

Israel 13 days/10 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, Model of Jerusalem, Israeli Museum of Archaeology. Overnight in Jerusalem.

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

Day 6 Begin the day by visiting the Garden Tomb. Continue to 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 Sepulchre, Transfer to En Bokek. Overnight in En Bokek.

Day 7 Take the cable-car to the top of Masada – to view the fortress of Herod. Proceed to Tel Arad with upper city which contains an Israelite temple with a sanctuary and small room that served as the Holy of Holies, and the lower city from the early Bronze Age, mentioned in the Old Testament accounts of the Israelites' attempts to take the Promised Land, and float in the Dead Sea. Overnight in En Bokek.

Day 8 Visit the ruins of the ancient Essene settlement at Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, Jericho; Mt. of Temptation, and drive through the Jordan Valley to Beit She'an, the ancient biblical city, which the Greeks and Romans knew as Scythopolis. Overnight in Galilee.

Day 9 Visit Tel Dan and Caesarea Philippi. Drive along the Syrian border, and stop for lunch. Drive down the east side of the Sea of Galilee, through the area of the Gentiles, stopping by the Jordan River at the end of the day. Overnight in Galilee.

Day 10 Begin the day by visiting Megiddo. Continue to Nazareth and visit the Church of the Annunciation. End the day by visiting Cana, the village where Jesus performed the first Miracle, with the Wedding Church. Overnight in Galilee.

Day 11 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 12 Mount Carmel - visit the traditional site commemorating Elijah's burning of the sacrifice and defeat of the Baal prophets, and Caesarea Maritime with the aqueduct. Enjoy a farewell dinner, prior to departing on your flight back to the U.S.

Day 13 Arrive back to the U.S.