



**Day 12: Mount of Olives—Gethsemane – Peter in Galicantu—Via Dolorosa - Garden Tomb** - This morning we begin our last day at the Mt of Olives where we enjoy a panoramic view over the City of Jerusalem, then walk Palm Sunday Road stopping at **Dominus Flevit** where Jesus wept over Jerusalem, along the Jewish cemetery where we look at the Eastern Gate also known as the thrones of Judgment of the city and Temple Mount reflecting over the days to come. Next we visit the **Garden of Gethsemane**. How many have wished to be whisked back in time to get a glimpse of our Lord or hear His voice if only for a moment? To walk between the ancient olive trees, read the scriptures of Jesus' prayer and take time for personal reflection in the Garden Of Gethsemane? Today we will have a very spiritual and emotional experience that begins in the Garden. (Private time at the Garden). Then we will continue to visit the **House of Caiaphas, St. Peter in Galicantu** where Paul denied Jesus three times and Jesus was beaten and spit upon. See a pit where He may have been held for the evening and the ancient hillside steps He walked as He was taken to be condemned. Next we visit the Old City where we visit the judgement hall at the Ecce Homo convent where Jesus stood for his judgment in front of Pilate. We will hear of those who conspired against Him and are reminded of His brutal beating and humiliation. While walking along the Via Dolorosa, (The Way of Sorrows) we are reminded of His way of suffering along with a visit to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. Our guide will explain the differing opinions on the route Christ was led. The actual place of crucifixion and burial is a very interesting study. Our climax of the day is the area of Golgotha (place of the skull) and the **Garden Tomb**, where we celebrate the resurrection with a time of praise, worship and communion. Take one more look at the Old City and experience the hustle & bustle as you look for souvenirs where bargaining is a must! Then we will have a farewell dinner in a local restaurant. After that we will be transferred to the airport for our flights back home!

**Day 13: Welcome Home! Praise God for an awesome journey!** Wow! What an unforgettable experience! Hopefully you will say that your faith has been renewed and that you will never be the same because of your journey through the Holy Land.

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**Tour Price:** \$ per person, double occupancy. Single Supplement: \$. **Includes:** Lodging, Airfare, Deluxe Motor-Coach Transportation, 10 Buffet Breakfast, 10 Group Dinners, 2 Group Lunch's, Local Guide, Koinonia Tour Manager, Admissions to all Historical Sites, Museums, National Parks and Attractions listed in itinerary. Airfare: Group Air will be booked once group confirmed and you will be sent air schedule. Gratuities for Drivers and Guide not included. Gratuities for dining and portage included. Deposit: \$500 per person.

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## Israel: A Life-Changing Experience!

Israel....Land of the Bible...Land of Faith...The Holy Land!

There is no place on earth like the Holy Land for a person of faith whose beliefs are rooted in the Bible! With Bible in hand, you will walk where Jesus walked, and pray in the places He taught and prayed. For Christians, Israel is a place like no other. This tour provides you a one-of-a-kind opportunity to experience the land of the Bible, to deepen your faith and to be spiritually transformed for a lifetime as you visit the land where the events of the Bible took place. Indeed, once you visit Israel, you will never be the same! You will return home with a deeper, richer and stronger faith.



**Day 1: Departure:** Today we embark on our Journey to the Holy Land. Prepare yourself for a life-changing experience. Get some rest on the flight...tomorrow you will be walking where Jesus walked!

**Day 2: Arrive in Jordan:** Transfer to Dead Sea Hotel: Upon arrival in Amman, we will meet our local guide & driver, and head directly to our hotel in the Dead Sea area in Jordan. Dinner and overnight at Dead Sea.

**Day 3: Dead Sea – Madaba – Mt. Nebo – Dead Sea:** Start the day with a visit to the “City of Mosaics,” Madaba. The Madaba Map, also known as the Madaba Mosaic Map, is part of a floor mosaic in the early Byzantine Church of Saint George in Madaba, Jordan. The Madaba Map is of the Middle East, and part of it contains the oldest surviving original cartographic depiction of the Holy Land and especially Jerusalem. Later, we will visit Mt. Nebo, the most revered holy site of Jordan. This mountain was mentioned in Deuteronomy 34, “Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah...” While here, we will tour the historic site of where Moses died and was buried. Then we will transfer back to our hotel in the Dead Sea for dinner and overnight.



