



## Holy Land Experience - Stevens Creek

### Day to Day itinerary

#### 13 Nov Wed - DAY 1

We board our flight to Israel from ATL airport

- Dinner

#### 14 Nov Thu - DAY 2

Times permit we will have a tour around the old city of Jaffa before heading north to our first night in Israel.

- Breakfast
- Dinner

#### 15 Nov Fri - DAY 3

Today we depart for the Galilee, visiting the following Biblical sites: Caesarea (Acts 10), Megiddo (Armageddon; 1 Kings 9:15; Rev. 16:16), and Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 18). Then we will head to Zippori (Sepphoris) to see the famous mosaic of the "Mona Lisa of the Galilee". We complete our tour of the Jezreel Valley at the traditional site for Jesus being chased out of Nazareth.

Dinner and overnight are at the Sea of Galilee

- Breakfast
- Dinner

#### 16 Nov Sat - DAY 4

We start our day We continue with an amazing boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, where we will have time for worship, we visit the recently excavated "Jesus boat" from the first century, a vessel found here along the shores of Galilee in 1986. we make our way north through the Hula Valley stopping first at Tel Hazor, a city taken by Joshua (Joshua 11:10-14). We then head to Tel Dan where we will see the gate of Abraham. We continue to Caesarea Philippi where Peter made his declaration about Jesus (Matt. 16). Next, we will head to Mt. Bental overlook. From this former military base, we can look into Syrian territory and learn about the village of Kunetra and the 1967 & 1973 Wars. We continue on to Capernaum, the center of ministry for Jesus in Galilee. Next, we visit Tabgha, remembering the story of the feeding of the 5,000. We travel to the Mount of Beatitudes and read from Matthew 5, the Sermon on the Mount.

We return to our hotel in Galilee for dinner and overnight.

- Breakfast
- Dinner

## **17 Nov Sun - DAY 5**

After breakfast, we leave the Galilee and make our way along the Jordan Valley. The highway takes us to the Biblical site of Beit Shean, a well-preserved Decapolis Roman city. Here the bodies of King Saul and his sons were hung from the city walls after they were defeated by the Philistines (1 Samuel 31:10-12). We continue our drive through the Wilderness of Judah for Jericho, where we view from outside the ancient city where the wall came tumbling down (Joshua 2-6; Mark 10:46; Luke 19:1). We then continue to Kaser-El Yehuda Baptismal site where Tradition believes Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. We make our way to our hotel at the Dead Sea, where we have an opportunity to go swim/float (included) or enjoy a spa treatment at the hotel (not included).

We will arrive to the Dead Sea hotel for dinner and overnight.

- Breakfast
- Dinner

## **18 Nov Mon - DAY 6**

After breakfast, we depart the Dead Sea and make our way to Masada. Here we ascend high upon the wilderness mountain, by way of the cable car, to the fortress built by King Herod. We survey the ruins of the fortifications, waterworks, the synagogue, temples and palaces. We have an optional walk back down the snake path. We then continue our drive for Ein Gedi, where David hid from King Saul. We enjoy a walk back to the waterfalls, hopefully seeing ibex and cooneys along the way. In the afternoon, we drive back north to Qumran and the settlement of the first century sect known as the Essenes, the authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls. We then begin our ascent of 4,000 feet in 13 miles to the majestic city of Jerusalem. Upon entering Jerusalem, we make a stop at Mount Scopus to see the amazing view.

Dinner and overnight are in Jerusalem.

- Breakfast
- Dinner

## **19 Nov Tue - DAY 7**

We will have an early start to visit the Temple Mount, the platform on which the Jewish Temple stood prior to its destruction in 70ad, and today is home to the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque which can be viewed from the outside. We continue to the Pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the lame man in John 5 and the church of St. Anne. Our morning continues at the City of David where we will walk through the 2,700 year old Hezekiah's Tunnel, ending up at the Pool of Siloam (John 9). This afternoon we drive to Bethlehem. After lunch (not included) we will visit the Church of the Nativity including the Grotto of Nativity believed to be the birthplace of Christ. Return to Jerusalem.

Dinner and overnight are in Jerusalem.

- Breakfast
- Dinner

## 20 Nov Wed - DAY 8

We begin our sightseeing with a visit to the Mt. of Olives, beholding a breath-taking panorama of the Holy City. We visit Pater Noster and then walk down the "Palm Sunday" route to the Garden of Gethsemane. We walk through the Kidron Valley to Mt. Zion and then on to the House of Caiaphas. We continue to Yad VaShem, the national Holocaust museum and memorial. This afternoon we visit the Garden Tomb where Jesus was crucified, buried, and resurrected. Here we will have time for worship on our last day in Jerusalem. Following dinner, we will take a short walk through the Mamilla promenade to the Sound & Light Show at the Tower of David.

Dinner and overnight are in Jerusalem

- Breakfast
- Dinner

## 21 Nov Thu - DAY 9

This morning we visit the Israel Museum where we will see the Shrine of the Book, home to the Dead Sea Scrolls. We leave Jerusalem and head to the Valley of Elah where David slew Goliath. Prepare to "get dirty"™ as you participate in an archaeological dig in the shadow of Tel Maresha at Beit Guvrin. You will discover pottery from the time of the Maccabees and develop an appreciation for the tedious work of archaeologists! check in to our hotel. Tonight, we will have a farewell dinner in our hotel sharing stories and reflecting on the experience we had in the past week. Also, each tour member will receive a Certificate of Pilgrimage signed by the Mayor of Jerusalem

Dinner and overnight are in Jerusalem

- Breakfast



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