



Day 1 Depart for Israel

Day 2 Arrive in Israel

Upon arriving in Tel Aviv, our guide, will meet us at the airport with the bus to see your first glimpses of Israel as we drive to **Jerusalem**. After a time of rest in the hotel, the excitement of the Holy Land begins! This evening we will sneak out of the hotel for a quick visit to explore the remnant of the Temple, known as the Western Wall, or “Kotel” in Hebrew. Into the Old City through the Damascus gate to see where the Jewish people traditionally pray and put prayer requests into the cracks of the Wall.

“The idea is not that we're praying to the wall, and not that there's any sort of superstition, but rather because it's so clear that there's a Divine Presence here, that even writing a prayer on a piece of paper is like praying. It's like a continual prayer for a particular person, for that particular need.” -Quote from www.Aish.com

Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (Jerusalem)

Day 3 Jerusalem

Today we visit the Mt. of Olives to see the view of the Temple Mount and the Old City of Jerusalem from above. After a briefing from our guide, we will proceed by foot down the Palm Sunday Road to the same area where Christ made His triumphal ride to the city and wept over Jerusalem. Further down the Mount is the Garden of Gethsemane where we will have time in the Garden for meditation and sharing thoughts as we gaze across the Kidron Valley to the Eastern Gate. This gate could be built over the very gate through which Jesus made His triumphal entry and to the gate where Christ will make entry at the second coming! It was in this garden that Judas betrayed Him with a kiss while officers and men sent from the High Priest would lead Him away. We will also visit the Rabbi's Tunnel where we will walk through one of the tunnels where the religious leaders say the Ark of the Covenant and other important Jewish artifacts are hidden.

“In front of the Western Wall of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, an incredible labyrinth of tunnels, arches, and passageways has remained untouched for centuries. At last, revealed through extensive archaeological excavations during the last few decades and culminating in the explosive opening of in autumn of 1996, the Tunnels beckon us to enter.” -Quote from Aish.com

Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (Jerusalem)

Day 4 Jerusalem

Today, we will visit the House of Caiaphas, the High Priest, where Jesus may have been held in the dungeon, even see steps from the time of Christ ascending to the house. We will then go to an Upper Room, similar to the one where Jesus and His Disciples had the Last Supper. We will again visit the Western (Wailing) Wall and then head up to the Temple Mount to visit the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque. We depart by way of Antonia Fortress where Jesus appeared before Pontius Pilate, was scourged, sentenced to death, and began His walk to Golgotha. We will follow the narrow streets in the Old City and depart thru the Damascus Gate. We will visit The Temple Mount Institute to see a video and the High Priests' garments. The clothing and vessels are being prepared to use for sacrifices after the temple is built. You will begin to understand why the religious Jews think the Messiah is coming soon! While visiting the Institute, we will see pictures showing the ancient sacrifices of the red heifer. We will also see modern pictures from an Israeli Kibbutz where they are trying to breed a suitable red heifer.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (Jerusalem)

Day 5 & 6 Jerusalem

On our two last days here in Jerusalem, we will see as many sites as time allows. We will get a good look at the bulge that has developed in the wall supporting the Temple Mount. Also, visit a new excavation at the south end of the Temple Mount. We will then drive to the city of Bethlehem (political situation permitting), see Manger Square, the Church of the Nativity, an olive wood factory, and view a shepherd's field. We will end the full day of our "Walk through the Bible" with a communion service at the Garden Tomb. We will also visit an empty tomb that many believe is the tomb where Christ was laid. We will visit the Model City of Jerusalem, an exact miniature of the Walled City of Jesus' day. It is built to scale with 1' equal to 50'. As we spend time on this model, we will begin to understand the proximity of sites we have visited. After this, we will do a walking tour of the Old City with a visit to the Cardo, an original Roman street.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (Jerusalem)

Day 7 Qumran, Dead Sea, Masada, Tiberias

Today we will descend from Jerusalem's 2,500ft elevation to the Dead Sea, which is 1,300 ft below sea level, the lowest place on earth! We will visit Qumran, the discovery site of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Ein-Gedi, the beautiful desert oasis where David sought refuge from Saul. At the south end of the Dead Sea, we will ride a cable car up to the mountain top fortress of Masada. It was here that Jewish zealots held out against the Roman armies for 3 years and then committed suicide rather than surrender. We will "swim" in the Dead Sea before traveling to Tiberias, with a quick stop at Beit She'an, where the Philistines hung the bodies of Saul and Jonathan.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (Tiberias/Galilee)

Day 8 Galilee

We start the morning with a view of the sunrise over the Sea of Galilee. What a sight! One you will never forget! Next, we will take a boat trip across the Sea and then on to Capernaum. This is where Jesus called His disciples from among the fishermen and the site where Bethsaida stood. Jesus pronounced a curse on these cities, and they have never been rebuilt. We will ascend the Golan Heights and look into Syria. Then we drive north to the foot of Mt. Hermon and Caesarea Philippi. It was here that Peter confessed that Jesus is the Son of the Living God. We will drive along the border with Lebanon before returning to the hotel.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (Tiberias/Galilee)

Day 9 Galilee

This morning we travel north for a stop at Magdala, the hometown of Mary Magdalene. We continue to the Mt. of Beatitudes, where Jesus taught. We will travel to Nablus, where we will visit Jacob's Well. We will stop at the site where Gideon slew the entire enemy with only 300 dedicated warriors. We return to Tiberias for dinner and overnight. Time permitting a special treat this day might be to stop by the dig of Dr Scott Stripling on Mount Ebal where they have just discovered the altar as described in the book Joshua chapter 8!

Dinner and overnight at our hotel (Tiberias/Galilee)

Day 10 Hadera

Today we begin our journey to Caesarea Maritima (Caesarea by the Sea) to see the restored theatre where Paul may have spoken to King Agrippa and been imprisoned. We will visit the amazing aqueducts and see other sites showing Roman ruins. This evening, we will enjoy the beautiful view of the Mediterranean. We'll end the day with a swim in the Sea as we watch the sunset.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel (Netanya)

Day 11 Hadera / Allenby Bridge / Amman/Jerash

On our journey to Jordan we will visit Jaffa, where Peter received the word to take the Gospel to the Gentiles and where Jonah ran from God. We then head to the Allenby Bridge for border formalities. Making our way to the Baptismal site and then on to Jerash, the ruins of the ancient Roman city. Passing by the area where Jacob met the angel, we continue to Petra area for dinner and overnight.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel (Petra)

Day 12 Amman/Petra/Amman

Today will we travel to the "Rose colored' ruins of Petra, a place where many think the Jewish people will be driven in the tribulation. We will journey through the entrance to view the old ruins of Petra.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (Dead Sea Resort)

DAY 13 Amman/Cairo

Today we fly from Amman to Cairo. Depending on the flights, we will go directly to the hotel for dinner and overnight or will visit one of the sites in Cairo

Dinner and overnight at our hotel (Cairo)

DAY 14 Cairo

Full day visit includes Memphis, Sakkara, Giza Pyramids, and the Sphinx.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (Cairo)

DAY 15 Cairo

Full day visit includes Egyptian Museum, Shopping and Felucca Nile Ride.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (Cairo)

DAY 16 Depart for Home

This morning we transfer to the airport for our flight back to the USA, where we arrive the same day. Our hearts being filled with many memories of this Journey of a Lifetime.