**Day 4: Petra, The Famous Rock City:** A rose-red city half as old as time. Words can hardly do justice to the true magnificence that is Petra. Petra is unique in every respect, having something to offer to the historian, anthropologist, archeologist, geologist, architect, naturalist and the average person. You don't have to be specialist in any field to appreciate Petra because once inside you will want to know the how, why and where about it. Much of Petra's appeal comes from its awesome, multicolored sandstone high mountains. It is a secluded site of steep rocky slopes towering craggy mountain tops and high cliffs, into which most of the celebrated tombs, facades, theatres and

stairways are carved. Nature and architecture concur into conferring a mythical aura to the site. Petra is the ancient city carved into solid rock by the Nabataeans, whose capital it became. We will learn more about how they controlled the trade routes. They are known as one of the most gifted people in history. These Arab tribes originally came from the Arabian Peninsula more than 2200 years ago. Wow! So much to see, learn and experience in one day but we will remember it for as long as you live. Overnight Petra.

**Day 5: Petra – Jarash – Sheikh Hussein – Tiberias:** Following breakfast, we will depart to visit Jarash. To this day, its paved and colonnaded streets, soaring hilltop temples, handsome theatres, spacious public squares and plazas, bath fountains and city walls pierced by towers and gates remain in exceptional condition. Then we will depart to Israel through Sheikh Hussein Bridge. We will meet our local guide and driver to the Israeli side of the border. Then we drive to Tiberias. Dinner and Overnight.







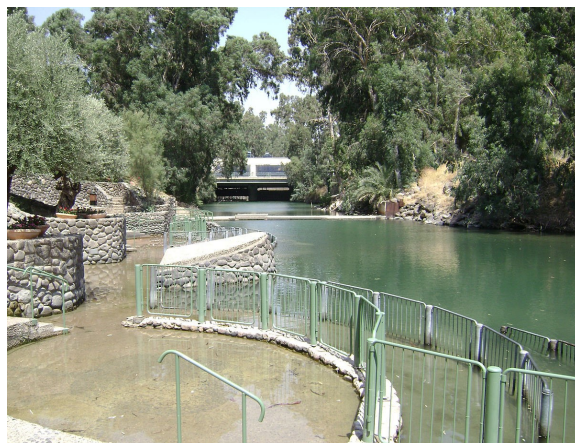
**Day 6: Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Tabgba, Primacy of Peter, Bethsaida, Dan, & Mount of Beatitudes, Caesarea Philippi:** Following breakfast, we enjoy a relaxing ride on the Sea of Galilee. On board we will have a brief scripture reading and devotional. This experience brings to life the experiences of Jesus and the fishermen disciples. We will visit the Jesus Boat Museum where we will see the ancient fisherman boat, before we make our way to the Mount of Beatitudes overlooking the sea. In Capernaum, we will visit the ruins of an ancient synagogue and Peter's home. Then we travel to the site of the possible multiplication of loaves and fishes in Bethsaida. Our travels take us to two valuable northern sites. Tel Dan the Kingdom of Israel. Dan is where the children of Israel fell to the depths of pagan worship and then Banias, Caesarea Philippi, the site of Peter's Confession. Back to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

**Day 7: Caesarea, Muhraqa, Megiddo & Nazareth:**

After breakfast, we travel to the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea, where Gentiles first heard the Good News from Peter and were baptized. We'll see the Roman Amphitheatre, hippodrome, a film on the history and remains of this famous port city and aqueduct. Then we journey to Mt. Carmel, where Elijah challenged King Ahab and the prophets of Baal. Next, we travel through the Jezreel Valley to Megiddo, the Armageddon Battlefield, where archaeologists have unearthed 20 levels of civilization. We drive through the area of Cana and Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, where we visit the Nazareth Village - a wonderful recreation of Biblical times with costumed guides. Hopefully time permits a visit to The Basilica of the Annunciation to see the cave in which the Virgin Mary received the news from Gabriel that she would give birth to Jesus, and also a stop in Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle at a wedding reception. Dinner and Overnight in Tiberias.



