

Day 1 – Monday, January 10: Depart U.S.A.

Tour members meet for our flight to Israel. After boarding our plane, dinner is served. It's time to sit back, relax, and enjoy the on-board entertainment to prepare for this exciting adventure of a lifetime.

Day 2 – Tuesday, January 11: Arrive Tel Aviv, Beth Shemesh, Valley of Elah, Jerusalem

After we arrive in Tel Aviv, we proceed through customs and security and meet our guide who then assists us to our motor coach. Time and conditions permitting, if we have an early arrival, we will visit two Biblical sites on our way to Jerusalem. As time allows, we stop at Beth Shemesh (1 Samuel 6) and then the Valley of Elah (where David met Goliath, 1 Samuel 17). We then transfer to our hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

Day 3 – Wednesday, January 12: Mt. of Olives, Palm Sunday Road, Garden of Gethsemane, Jewish Quarter, Western Wall Tunnels, Via Dolorosa, Bethesda Pool, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Southern Steps, Solomon's Quarry

We begin the day on the beautiful Mt. of Olives to behold the breathtaking panorama of the Holy City. Our pilgrimage will proceed down the Old Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive grove, and the Church of Agony, where tradition holds that Jesus prayed. We will walk to the holiest site in the whole Jewish world, the Western (Wailing) Wall of Herod's temple to walk through the Rabbinical Tunnels. Beyond the wall lies the 35-acre temple area purchased by King David (2 Samuel 24:18-25). On this site now stands El -Aksa Mosque, and the magnificent Dome of the Rock (the third holiest shrine in Islam). We make our way to St. Stephen's Gate, to walk the Via Dolorosa, including St. Anne's Crusader Church, Pools of Bethesda, the Pavement (where Jesus stood while being tried by Pilate), Ecce Homo Arch. We continue to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. A short walk takes us to stand on the original steps that Jesus walked on as he entered the Temple area. We will have dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 4 – Thursday, January 13: Shrine of the Book, Model City, City of David, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Siloam, St. Peter Gallicantu, Garden Tomb

This morning, we visit the Shrine of the Book Museum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls and the fascinating 1:50 scale model of Jerusalem as it would have appeared in Jesus' time. Plus, we spend a brief time in the Archaeological Museum. Next, we drive to and tour the Old Testament City of David, a unique archaeological find. We will also walk to Hezekiah's Tunnel (conditions permitting). Be sure to bring a flashlight and water shoes to walk through the tunnel. Those wanting to stay dry can walk through the Canaanite Tunnel. This ends with a visit to the newly excavated Pool of Siloam. Our visits continue with the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu (Mark 14). Then, we end our day with worship and communion at the Garden Tomb. Dinner and overnight are in Jerusalem.



Day 5 – Friday, January 14: Bethany, Bethlehem, Shepherd's Field, Olive Wood Workshop, Herodian

Our day begins with a visit to Bethany, home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus (conditions permitting). We then journey to Bethlehem for a wonderful visit to the Church of the Nativity and then to the Shepherd's Field. We'll also enjoy visiting an olive wood workshop below a wonderful souvenir and gift store. Time permitting, we will drive past Herodian, the "palace-fortress" built by King Herod, located on the edge of the Judean Desert. Herod would be buried here. Then, we return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Day 6 – Saturday, January 15: Qasr El Yahud, Masada, Ein Gedi, Qumran, Dead Sea for Swim/Float

After breakfast, we begin our day with a drive from Jerusalem to the Dead Sea region. This is a descent of 4,000 feet in 13 miles. Our first stop is at the Jordan River (Qasr el Yahud) near the site of the Israelites crossing the Jordan (Joshua 3), Elijah ascended to heaven (2 Kings 2) and Jesus was baptized (Mathew 3). We then travel to Masada, where we take a cable car up to the fortress built by King Herod. Here, we survey the ruins of fortifications, waterworks, temples and palaces. Next, we drive to Ein Gedi where David hid from King Saul (1 Samuel 24). A short drive takes us to Qumran and the settlement of the first century sect known as the Essenes, authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Afterwards, we follow the road north along the western shore of the Dead Sea (the lowest spot on earth), where we will stop for the opportunity to float or wade in this unique lake. Dinner and overnight are in Jerusalem.

Day 7 – Sunday, January 16: Wadi Kelt, Jericho, Seeds of Hope Ministry, Jordan Valley, Beit Shean, Harod Spring, Sea of Galilee/ Nof Ginosar

Today, we begin with a stop in the "Old Roman Road" and stop to view the Wadi Kelt and the Wilderness. We proceed to Jericho and view the Mount of Temptation and drive past the ruins of ancient, Biblical Jericho. Then, we drive north along the Jordan Valley with our first stop at Beit Shean, where the bodies of King Saul and his sons were hung by the Philistines on the walls of this city (1 Samuel 31:8-12). Beit Shean is one of the best-preserved Decapolis Roman cities, and here we enjoy the ruins of the theatre, the main street, bathhouse, and more. We then continue to Harod (Gideon) Spring, where Gideon chose 300 warriors to fight the Midianites (Judges 7). We then proceed north to the Sea of Galilee, passing through Tiberias on our way to our hotel. Dinner and overnight are at our hotel by the Sea of Galilee.



