1: Tuesday, March 19

Transatlantic

We depart San Francisco International for Tel Aviv, Israel.

Day 2: Wednesday, March 20

Tel Aviv

On arrival we are met and assisted by our guide. Our coach is waiting, and we are transferred to our hotel in Tel Aviv and a good night's rest.

OVERNIGHT TEL AVIV

Day 3: Thursday, March 21

**Caesarea Maritime, Mount Carmel,
Tel Megiddo, Magdala**

After a full Israeli breakfast, we travel along the Mediterranean coast to the ruins of Caesarea where Paul was imprisoned before being sent to Rome. Toward Haifa, we see the magnificent panoramic view from Mount Carmel, the location of Elijah's altar where he slew the prophets of Baal. We'll tour the excavation of Tel Megiddo overlooking the Valley of Armageddon. The ruins of Megiddo are 30 civilizations deep going all the way back to the Canaanites. Continuing to the Sea of Galilee, we visit the ruins of Magdala on the western shore. It is the home town of Mary Magdalene.

BREAKFAST, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT GALILEE

Day 4: Friday, March 22

**Nazareth, Boat Ride,
Mount of Beatitudes, Primacy of Peter, Capernaum**

After breakfast we travel to Jesus' boyhood home of Nazareth and visit the recreated Nazareth Village. Back to Galilee we board a Galilean boat for a sail on the Sea of Galilee. After a time of worship, we visit the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount followed by a stop along the Galilee shore for a visit the Primacy of Peter where Christ told Peter to "feed my sheep." We continue to Capernaum, the city of Jesus to see the town so central to Jesus ministry. The ruins of Peter's house are still seen along with the ruins of the ancient synagogue.

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Day 5: Saturday, March 23

**Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi,
Golan Heights, Bethsaida, Kursi, Yardenit**

Early this morning go northward to ancient Tel Dan, where the Dan Tribe emigrated. Visit the unearthed city gates, a paved road, and remains of fortifications. We also see Banias Springs, the source of the Jordan River and visit Caesarea Philippi where Peter confessed Christ as Messiah. Returning to the Sea of Galilee via the Golan Heights, we stop at Bethsaida where Jesus healed the blind man. Bethsaida was the hometown of Peter, Philip and Andrew. Then we drive to Kursi, site of the miracle of the swine and where Jesus fed the 4000. Later in the afternoon we stop at the Jordan River site of Yardenite where you can be baptized if you wish.

BREAKFAST, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT GALILEE

Day 6: Sunday March 24**Beth She'an, Jordan Valley
Bedouin Lunch, Bethlehem**

This morning on our way to Jerusalem, we visit the Decapolis city of Beth She'an. The ancient city on the hill is where Saul and his sons were hung after their defeat at Gilboa. It is one of the best preserved of all the Decapolis cities. We drive the Jordan Valley and ascend the Judean Hills near Jericho for a delicious Bedouin lunch in "Abraham's tent." Coming into Jerusalem we continue to nearby Bethlehem where we see the shepherd's fields and visit the site of Jesus' birth.

BREAKFAST, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

Day 7: Monday March 25**Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Pool of Bethesda,
Via Dolorosa, Mount Zion, Room of the Last Supper**

We drive to the Mount of Olives for an outstanding view of the city and surrounding area.

We visit the Garden of Gethsemane, the Church of All Nations and travel the Palm Sunday route of Jesus to the Old City. We enter the old city through the Sheep gate near the site of Stephen's martyrdom. We stop at the Pool of Bethesda just inside the gate and sing in the acoustical marvel of Saint Anne's church there. We continue along the traditional Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Then we walk through the shops of the Jewish quarter to Jaffa Gate and continue then to Mt. Zion where we visit the Room of the Last Supper and the traditional tomb of King David.

BREAKFAST, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

Day 8: Tuesday March 26**St. Peter in Gallicantu, Hezekiah's Tunnel, City of David,
Pool of Siloam, Temple Mount, Western Wall, Kotel Tunnel**

This morning we visit the church of St. Peter in Gallicantu (Caiaphas's house) and afterwards begin a walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel into the City of David. We visit the Pool of Siloam and return toward the Temple Mount via Herod's tunnel. We proceed to the temple area and have time to reflect on the southern steps. Jesus would have entered the temple via these steps. Afterwards we see the Dome of the Rock, and visit the Western Wall and the Kotel Tunnel before immersing again near the Pool of Bethesda.

BREAKFAST, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

Day 9: Wednesday March 27**Dead Sea, Masada,
Qumran, Wadi Kelt**

We'll leave Jerusalem for the Dead Sea and Masada. We'll ascend to Masada by cable car to visit this all inspiring historical site. We will enjoy a short swim in the Dead Sea and we will visit the ruins of ancient Qumran where we view the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. We return to Jerusalem via the Judean Wilderness and along the way make a scenic stop near a Wadi Kelt overlook for prayer and reading of Psalm 23.

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Day 10: Thursday, March 28**Shrine of the Book, Model of Jerusalem,
Yad Vashem, Garden Tomb. Free time in the Old City**

This morning, we proceed via the Hebrew University and the Knesset to visit the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scroll collection is exhibited and where the amazing model of ancient Jerusalem. Then to Yad Vashem, the holocaust memorial. Moving from images of hopelessness to hope, we visit the garden tomb of Jesus followed by an orientation beside Calvary where Jesus was crucified and have a special communion service. We have time to travel back into the Old City in groups to shop on this our final evening and return on our own to the hotel for dinner.

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Day 11: Friday March 29**Arrival back in USA**

We've seen spectacular sights, enjoyed unforgettable experiences together and alone. We've sung frequently, laughed a lot, cried a little, built lifelong relationships and, best of all, gained a unique appreciation and familiarity with God's Word that only comes with "being there." We arrive same day back in San Francisco

BREAKFAST JERUSALEM AND TRANSATLANTIC

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