

Holy Land Experience

Day to Day itinerary

<u>07-Sep-Mon - DAY 1</u>

We will have connection flight through Europe to Israel We will have meals of board.

07-Sep-Mon - DAY 2

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

- Breakfast
- Dinner

07-Sep-Mon - 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

07-Sep-Mon - DAY 4

We start our day atop Mt. Arbel to enjoy the best view of the Sea of Galilee (John 6:23). We continue with an amazing boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, where we will have time for worship. Afterwards, we visit the recently excavated "Jesus boat" from the first century, a vessel found here along the shores of Galilee in 1986. 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. Following our stop for lunch (not included), we travel to overveiw the Valley of Bethsaida, which is the hometown of Peter, Andrew, and Philip. Time permitting, we continue to Chorazin where an impressive synagogue stands. We will end our day at the Jordan River for baptism. We return to our hotel in Galilee for dinner and overnight

- Breakfast
- Dinner

<u>07-Sep-Mon - DAY 5</u>

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DAY 4 - Tel Hazor, Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Mt. Bental, Golan Heights, Sea of Galilee After breakfast, 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 return to the hotel in Galilee for dinner and overnight.

Breakfast

07-Sep-Mon - DAY 6

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). Dinner and overnight are at the Dead Sea.

- Breakfast
- Dinner

<u>07-Sep-Mon - DAY 7</u>

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

07-Sep-Mon - DAY 8

- Breakfast
- Dinner

07-Sep-Mon - DAY 9

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. Afterwards, we continue back to the Old City for a tour of the Rabbinical Tunnel. Following dinner, we will take a short walk through the Mammilla promenade to the Sound & Light Show at the Tower of David. Dinner and overnight are in Jerusalem

- Breakfast
- Dinner

<u>07-Sep-Mon - DAY 10</u>

This morning we visit the Shrine of the Book Museum, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed, and Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. Then we visit the Garden Tomb, where we will have worship and communion. Dinner and our last overnight in Jerusalem

- Breakfast
- Dinner

<u>07-Sep-Mon - DAY 11</u>

We leave Jerusalem and head to the Valley of Elah where David slew Goliath. Then we travel to Beer Sheva in the Negev Desert, named by Abraham 4000 years ago. Since then, Beer Sheva has held an important place in the history of Israel. Next, we visit Tel Beer Sheva where archaeologists have uncovered two-thirds of a city

dating from the early Israelite period (10th century BCE.) This city is located on the edge of the wilderness near the confluence of the Beer Sheva and Hebron Streams. The meticulously planned water system of this city demonstrates impressive engineering expertise. Prepare to 'get dirty' as you participate in an archaeological dig under 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! Farewell Dinner - Israeli Food Workshop!! Overnight Tel Aviv

- Breakfast
- Dinner

07-Sep-Mon - DAY 12

Today we will have some free time in Tel Aviv depends on our flight time back home