Day 8 – Monday, January 17: Golan Heights, Caesarea Philippi, Tel Dan, Mt. of Beatitudes, Seven Springs, St Peter's Primacy Church, Capernaum, Boat Ride, "Jesus Boat" Museum, Magdala, Gadara

There is nothing like watching a sunrise on the Sea of Galilee from our hotel. After breakfast, we travel north to the Golan Heights for a beautiful view of northern Israel's landscape. We will head to Caesarea Philippi, where Peter confessed, "You are the Messiah,

the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:13-16). We embark on a short hike to Tel Dan to see the altar of Jeroboam. Afterwards, we make our way to the Mt. of Beatitudes (Matthew 5-7), where we walk down the ancient path to the Sea of Galilee followed by visits to Seven Springs and St. Peter's Primacy (John 21). Then, we visit Capernaum (Jesus' base for His early ministry). Next, we board a replica wooden "Jesus Boat" for our boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. We conclude our sightseeing with a visit to the new Magdala archaeological site, which is rich in cultural history for both Jews and Christians. We return to our hotel by the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.

Day 9 – Tuesday, January 18: Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Nazareth, Megiddo, Caesarea Maritima, Farewell Dinner, Netanya

We have an early morning departure, leaving the Sea of Galilee for Mt. Tabor to visit the Church of the Transfiguration. Time permitting, we will have a brief stop at the Village of Nain. We drive to Nazareth for visits to the Church of Annunciation, Mary's Well (Orthodox Church), and the Precipice. Afterwards, we drive to Megiddo (Armageddon, Rev. 16:16), before making our way to Herod's city of Caesarea. This is where the first gentile, Cornelius, became a Christian (Acts 10); and where St. Paul defended himself in front of Felix (Acts 23:23) and was imprisoned for two years before he sailed to Rome. We then arrive in Netanya on the Mediterranean Coast, where we will have our Farewell Dinner and spend our last night in Israel.

Day 10 – Wednesday, January 19: Depart Tel Aviv, Arrive in U.S.A.

This morning we transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our flight back home. We arrive back in the U.S.A. today. At the close of an unforgettable tour, we take home wonderful memories of the Old and New Testament.

**OPTIONAL EGYPT EXTENSION
\$1647.00 per person**

Price is based on minimum of 15 travelers for price to be valid (Includes: flight from Sharm El Sheik to Cairo, Visa & Border taxes of \$48 & Gratuities of \$75)

Day 10 – Wednesday, January 19: Arrive in Egypt

Today we leave for an exciting time in Egypt. Upon arrival at Taba border, we transfer to St. Catherine for check-in, dinner, and overnight at our hotel.

Day 11 – Thursday, January 20: Mt. Moussa, St. Catherine's Monastery, Fly to Cairo

This morning we meet in the hotel lobby by 2:00 a.m. to start our day by climbing Moussa Mountain with our local guide (those who choose not to climb, can stay back at the hotel). On the southern end of the collection of peaks, is Mount Moussa (Mountain of Moses), biblically considered to be where Moses received the Ten Commandments from God. Climbing the mountain takes about 3 hours on foot following the Path of Moses – a stairway of nearly 4,000 steps - to arrive at the peak for the wonderful view of the sunrise. After enjoying the sunrise, we visit St. Catherine's Monastery, located at the foot of the mountain. The monastery is built around what is thought to be Moses' Burning Bush and is

a spectacular natural setting for priceless works of art. We then transfer to Sharm El Sheikh airport for our short flight to Cairo. Upon arrival in Cairo, we transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 12 – Friday, January 21: Cairo, Great Pyramids, Sphinx, Memphis

After breakfast, we venture to visit some of Egypt's oldest sites, and enjoy a camel ride. We first visit the Pyramids of Giza. The Great Pyramid of Cheops is the largest and is comprised of 2.3 million stone blocks. We enter this pyramid and visit the King's Chamber. Nearby, we visit the Solar Boat Museum, to see an ancient Egyptian cedar wood boat dating back 4,500 years. We also visit the Great Sphinx. Then, we visit the Necropolis of Sakkara, to see King Zoser's Step Pyramid. This vast site in the heart of the desert plateau is the largest necropolis in Egypt. We end in Memphis to see the limestone Colossus of Ramses II. Here the remnants of the nation's first capital and once the most cosmopolitan city in Egypt now lie scattered in the desert. Dinner and overnight are in Cairo.



Day 13 – Saturday, January 22: Cairo

After breakfast, we enjoy a special tour of the Museum of Antiquities. The museum houses the greatest collection of Pharaonic treasures in the world, including the expansive Tutankhamen collection of golden treasures. We continue to visit the Citadel. Inside, we see the lavishly decorated Alabaster Mosque of Mohammed Ali. We continue to the famous Suspended Church, dating back to the late fourth and early fifth centuries. We then visit the Church of St. Sergius, a fifth-century Coptic church built in the cave where the Holy Family stayed. We come to the Synagogue of Ben Ezra, where Moses was saved by Pharaoh's water girl. Finally today, we stroll through the Khan El Khalili Bazaar, a bustling warren of shops where you can bargain for rugs, copper and leather crafts, and much more. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 14 – Sunday, January 23: Depart Cairo, Arrive in U.S.A.

This morning we transfer to Cairo Airport for our flight back to the U.S.A. and arrive home the same day.

**While we do our very best at making sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, political climate, time constraints, or changes by your tour leader and tour guide.*

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