

ISRAEL ONLY 10 DAY



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<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Tel Aviv</b>
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<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Boat Ride / Mt of Beatitudes / Tabgha / Capernaum / Caesarea Phillipi / Golan Heights / Yardenit</b>
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Gideon Springs / Beit She'an / Jerusalem / Bethlehem</b>
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Jerusalem / Old City</b>
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Jerusalem / Old and New City</b>
<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Dead Sea / Masada / Ein Gedi</b>
<b>Day 9</b>	<b>Free day in Jerusalem</b>
<b>Day 10</b>	<b>USA</b>

**Day 1** **Transatlantic**

Depart USA to Tel Aviv. We must be at the airport at least 2 hours before flight time. Enjoy our on-board transatlantic experience.

ENROUTE TRANSATLANTIC

**Day 2** **Tel Aviv**

Today, we arrive in Tel Aviv. Upon arrival, we are met and assisted by our guide. Our coach is waiting and we are transferred to our hotel in Tel Aviv for an Israeli dinner and a good night's rest.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT TEL AVIV

**Day 3** **Caesarea / Mt. Carmel / Megiddo / Nazareth / Tiberias**

This morning after our full Israeli breakfast, we travel along the Mediterranean coast to the ruins of Caesarea, the ancient Roman capital, built by Herod the Great in 22 BC. The apostle Paul was imprisoned here before being sent to Rome. Pilate lived here during the time of Jesus' crucifixion. Cornelius and his household lived here too. Visit the Roman Theatre, the Aqueduct and Herodian Port. Continue toward Haifa, to see the magnificent panoramic view from Mount Carmel. Visit the Mukraka, the location of Elijah's altar where he slew the prophets of Baal. Afterwards, we drive to visit the Valley of Armageddon and the excavation of Tel Megiddo which is 30 civilizations deep going all the way back to the Canaanites. Here, too, is Ahab's water tunnel and Solomon's stables. Then we travel to Jesus' boyhood home of Nazareth, where we visit the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's well on our way to Tiberias.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT TIBERIAS

**Day 4** **Boat Ride / Mount of Beatitudes / Tabgha / Capernaum / Caesarea Phillipi / Golan Heights / Yardenit**

Experience a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, then visit the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount. Visit Tabgha where Jesus fed 5000 with the loaves and the fishes of a small boy. Then continue to Capernaum, the city of Jesus and Simon Peter's house where the paralytic was healed. Cross the Jordan River to the land of Gaderenes. Visit Caesarea Phillipi, site of pagan altars, where Peter confessed Christ. Journey back toward Tiberias via the Golan Heights learning of Israel's great victory over Syria in recent history. Then to Yardenit on the Jordan River where you can be baptized before returning to your hotel.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT TIBERIAS

**Day 5** **Gideon Springs / Beit She'an / Jerusalem / Bethlehem**

On our way to Jerusalem we start the day at the newly excavated ruins of Beit She'an where the bodies of Saul and his sons were displayed on the walls after their defeat at Mount Gilboa. Then we stop at Gideon Springs where Gideon chose the 300 to fight the Midianites by the way they drank from the stream. Continuing, we arrive in Jerusalem and we check into our hotel and afterwards travel to nearby Bethlehem for a visit to the Church of the Nativity site of the cave in which Jesus was born. We view the Shepherd's Fields and the Fields of Boaz and Ruth and have a short time to shop for olive wood and other souvenirs.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

## **Day 6**

### **Jerusalem / Old City**

This morning our inspirationally packed day begins with a drive to the Mount of Olives for an outstanding view of the city and surrounding area. We visit the Chapel of the Ascension, Garden of Gethsemane, and Church of All Nations. We view the Kidron Valley where we can see the Tombs of Absalom, Zachariah and James and the Golden Gate. On the other side of the Kidron Valley, our morning walking tour is of the Old City. We arrive in the Temple area on Mt. Moriah and see the Dome of the Rock and El Aqsa Mosque. We visit the Western Wall, and walk through the ancient passageways of the Kotel Tunnel. At the end of the tunnel we arrive at St. Stephen's Gate, the Pool of Bethesda, the Chapel of the Flagellation and the Ecce Homo Arch. We view the Gabbadian pavement and continue through the Bazaar to the last stations of the Via Dolorosa. We stroll through the Cardo to Mt Zion where we experience in awe the Room of the Last Supper and King David's Tomb.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

## **Day 7**

### **Jerusalem / Old and New City**

This morning, we will visit a recently excavated archeological site near the southern wall of Temple Mount in the Old City. We see the ancient Cardo where Jesus walked and where still to be seen portions of the Temple fell when the Temple was destroyed by the Romans around 70 AD. We see also the Pinnacle, where the trumpet sounded to announce the Sabbath. It is also the site of the second temptation of Christ by Satan. We visit the steps to Huldah Gate where the 12 year old Jesus amazed the scribes with His knowledge. Then, raveling into modern environs we proceed via the Hebrew University and the Knesset to the Israel Museum and visit the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scroll collection is exhibited and where the model of ancient Jerusalem, as it was in Jesus time, is housed. Next is a sobering visit to Yad Vashem, the holocaust memorial. To climax this day and our trip to the Holy Land, we visit the Garden Tomb of Jesus, followed by an orientation beside Calvary and a very special communion service.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

## **Day 8**

### **Dead Sea / Masada / Ein Gedi**

Today, we leave Jerusalem for the Dead Sea -the deepest point on earth (1200 feet below sea level). As we approach the sea we drive along the shore and visit the Essene ruins at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered by a shepherd boy. Our next stop is at the nature reserve of Ein Gedi, where King David found shelter from the rage of King Saul. Another short drive brings us to Masada where we ascend to the plateau by cable car to visit the magnificent Herodian fortress where from 70-73 AD Jewish Zealots made their last stand against the Roman Empire. Afterward we may

enjoy a short float in the Dead Sea before returning to Jerusalem via the Judean Wilderness

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

**Day 9**

**Jerusalem**

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." Our last day in Jerusalem is yours to savor. Sightsee, shop, and share with friends over lunch, relax – it's your day.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT JERUSALEM

**Day 10**

**USA**

We transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure. Arrive in the USA the same day.

INCLUDED

1. Coach class flight from USA to Tel Aviv and back.
2. 8 nights lodging double occupancy in first class hotels.
3. Full Israeli breakfast and dinner daily.
4. Touring coach & English-speaking, government-licensed guide on the sightseeing days.
5. Transfers from / to the airport in Israel.
6. Entrances to sites listed in itinerary.
7. Portage of 1 piece of luggage per person on arrival and departure from each hotel.
8. Local government hotel taxes at the current prevailing rates.
9. Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
10. Emergency medical insurance for the whole group.

**Not included:**

Government taxes on airline tickets, airport taxes, and fuel charges.

Tips and gratuities to drivers, guides or headwaiters. Approximately \$12.00 per day.

Meals other than those specifically mentioned

Personal spending money for drinks, souvenirs, laundry, etc.

Transfers to or from US departure airport and passenger's home or organization.

Travel insurance except for the emergency medical insurance mentioned above.

Cost of obtaining passports, visas, handling fees, excess baggage and forwarding of baggage, entrance fees not mentioned, optional tours, tips for personal favors, and costs resulting from absence or deviation from the itinerary and any items not mentioned as being included.