

International Ministry Travel



DAY 1 - WELCOME TO ISRAEL - OLD JAFFA - CAESAREA - HAIFA

- Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in the morning, 09:15AM. A representative will meet you after passport control, escort you through luggage identification & lead you to your tour guide
- Proceed to **Old Jaffa**
- Tour Old Jaffa King Solomon built his *Mediterranean port* (2 Chron. 2:16) and Jonah the Prophet set sail to Tarshish. Visit sites traditionally linked with Biblical miracles and stories such as **Simon The Tanner's House** where *St. Peter had his vision* (Acts 10:32) on the rooftop & raised Tabitha from the dead (Acts 9:36); (Jonah 1:3)
- Drive via the coastline road to **Caesarea by the Sea (Caesarea Maritima)**, Herod's showcase port city. Walk through the Roman ruins and hear the story of **St. Peter and his conversion of Cornelius' household** (Acts 10:24).
- Check-in to your hotel in Haifa

Dinner & Overnight: Haifa

DAY 2 - GALILEE

- Drive to **Mt. Carmel**, the biblical site of *Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal* (1 Kings 18).
- Visit **Megiddo**, the regional capital of *King Solomon* (1 Kings 9:15), **the New Testament's Armageddon** (Rev. 16:16).
- Continue east across the **Galilee** passing **Mt. Tabor** (Psalm 89:12), the site of the **Transfiguration of Jesus** (Matthew 17:1-9) and where, at the mountain foothill, *Deborah rose against Sisera* (Judges 4 -5).
- Drive through the hills of **Galilee** to the outskirts of **Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus**, to stand on the **Mount of Precipice** where tradition has it an angry mob attempted to throw Jesus off the precipice (Luke 4:16-30).
- Enter **Nazareth and the Church of the Annunciation** situated over the cave that *Archangel Gabriel told Mary she would become the mother of the Son of God*. (Luke 1:5-42).
- Visit the **Nazareth Village** a living history farm that gives visitors the opportunity to step into the Bible and experience everyday life at the time of Jesus.
- Stop in **Cana**, a village near Nazareth, *where Jesus performed His very first miracle by turning water into wine at the wedding feast* (John 2:1-11).
- Check-in to your hotel in the Sea of Galilee

Dinner & Overnight: TBRS

DAY 3 - AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Take a breathtaking spiritual Galilee journey - sailing on a wooden replica of the famous boats that played a key role in Jesus' life in the **Sea of Galilee**
- Ancient Jesus Boat.
- Proceed to the **Mt. of Beatitudes** where Jesus preached the "*Sermon on the Mount*" (Matthew 5 -7)
- Continue to **Tabgha** - *the chapel dedicated to the multiplication of the loaves and fishes - (Mark 6:34-44) and the site of St. Peter's Primacy where Jesus bestowed church leadership upon Peter (John 21:9).*
- Lunch (on own expense) at one of the region's fine restaurants to taste the local St. Peter's fish
- Visit **Capernaum** " *the Town of Jesus "(John 6:24) to walk among the ancient ruins of the first century synagogue where Jesus preached (Matthew 4:13-17).*
- **Magdala** was an ancient Jewish city on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, 3 miles north of Tiberias. In the Babylonian Talmud it is known as **Magdala Nunayya**, and which some historical geographers think may refer to **Tarichaea**, literally the place of processing fish. *It is believed to be the birthplace of Mary Magdalene.*

Dinner & Overnight: TBRs

DAY 4 - GOLAN HEIGHTS

- **Susita Hippos (Susita)** was a major city of the **Decapolis** located on a round hill overlooking the shore.
- **Korazim National Park** preserves impressive remains of a Jewish village from the time of the *Mishna and the Talmud*, including remains of a magnificent synagogue. **Primordial landscapes**, a view of the **Sea of Galilee** and a site mentioned in the New Testament attract Christian pilgrims.
- Travel due north to the **Banias** -*Caesarea Philippi (Matt. 16.13; Mark 8.27), where Jesus was recognized as Messiah by His disciples.*
- Tour the **Golan Heights**, a dormant volcanic plateau, with spectacular landscapes, green valleys, grazing land and rich history.
- Atop **Mount Bental**, you will come to an observation point near the Syrian border giving you a clear view of the whole region, including "*The Road to Damascus*".

Dinner & Overnight: TBRs

DAY 5 - THE JORDAN VALLEY

- Breakfast at the hotel, Check-out
- Continue through the **Jordan Valley** to the ancient city of **Beit She'an** where the *Philistines hung Saul and his sons after their defeat at the battle on Mount Gilboa. (1 Samuel 31)*. During the time of Jesus, this area became known as **Scythopolis**, one of the ten cities of the *Roman Decapolis (Mark 5:20, 7:31)* or Drive South to **Gideon's Spring**, where Gideon the Judge chose his 300 warriors to battle the Midianites based on how they drank water (*Judges 7:1-8*)
- Drive through the **Jordan Valley to Qasr Al Yahud** located near Jericho on the **Jordan River** and the traditional spot where the *New Testament narrative of the baptism of Jesus took place (Matthew, 3: 13-17)*. According to other traditions, it is also the place where the *Israelites crossed the Jordan River and Elijah the Prophet ascended to heaven*
- Ascend to Jerusalem - the Holy City, stop at **Mount Scopus**, overlooking Jerusalem & give thanks to the Lord
- Check-in to your Jerusalem hotel

Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel

DAY 6 - OLD CITY JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Enjoy a panoramic view of the **Old City of Jerusalem** from the crest of **Mt. of Olives** (*Matthew 24:3*).
- Walk along **Hosanna Road**, 'Hosanna to the son of David. *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (Luke 19:41-44)*. Stop at **Dominus Flevit** (*Luke 19:37-42*) marking the spot where Jesus wept over the impending destruction of Jerusalem.
- Arrive at **Gethsemane** to visit the Church of All Nations that stands on the *Rock of Agony where Jesus was betrayed by Judas (Matthew 26:36-57)*.
- Drive to **Mt. Zion** to visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu meaning "cock's-crow" commemorating Peter's triple rejection of Jesus "... before the cock crows twice." (*Mark 14:30*)
- Also, on Mt. Zion, is the **Room of the Last Supper** (*Luke 22:14-20*) and the traditional site of **Tomb of King David**.
- Continue to **Garden Tomb & Golgotha**, the garden and tomb where Jesus was buried and then rose from the dead. We will have time for our communion.
- **Church of the Nazarene**
- Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel

DAY 7 - OLD CITY JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Today we will enter the **Old City through St. Stephen's Gate**, also known as Lions Gate. From here begins the **Via Dolorosa - the Way of the Cross**,
- **Visit the Pool of Bethesda** - site of the miraculous *healing of a paralyzed man by Jesus (John 5:2-9)*, and the *Crusader Church of St. Anne, where groups love to sing hymns*
- Continue to traditional sites commemorating **Pilate's Judgment Hall**, the *Chapel of the Flagellation*, and the *Ecce Homo Arch (John 19:13) here Jesus was tried before Pilate (Mark 15:6)*.
- Continue through the Old City bazaars to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, containing the last 5 stations, traditionally believed to be the site of **Golgotha** "*the place of the skull*" where Jesus was crucified, (*Matt. 27:33-35; Mark 15:22-25; John 19:17-24*).
- Walk in the Old City to the **Western Wall "Wailing Wall"**, is the most religious site in the world for the Jewish people. Located in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, it is the western support wall of the **Temple Mount**. Prayers are either spoken or written down and placed in the cracks of the wall.

Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel

DAY 8 - CITY OF DAVID - BETHLEHAM

- Breakfast at the hotel
 - **City of David - Sifting Project** - Adjoining the Western Wall is a small hill, the biblical **City of David**, one of Jerusalem's most important historical and archaeological treasures. This city was appointed the capital of Israel more than 3,000 years ago by King David. *It was Jerusalem's heart and soul from the days of the First Temple till today.* Visit the many spectacular excavations and underground sites unearthed including the **Spring House**, the royal water cistern, Area G, as well as the **Siloam Pool**, Warren's Shaft and more.
 - **Hezakia Tunnell - (Shiloah Waterway)** used to transfer water from the only spring in Jerusalem into the city over 2,500 years ago. Walk into the depths of the tunnel by flashlight. This miraculous tunnel was dug using primitive tools as two teams tunneled underground towards each other and met approximately halfway. The length of the tunnel is over 500 yards and still flows with fresh spring water. Don't forget to wear sneakers or sandals and shorts!
 - Drive to **Bethlehem** to visit the **Church of the Nativity** (*Luke 2: 1-7*). Venture out to the **Shepherd's Field**, referenced in (*Luke 2:8-20*), where the angel appeared to announce the birth of Jesus.
 - Today's final stop will be at the **Friends of Zion Heritage Center** which brings the stories of Christian love for Israel to life in a unique multimedia and interactive way
- Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel

DAY 9 - DEAD SEA - MASADA

- Breakfast at the hotel
 - Drive to the **Dead Sea** region
 - View the ruins of **Herod's palace at Masada**, *where the Zealots fled in 70 AD after the fall of Jerusalem in the Jewish Great Revolt against Rome.* Ascend by cable car up to the summit to explore the palace remains as well as cisterns, vast food stores, **Mikvot [ritual baths]** and the synagogue built by the Zealots as well as the remains of a sixth century **Byzantine church**.
 - Float in the **Dead Sea**
 - Enjoy a visit to the **AHAVA** factory that produces healing and rejuvenating products made from the Dead Sea mineral
 - Return to Jerusalem and visit the **Kotel**.
 - Shabbat Of A Life Time
- Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel

DAY 10 - JERUSALEM

- Continue to the **Israel Museum** and visit the **Shrine of the Book**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. Visit the model of Second Temple Jerusalem to view Jerusalem as it looked during the time of Jesus.
- Farewell Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem Hotel

DAY 11 - HOME

- Check out at and depart the hotel at 07:30 on your way to TLV to catch your **flight back to the US**. Depart back to the US at 11:05AM from TLV ARPT.