

Following the Lord' Steps

9 days/7 nights

Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Megiddo, Haifa, Acre, Tiberias, Capernaum, Caesarea Philippi, Galilee, Nazareth, Beit Shean, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Qumran, Masada, Dead Sea**Faith, History, Archaeology, Relaxation****Day 1 - Sat: USA, Tel Aviv**

Depart USA on overnight flight to Athens. Dinner and breakfast served on board.

Day 2 – Sun: Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Upon arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport, please proceed to the Arrival Hall, where our driver will be waiting for you next to the Stymatski store. Transfer to Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight. [D]

Day 3 - Mon: Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Megiddo, Haifa, Acre

Following a delicious Israeli buffet breakfast (which you will enjoy each morning prior to departing for your day of touring), depart Tel Aviv. Drive north along the coastal plain to Caesarea (*Acts 9.30 Acts 10 24-48*), capital of Judea under the Romans. Visit the excavations of this ancient city, the Roman theater and aqueduct. Continue to Megiddo (*1 Kings 4.28, 9.15, 2 Kings 23, 29 & Revel. 16.16*), identified as the site of Armageddon. Visit the archaeological excavations at Megiddo, including the well-preserved water supply system. Drive to the beautiful port city of Haifa, nestled on the Mediterranean Sea, for a panoramic view of the Bahai Gardens and Haifa Bay. From Haifa continue to Acre (*Micah 1.10*), capital of the Crusaders for more than a century. Visit the ancient city and harbor before continuing eastwards across the plains of the Galilee to hotel, not far from the Sea of Galilee for dinner. Overnight in a kibbutz guesthouse. [B/D]

**Day 4 - Tue: Acre, Tiberias, Capernaum, Caesarea Philippi, Galilee**

After a short tour of the Kibbutz grounds we take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum (*Matt. 4.13 13.54, 17.24, Luke 7, Mark 1.2, John 4.46-54*). Visit the remains of the 2nd century synagogue. Proceed to Tabgha (*Matt. 13, Mark .33-45, & John 21*), the site of the miracle of fish and loaves, and visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Continue to the Mount of the Beatitudes (*Matt. 5, 6, 7, 8*), where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Drive to the Caesarea Philippi Spring and Waterfall (*Matt. 16.13 and Mark 8.27*), where Jesus was recognized as The Messiah by His Disciples. Tour the Golan Heights, with its valleys, grazing land and snow-capped mountains. Return to hotel for dinner. Overnight at a kibbutz guesthouse. [B/D]

Day 5 – Wed – Galilee, Nazareth, Beit Shean, Jerusalem

Begin the day with a drive to Nazareth (*Luke 1.26, 4.16-29, Matthew 2.23*) via Cana of Galilee (*John 2.1-11*). In Nazareth, we shall visit the Church of the Annunciation, St. Joseph's Workshop and Mary's well. Next on our program is the Jordan River and the Baptismal site Yardenit. Continue to Beit Shean, one of the ancient Decapolis cities (*Mark 5.20, 7.31*), and visit the Roman theater. This is the city where Saul and his son Jonathan were nailed to the walls (*1st Samuel 31.10 -Judges 1.27 also mentions Beit Shean*). Continue south along the shores of the River of Jordan. Passing Jericho, we proceed westward and climb to the Golden City of Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. [B/D]

Day 6 – Thu: Jerusalem (Old City)

Today we visit the Old City of Jerusalem. Our appreciation of this Golden City begins with a panoramic view from the Mount of Olives, overlooking the walls of the old city and the ancient Jewish cemetery. Visit the Church of All Nations. Proceed to Mount Zion to see the tomb of King David and the nearby Room of the Last Supper (*Mark 14.13, Luke 22. 10-38, Matt 26 17-29, Acts 1.13 and Acts 2 the Pentecost*). Enter the Old City to begin exploring the wonders of Jerusalem. Walk through the Cardo, the main street of Jerusalem 2000 years ago. View the Temple Mount and the Western Wall. Walk along the Via Dolorosa where Jesus carried His Cross. Continue to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (*Matt. 27. 33-57, 28.10*). No visit to Jerusalem is complete without a walk through the colorful Arab bazaar (a chance to test your negotiating skills). Visit the Garden Tomb. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. [B/D]

Day 7 – Fri: Jerusalem (New City and Bethlehem)

Today's program is dedicated to the new city of Jerusalem. Visit the model of ancient Jerusalem. Continue to Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. Enter the site by walking along the Street of the Righteous Gentiles, dedicated to the non-Jews who risked their lives in order to save their Jewish neighbors. Continue to Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptists (*Luke 1.39-80*). This Spanish style church and Mary's well is where Mother Mary met her cousin Elizabeth. Proceed to Bethlehem* to visit the Church of the Nativity. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. [B/D]

Day 8 – Sat: Jerusalem (Qumran, Masada, Dead Sea)

Drive through the Judean Desert to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947 by a Bedouin boy. Visit the ancient city of Qumran and drive along the shore of the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth, to Masada, the last stronghold of the Jews after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A.D. Ascend Masada by cable car and visit the food storeroom, water irrigation system and Herod's Palace. Time and weather permitting we will have an opportunity to float on the Dead Sea waters. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. [B/D]

Day 9 – Sun: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, USA

Transfer from hotel to airport for your departure flight. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Airfare between USA and Israel
- Private transfers:
 - Ben Gurion Airport to Hotel in Tel Aviv
 - Hotel in Jerusalem to Airport.
- Meeting and assistance
- 7 nights' accommodation:
 - Tel Aviv - 1 night
 - Galilee - 2 nights
 - Jerusalem- 4 nights
- Meals
 - Breakfast daily
 - 6 dinners

- 6 full-day touring with A/C
- English speaking guide throughout the tour
- Local English-speaking guide in Jerusalem
- All entrance fees as per itinerary

Tour does not include:

- Airport taxes and carrier fees
- Travel Insurance
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Tips to driver, guide or hotel staff
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Tourist Class		
Tel Aviv	Prima City	4
Galilee	Kinar - Hermon	5
Jerusalem	Prima Park	4
First Class		
Tel Aviv	Dan Panorama	4
Galilee	Kinar - Hermon	5
Jerusalem	Dan Panorama	4
Deluxe		
Tel Aviv	Casa Nova	5
Galilee	Kinar - Hermon	5
Jerusalem	King David	5

MEAL PLAN: Normally we include daily breakfast and dinner for all groups. However, the meal plan may vary depending on the organizer's request

- All hotels will be requested after discussion with the group Organizer

Group Prices:

The price for the group will be quoted based on the number of passengers, season, hotel type and meal plan.

Group organizers always travel for free if the group has 15 or more paying passengers.

Inclusion of tour conductors must be considered at time of request.

- If you wish to use this program for your group please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with you to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our special Leisure Fares, buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.

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Options

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.