

Christian Heritage Tour of **ISRAEL**



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Join us for this unique experience with our spiritual director,

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Leave the United States on the 16th arriving in on the 17th ready for the tour which starts on the 18th You may also wish to leave even earlier if you wish.



Day 1: 18th February

Our luxury bus departs Ben Gurion Airport at 7.30am for our first full day in the land where the Bible comes alive. We will travel to Caesarea Maritime where the Apostle Paul was on trial before Governor Felix. We visit the Amphitheatre, the Hippodrome, Herod's Palace of the Roman Procurator. We will enjoy lunch here before

leaving for Mt. Carmel where Elijah challenged King Ahab and the Prophets of Baal. Later in the afternoon we stop at Beit-She'an/Scythopolis, one of the most magnificent archeological sites in Israel, located at a strategic juncture which has been almost continuously occupied through history. After defeating Saul and his sons on Mt Gilboa, the Philistines hung their bodies on the walls of Beit-She'an. We will arrive at our Hotel at 6.30pm. After checking in we will enjoy our first dinner together



Day 2: 19th February

When you wake up this morning you will have a glorious view of the sunrise over the Sea of Galilee. Breakfast will be served and at 7.45am we will meet in the lobby to begin our morning travels to Tabgha on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. This is where Jesus had the last breakfast with his Disciples and also the location of Peter's restoration. We then board a boat on the Sea of Galilee for a relaxing cruise, then after crossing to the other side we will enjoy lunch after viewing an ancient boat on display from the time of Jesus. We then board our bus for a short ride to the Mt. of Beattitudes, the spectacular setting of one of the most



loved chapters of the Bible. We then visit Capernaum, seeing the ruins of an ancient synagogue and as well as Peter's mother-in-law's home. At the end of the day we will have an opportunity to walk on the road Jesus walked on at Bethsaida.

Day 3: 20th February

After breakfast, our morning travels will take us to Cana and Nazareth. First we will visit Nazareth Village and enjoy a reenactment of what everyday life was like during Jesus' formative years. We then visit the Church of the Annunciation where Mary was told about the baby who would become Savior of the world. Our day will end with a visit to Megiddo where we will look over the Jezreel Valley where archeologists have unearthed 20 levels of civilisation. It is also believed by many, that this is where the Armageddon Battlefield is situated.



Day 4: 21st February

Following an early breakfast, we will purchase a picnic lunch and travel to Tel Dan, the source of the River Jordan. This is also a place where the children of Israel fell into the depths of pagan worship. We then travel to the beautiful Caesarea Philippi, the site of Peter's proclamation that Jesus is God indeed. Afterwards we will visit the Nimrod Fortress. We then travel up the Golan Heights overlooking Syria and Lebanon and enjoying a panoramic view over Damascus where Saul had his amazing conversion.



Day 5: 22nd February

We begin the day with a visit to the Jordan River Baptismal Site where we can see the country of Jordan on the other side; this is the narrowest point of the river before it enters the Dead Sea. We then proceed to Qumran where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered. After a lunch here, we travel up to Masada and take the cable car to the summit. It is here we will see how the Zealots took a heroic stand against the Romans. We will also view the archeological remains of Herod's palace before starting our descent and our final stop for the day is a swim in the Dead Sea. We will then make our way up to Jerusalem, our home for the next four days.



Day 6: 23rd February

Today we walk where to the Shepherd's fields area near Bethlehem that offers a glimpse of caves at the time of Jesus' birth. We then visit the Church of the Nativity where the Orthodox and Coptic churches worship. Adjacent is the Catholic Church. We will have lunch before visiting Herodian, Herod's mountain hideaway. We will then make our way to the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane, a very moving and spiritual experience.



Day 7: 24th February

This morning we begin our journey with a visit to the Church of St Peter at Gallicantu (The Estate of Caiaphas). We cross the Kidron Valley to the room of The Last Supper. We then enter through the Zion gate and proceed to the newly rebuilt Jewish Quarter and Hezekiah's Wall. After lunch we will have time for shopping and the day ends at the beautiful and serene Garden Tomb with communion.





Day 8: 25th February

After our delightful Israeli breakfast, we leave for the Temple Mount, a place of much conflict between inhabitants over the centuries. We then proceed to the Southern Steps where Jesus sat and wept over Jerusalem. Afterwards we view a short movie on what life was like during the time of the Temple. Afterwards, we will go back in time by visiting the City of David, the Hezekiah Tunnel and then our last stop will be the Pools of Siloam. We will visit Yad Vashem in the late afternoon.

Day 9: 26th February

This morning we will visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where Jesus died and rose again. We will then see St. Ann's Church, the oldest Crusader Church in Jerusalem, and the Pools of Bethesda where Jesus cured the cripple man. After an early lunch we will leave for the airport and our long journey home.



Summary:

Price per person in double occupancy: Land cost only - ₪2,985.00. Single supplement ₪800.00. This is based on the current exchange rates.

Price includes: Accommodation in 4/5 star hotels. Specialist Guides, all entrances, ground transportation, buffet breakfast and dinner daily, all gratuities except for driver and Guide which we will collect on day 2.

Not included: Lunches, Rabbis Tunnel walk (₪10) and Hezekiah's tunnel.(₪5) Airfares and extra nights in the beginning not included.

Deposit required: ₪800.00 payable by the 1st July, 2020

Please note: The tour begins on the 18th February, 2021, at 8.00am at the Ben Gurion Airport so please plan your flight to arrive at least 2 hours before the start or the day before. There are many good hotels in the Tel Aviv area.

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