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## ISRAEL

### *Sample Tour*

**9 Days – 7 Nights (accommodations)**

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#### **Monday – Depart**

Depart USA enroute to Tel Aviv, Israel

#### **Tuesday – Tel Aviv**

Upon arrival at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport our Israeli host directs us to our motor coach. We meet our guide and drive along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea to our hotel. We enjoy dinner and stay the night in Tel Aviv. D

#### **Wednesday – Sea of Galilee area**

After a special Israeli breakfast, we board our coach and drive north up the coast to Caesarea, built by King Herod the Great in 22 B.C. It was here that Pontius Pilate lived and where the Gospel was first brought to the Gentiles. We visit the Roman Theater, the Roman Aqueduct, and the Herodian Port. We continue with a trip to Megiddo, the Chariot City for Solomon and Ahab, where we explore the vast archaeological remains of this ancient city. This afternoon is a special experience as we visit Jenin and witness a diversity of viewpoints working together. We cross into the Palestine controlled area at the Jalama checkpoint. We are welcomed by a city dignitary and are told about the Green Line, or separation wall. As we walk through the old city of Jenin, we see the Grand Mosque, Saray Souq (Oriental Market), Burqin and the Church of the Ten Lepers. We continue on to Tel Dothan and see where Joseph was thrown in the pit. We end the day at the Sea of Galilee for dinner and over-night. B/D

#### **Thursday – Sea of Galilee**

Today's program begins with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, where we participate in song, scripture readings, and prayer before arriving at the shore. We stop at Tabgha, the site of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fish and Peter's primacy. Next we visit the Mount of the Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount. Then we drive to Capernaum, where Jesus lived during most of His years of ministry and where He chose His first disciples: James, Simon, John, and Andrew. We visit the

remains of an ancient synagogue whose foundations date back to the time of Jesus, as well as Peter's house. Our tour also takes us to Nazareth via Cana. This evening we relax with dinner and overnight by the Sea of Galilee. B/D

#### **Friday – Jerusalem**

The day begins along the road to Damascus and includes a visit to Caesarea Philippi, where Peter made his great confession of faith and where Jesus told of His coming death and resurrection. A visit is then planned for the Golan Heights, the scene of bitter fighting during the Six Day War. We also enjoy the view of the snowcapped peak of Mount Hermon, the highest mountain in the Middle East. We stop at Yardenit, the famous baptismal site at the headwaters of the Jordan River, where we will be invited to touch the water. Next we are on to Beth-Shean where we visit the biggest archaeological excavations in Israel today. We conclude the day by driving to Jerusalem where we enjoy dinner and overnight. B/D

#### **Saturday – Jerusalem**

We drive to the top of the Mount of Olives where we enjoy a breath taking panoramic view of the old city and the Kidron Valley. Then it's a short walk down along the Palm Sunday Way to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed while the disciples slept. We cross the Kidron Valley and drive to the top of Mount Zion for a visit to the room of the Last Supper (Cenaculum) and the traditional tomb of King David. We walk along the Armenian and the Jewish Quarter to the Western (Wailing) Wall, Judaism's most holy site. In the afternoon, we have a special meeting with a dignitary of Jerusalem. Before ending our day, we have a solemn visit to Yad Vashem, a museum dedicated to the Holocaust, with its Valley of the Lost museum. Its Valley of the Lost Communities and Righteous Alley contains trees planted in honor of people such as Oscar Schindler, who risked their lives to save Jewish people during World War II. B/D

### **Sunday – Jerusalem**

We begin with a drive along the shore of the Dead Sea to Masada, the winter fortress of King Herod the Great. After ascending the mountain by cable car, we see the excavated storehouses, baths, and homes of this biblical society which make up one of Israel's great archaeological treasures. We hear the story of the Jewish Zealots who, in 73 A.D., fought against the Roman legions and their commander, Flavius Silva, and how 965 men, women, and children chose to die rather than submit to the advancing Roman army. Departing Masada, we drive along Ein Gedi, where David had his famed meeting with King Saul. Finally, we visit Qumran, site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1974. If weather permits, you may want to float in the special waters of the Dead Sea. The day concludes with a drive along the ancient pilgrim's route into Jerusalem. B/D

### **Monday – Jerusalem**

Today's program brings us to the old city of Jerusalem for a visit to the Sisters of Zion Monastery and Ecce Homo (site of Jesus'

scourging) where we see authentic Roman pavement at the Antonia Fortification. Following visits to Saint Anne's Church and the Pool of Bethesda, a walk is planned through the colorful Arab Bazaar where the sounds and smells of the Middle East come alive. We walk to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Our next stop is at the Israel Museum where we see the scale model of the ancient city of Jerusalem giving us an idea of the layout of the city as it appeared in biblical times. We also see the Menorah at the Knesset gates. We end the day at Calvary and the Garden Tomb. This evening includes a very special communion service, a closing session and a farewell dinner. Later this evening we head to the airport for our early morning flight home. B/D

### **Tuesday – Return to USA**

Just after midnight or early morning we board our plane with a new appreciation of Biblical history, special memories to cherish for a lifetime, and experiences to share with others.

#### **Includes:**

- Round trip air from a USA Gateway airport to Tel Aviv (including estimated taxes and fuel surcharges)
- Land transportation via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first class hotels
- Meals as indicated in itinerary
- Services of a professional tour guide throughout the tour
- Admission to all activities listed on itinerary
- Luggage handling: one piece per person at hotels
- All taxes and tips for services provided

#### **Does Not Include:**

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- Beverages except with breakfast
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.)
- Optional insurance for health, cancellation and baggage

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Artists and performers using noted celebrity names will be tribute performers, unless otherwise indicated in the itinerary that the actual artist/entertainer will be present. Local and regional entertainers will perform as themselves.  
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