



**Day 1** Depart USA on international overnight flight.

**Day 2** Arrival to Tel Aviv

Our representatives will meet you at the airport and escort you to your Mediterranean hotel for dinner & overnight.

**Day 3** After breakfast drive along the Mediterranean shoreline to visit Caesarea (Acts 9 and 25). Visit the site of Caesarea including the theater, water aqueduct and the hippodrome. Continue to the Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18); The Carmelite Monastery of St. Elijah marks the place where the prophet Elijah set up his altar and triumphed over the false prophets of Ba'al.

Continue to Nazareth where we will visit the Church of Annunciation. Visit Nazareth Village, a representation of the village in the time of Christ. Drive to the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.

**Day 4** After breakfast take a Boat Ride on the Sea of Galilee. Visit Mount of Beatitudes (Sermon on the Mount, Matt. 5-7). Continue to visit Caesarea Philippi (Baniyas) or Tel Dan. Ascend the Golan Heights to Mt Bental, viewpoint of Israel and Syrian border.



Descend the Golan Heights to visit Tabgha: The variety of the flora and fauna of the region can be seen in the stunning mosaic floor that was created by two artists in the 2nd century. Site of the miracle of the Christian Savior who fed 5000 starving people with 2 fishes and 5 loaves (Mark 6). Visit Capernaum (Matt. 4:13); where a 2nd century synagogue was discovered and provides new light on the life of the community of that era. Dinner and overnight Sea of Galilee

***(Optional evening concert in Church of Multiplication Tabgha OR local Christian Church)***



**Day 5** We depart our hotel for **Megiddo** on the plains of Armageddon. Here Solomon and other Israeli kings had a major center for commerce and military protection. Also visit Gideon's Spring (Ein Harod) where Gideon chose his army of 300 by observing how they drank from the springs (Jd. 7). The spring is in the shadow of Mt. Gilboa where Saul fought and died. His death made David lament and pray that no dew would fall on the mountain (2 Sam. 1:19-27). We'll drive to visit Beit Shean – Scythopolis: see the Roman Theater the amphitheater and the Paladius Street. End the day at Yardenit, site of baptism at the Jordan River. Dinner and overnight Sea of Galilee.

*(Evening Concert on the shore of the Sea of Galilee)*

**Day 6** Drive south through the Jordan Valley and stop for a view point on Jericho. Drive south to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, see the Visitor's Center, the Essene Farm and Qumran Caves (the actual location where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found). Enjoy a visit to Masada, the spectacular mountaintop fortress built by Herod and famous as the last stronghold of the Jewish Rebellion against the Romans.



Ride the cable car to the top to explore the fortress. Peer down upon the remains of the Roman camps and siege ramp below. Enjoy a swim & float at the Dead Sea. On the way “up” to Jerusalem stop for a viewpoint at St. George's Monastery, one of the most ancient monasteries in Israel, hidden in a beautiful canyon in Wadi Kelt, in the heart of the

Judean Wilderness. Upon entering Jerusalem, stop for a magnificent overview from Mount Scopus, overlooking the Holy City and the Temple Mount. Check in to your hotel. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

**Day 7** Breakfast in your hotel. Ascend Mt. of Olives for a view of Jerusalem: Overlooking the Old City, the mount is covered partly in olive trees, cemeteries and churches - commemorating the Christian events of Jesus. On to visit the Garden of Gethsemane where the ancient olive trees are believed to date back to the time of Christ.



Visit the Church of All Nations. Visit the new Archeological site at the City of David & Hezekiah Tunnel, and the newly excavated Pool of Siloam. On to an amazing tour through the Wall Tunnels, including a walk along the concealed part of the Western Wall. See the hidden parts of the Holy Temple walls, as they were in Roman Times, prior the destruction of the Temple in the year 70 CE. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

***(Optional evening Concert at Dormition Abbey on Mt Zion)***

**Day 8** Our day in the New City of Jerusalem begins at the Israeli Parliament & Menorah. Proceed to the Israel Museum and see the Shrine of the Book and First Century Model of Jerusalem. Next stop is at YAD VASHEM; the Holocaust Memorial Museum. We travel to Bethlehem, site of the birth of Jesus. Our visit here includes Shepherds' Field and the Church of the Nativity. Dinner and overnight Jerusalem.

***(Optional evening concert at St Anna Church OR at Christian mission in Bethlehem)***

**Day 9** After breakfast Visit the Church of All Nations. Enter the Old City of Jerusalem via the Lions Gate to visit St Anna Church & the Pool of Bethesda. Continue along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Walk through the Jewish Quarter and the Cardo to Mt Zion to visit the Last Supper Room and King David's Tomb. End our day at the Western Wall. Celebrate the Resurrection at the Garden tomb. Prepare for your return flight.

***(Optional evening concert at The Church of Abu-Gosh)***

**Day 10** Return home with memories of the people, places and music of the Holy Land!