

Israel Tour Itinerary **October 22 – November 1, 2012**

Day 1, - Depart from San Antonio your flight to Tel Aviv.

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

Day 3 — Begin the day at Jaffa, the port where the prophet Jonah set sail for Tar Shish. We will travel to Caesarea Maritima. And see the ancient archeological site which include a well-preserved theatre and aqueducts. Visit Mt. Carmel where Elijah held the triumphal contest with 450 prophets of Baal. Continuing to Megiddo, 26 superimposed cities, the remains from Solomon's days, and view the Plains of Jezreel where the final Armageddon will be fought. Drive by Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus before arriving at the Maagan Hotel where we will stay while in Tiberius.

Day 4 — Start the day by sailing across the Sea of Galilee in a replica boat from 2,000 years ago. Visit the ancient "Jesus" boat discovered in 1986 which is consistent of boats from BC200 to AD100. Next, you will explore the archeological gardens at Capernaum. 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 the first century city built of basalt stone, Chorazin, a city 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, visit the site of Caesarea Philippi. Then, walk through the beautiful nature reserve of Tel Dan where we will see the discovery of Jeroboam's Altar and an ancient Canaanite Gate. Travel up to the Golan Heights to Mt Bental where you will see remains from the Six Day War and look into Syria. We end the day at Yardenit where you will have the opportunity to be baptized.

Day 6 — We leave the Galilee area and drive down the Jordan Valley to explore the latest excavations at Beit Shean, a Decapolis Capital and Israel's largest excavation. 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 the Moriah Classic 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.

Day 7 — Enjoy a morning of leisure before a visit to Masada to tour the famous archaeological site where Jewish Zealots made their last stand against Rome in AD73. See the waterfalls of Ein Gedi where David hid from Saul, and time permitting, we will hike to the waterfalls. Drive to Jerusalem and stop at Mt Scopus for a breathtaking, panoramic view of the Golden City. We arrive at our Jerusalem hotel, the Dan Panorama.

Day 8— Today you will begin your Jerusalem journey at the Mt. of Olives where we will hear an explanation of the city then walk down the Palm Sunday road to Gethsemane. Then at Mt. Zion we will visit the Church of St. Peter in Galacantu, Caiaphas' House where Jesus was held before trial. At the Upper Room, enjoy a time of worship. After the lunch break, visit the new excavations of the City of David, original Jerusalem, located just outside the Old City Walls. We end our day in Bethlehem. The birthplace of our Saviour.

Day 9 — This morning enter the Old City and visit the Western Wall. Next walk through the Western Wall Tunnel to see remarkable underground excavation of ancient Jerusalem. We visit the Davidson Center to enjoy a virtual tour and explore the southern steps of the Temple during the time of Christ. 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 the Great Wall. At the Herodian Mansion, see the remains of homes that were destroyed in AD70. End the day at the Pools of Bethesda and enjoy a time of singing at the Church of St. Anne's

Day 10— Today visit the areas of New Jerusalem. First you will drive by the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, 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. End the day with worship and communion at one of the sites believed to be the burial site of Jesus, the Garden Tomb. Enjoy a wonderful farewell dinner as we say good-bye to Israel. Depart for the airport for your late night flight home on Delta #153 at 11:25 p.m.

Day 11 — Arrive in San Antonio with a lifetime of memories of you our Journey to the Land of the Bible.

*Note: Itinerary details are subject to change at the discretion of
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