**Day 8: Beit Shean - Baptismal Site – Jericho – Wadi Qelt – Abraham's Tent – Jerusalem.** Following breakfast, we will depart from Tiberias to visit the Baptismal Site (Qasr El Yahud). Then we visit Beit-Shean/Scythopolis, the most magnificent archeological site in Israel, located at the strategic juncture of the Jezreel and Jordan Valleys. Like Jericho, it has been almost continuously occupied throughout history. After defeating Saul and his sons on Mt. Gilboa, the Philistines hung their bodies on the walls of Beit-Shean. During the time of Jesus, Scythopolis was one of the chief cities of the Decapolis - a league of ten cities sharing Greek culture and government. Following the fertile Jordan Valley southward, our guide will point out the agricultural restoration of the "Land of Milk and Honey," the Kibbutz system, and Israel's intricate irrigation development. Jericho, the oldest city in the world, will be our next stop. Here we will visit the Tel of Jericho with its ancient ruins, pointing out what possibly could be the foundations of the ramparts that Joshua and the Israelites brought down. Hopefully there will be time to visit Bethany Beyond the Jordan, the place where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, where Elijah and Elisha crossed the Jordan as well as the area where the children of Israel, led by Joshua, entered the Promised Land. Then we will continue to see the St. George Monastery at Wadi Qelt. We will enjoy an ancient experience at Eretz Bereshit when we are greeted by Eliezer and brought into the tent of Abraham. Genesis Land is a magical place in the Judean desert where biblical stories come to life in the landscape in which it took place. There is a camel ride to the tent where we enjoy a meal prepared from the couple known for their hospitality. You will enjoy this unique experience. Next we have a Genesis welcome as we enter Jerusalem. Overnight at Jerusalem.



**Day 9: Western Wall Tunnels – Davidson Centre – St. Anne – Israeli Museum – Yad Vashem.** After a buffet breakfast, we begin the day with a visit to **the Western Wall Tunnels** leading us through the Second Temple era. The tunnel and exhibit give a clear understanding of the amazing construction of the Temple Mount, giant stones, water supply and Roman streets where our Lord was led to judgment. Before exiting the tunnel, we see the immense cornerstone rejected by the builders. Then we continue to visit the Davidson Centre. This southern side of the Temple was the main entrance for the common folk, whereas the Priests and Levites had their own entrance from the higher eastern side. Parts of the giant stairs, which led to the Temple Mount from the courtyard, have been unearthed along with the purification pools. From here Jesus entered the Temple Mount and drove out the vendors and money changers who were exploiting the people. It is also likely this is the place where Peter stood and preached and where thousands were saved and baptized on the day of Pentecost. Then we visit the Church of St. Anne & Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed the paralytic. An interesting and educational time awaits us this afternoon at the **Israeli Museum**. Walk through collections of centuries old Israeli artifacts including the Dead Sea Scrolls. We then take a guided walk through an accurately detailed model city of Biblical Jerusalem which will help to prepare us for what we will experience in the following days. Then we head to **Yad Vashem** where we visit the Holocaust Museum. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. The Temple Mount is a possible option, but only if time and conditions permit will we ascend the Temple Mount. We will spend time discussing its connection to both the Old and New Testaments. We will also discuss why it is considered the third holiest site in Islam.

**Day 10: Masada, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea Scrolls:** Our day begins with a cable car ride to the mountain top fortress of **Masada**. Here our guide will treat us to the history of the famous zealot stand. Afterwards we proceed to **Ein Gedi, "Spring of the Goat,"** an oasis on the western shore of the Dead Sea. Because of its warm climate and abundant supply of water, the site developed a reputation for its fragrant plants and date palm groves. This is where King David hid from Saul, and where God defeated the enemies of the Israelites by praise and worship led by King Jehoshaphat. Next, we visit **Qumran Caves** where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were discovered in 1947 by local Bedouins. The oldest known existing copy of the Old Testament was apart of the scrolls. Learn about the Essenes sect believed that the scrolls belonged to them. You can see the caves and see the remains of the community's way of life. Back to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

**Day 11: City of David - Mt. Zion - Bethlehem - Shepherd's Field:** The City of David is the original hilltop upon which King David dedicated ancient Jerusalem as his capital 3,000 years ago. Deep underground, the City of David is revealing some of the most exciting archeological finds of the ancient world. The site includes the **Warren's Shaft**, ancient water systems such as Hezekiah's Tunnel and the **Second Temple Shiloah** pool. This afternoon we will visit Bethlehem, City of David, Birthplace of Jesus and one of the oldest city's in the world. The birth is marked by an inlaid silver star in a grotto under the 6th-century Church of the Nativity, which shares Manger Square with the 15th-century Church of St. Catherine and the 1860 Mosque of Omar. The Shepherds' Field and Grotto, the Arab village of Beit-Sahur, which sits in the middle of the Booz fields mentioned in the book of Ruth (Ruth 3:5), has been identified by tradition as the Shepherds' Field, that is, the place where the announcement of Jesus' birth to the shepherds by the angels took place. (Luke 2:8-15). Before returning to the hotel we will have some time for shopping in a shop that has many fascinating items to provide some lasting memories of your journey to the Holy Land.

