

Journey to the Land of the Bible

11 day Israel Tour

Day 1 — Depart US for Tel Aviv, Israel

Day 2 — We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv where we will be met by our representative and transfer to our hotel in Tel Aviv. After a delicious buffet dinner, enjoy a walk along the Mediterranean Sea.

Day 3 — Begin the day at Jaffa, one of the oldest cities in the world and the port where the prophet Jonah set sail for Tarshish. After a short drive through Tel Aviv we will travel to Caesarea Maritima. Among the



magnificent array of archaeological finds you will see well-preserved aqueducts and a beautiful example of the Roman Amphitheater. Visit Mt. Carmel, where Elijah held the triumphal contest with 450 prophets of Baal. Continuing to Megiddo, see the site of 26 superimposed cities, the remains from Solomon's days, and view the Plains of Jezreel where the final Armageddon will be fought.

Nazareth, is our next stop, the boyhood home of Jesus, where we visit a replica village built on remains from 2,000 years ago. Walk on the



winding path through a working farm, ancient winepress and stone quarries. Travel back in time to visit homes and see ancient crafts such as carpentry and yarn weaving, and a Synagogue built to the scale of the ancient Synagogue of Nazareth. Arrive at our hotel in

Tiberias for overnight.



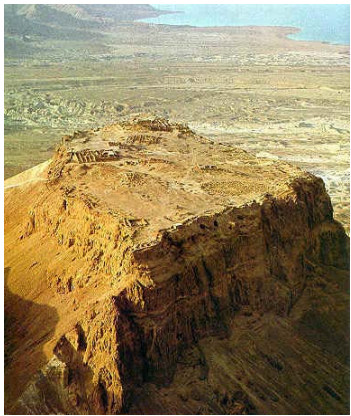
Day 4 — Start the day by sailing across the Sea of Galilee in a replica boat of 2,000 years. Visit the ancient "Jesus" boat discovered in 1986 which is consistent with boats built from 100BC to AD200. Next, travel to Capernaum to see the ancient synagogue where Jesus taught, the Apostle Peter's home, and explore the archeological gardens. Walk on the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount, and then visit Tabgah where Jesus fed 5,000. We then come to first century city built of basalt stone, Chorazin, one of the "cursed" cities that would not respond to the miracles of Jesus.

Day 5 — Today we travel to the northern part of Israel. At Banias, one of the headwaters of the Jordan River, we visit the site of ancient Caesarea Philippi. Then, walk through the beautiful nature reserve of Tel Dan where we will see the discovery of Jeroboam's Altar and ancient Canaanite archeology. Travel up to the Golan Heights, look into Syria and see remains from the Six Day War. Ending the day at the beautiful Yardenit baptismal, you will have the opportunity to be baptized in the Jordan River.



Day 6 — We leave the Galilee area and drive down the Jordan Valley to explore the latest excavations at Beit Shean, revealing the remains of a Decapolis Capital. Drive by Mt. Gilboa, site of Saul's death, and visit the natural springs where Gideon brought ten thousand to be tested. Continue down the Jordan Valley, driving by Jericho and the Mount of Temptations, to the lowest spot on earth, the Dead Sea. We will visit Qumran, site of the

Dead Sea Scrolls discovery before arriving at our Hotel on the shores of the Dead Sea for an evening of relaxation, take advantage of the spa facilities, or “float” in the therapeutic Dead Sea water.



Day 7 — Enjoy a morning of leisure before a visit to Massada, to tour the famous archaeological site, where Jewish Zealots made their last stand against Rome in AD73. We enter the city of the Kings: Jerusalem and stop at the Mt. of Olives where we will hear an explanation of the city then walk down the Palm

Sunday road to the Garden of Gethsemane. We arrive at our hotel in Jerusalem where we will stay for the remainder of our tour.

Day 8 — Today we begin at Mt. Zion and visit the Church of St. Peter in Galacantu, Caiaphas’ House where Jesus was held before trial. Then, at the Upper Room enjoy a time of worship. See the Pools of Bethesda and enjoy a time of singing at the Church of St. Anne’s. After the lunch break, visit the new excavations of the City of David. Just outside the Old City Walls, lies the original Jerusalem. Recent excavations on this site have revealed the very walls, wells, and passageways where ancient Jerusalem unfolded. We end the day at the Shepherds Fields where the birth of Jesus was announced.

Day 9 — This morning we enter the Old City and visit the Western Wall for a personal time of reflection and prayer. Next we walk through the Western Wall Tunnel to see remarkable underground excavation of ancient Jerusalem.

Continue through the Old City following the Via Dolorosa, walking through the Old Arab markets and Jewish Quarters. See the ancient Roman Cardo and the remains from Nehemiah’s Wall. At Antonia’s Fortress, see



the original paving believed to be where Christ

stood before Pilate, and markings of a cruel game used by the soldiers. Next we visit the Herodian Mansion to see the remains of homes that were destroyed in AD70. End the day with worship and communion at one of the sites believed to be the burial site of Jesus, the Garden Tomb.

Day 10 — Again we enter the Old City and visit the Davidson Center to enjoy a virtual tour and explore the southern steps of the Temple during the time of Christ. Then we visit areas of New Jerusalem. First we drive by the



Knesset, Israel’s Parliament, and then walk through Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum. We then visit the Israel Museum and see the Holy Land Model, replica of Jerusalem during the time of Christ and also see the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Shrine of the Book. We enjoy a sumptuous farewell dinner and lovely biblical garden tour at Yad Hashmona, as we say good-bye to Israel and prepare for the flight home.

Day 11 — We depart Israel and arrive home with a life time of memories of the Journey to the Land of the Bible.

