

In the Footsteps of Our Lord 8 days/7 nights – Sunday arrival (Faith, History, Archaeology)

# Day 1 – 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.

# Day 2 - Mon: 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 Kibbutz hotel Lavi, not far from the Sea of Galilee for dinner. Overnight in a kibbutz guesthouse. [B/D]

# Day 3 - Tue: Tiberias, Capernaum, Caesarea Philippi

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 Kibbutz Lavi for dinner. Overnight at a kibbutz guesthouse. [B/D]

### Day 4 – Wed – Nazareth, Beit Shean

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 5 – 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 6 – 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



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the Nativity. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. [B/D]

# Day 7 – Sat: Qumran, Masada, Dead Sea

Drive through the Judean Desert to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls where 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 8 - Sun: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, USA

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

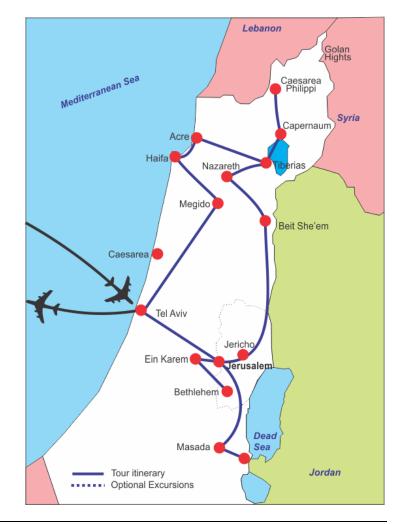
- Note: \* visit subject to availability
- [B] = Breakfast | [B/D] = Breakfast and dinner

### Your Tour includes:

- Private transfers:
  - Ben Gurion Airport to Hotel in Tel Aviv
  - Hotel in Jerusalem to Airport.
- · Meeting and assistance
- 7 nights accommodation:
  - o Tel Aviv 1 night
  - o Kibbutz Lavi 2 nights
  - Jerusalem- 4 nights
- Meals
  - o Breakfast daily
- 6 dinners
- 6 full-day touring with A/C
- · All entrance fees as per itinerary

### Tour does not include:

- Airfare between USA and Israel
- · Airport taxes
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Tips to driver, guide or hotel staff
- · Any item not mentioned as "Included"





# Hotels in your Tour

Hotel Plan	Plan A	Plan B	Plan C						
Category	Superiot 1st Class	First Class	Moderate 1st Calss						
Tel Aviv	Dan Panorama	Grand Beach	Grand Beach						
Galilee	Kibbutz Lavi - Hod	Kibbutz Lavi - Hod	Kibbutz Lavi - Lev						
Jerusalem	Dan Panorama	Grand Court	Prima Park						

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking and may be replaced by similar or better ones

# **Tour Prices:**

Dates	PLAN A		PLAN B			PLAN C					
	Doubl	Single	Triple	Double	Single	Triple	Double	Single	Triple		
2016											
Jun 26	\$1,805	\$2,609	\$1,579	\$1,459	\$2,015	\$1,385	\$1,355	\$1,935	\$1,309		
Jul 3, 10, 17, 34,	\$1,865	\$2,665	\$1,635	\$1,515	\$2,069	\$1,445	\$1,409	\$1,989	\$1,369		
Aug 7, 14	\$2,005	\$2,865	\$1,765	\$1,525	\$2,095	\$1,445	\$1,425	\$2,015	\$1,379		
Aug 21	\$1,915	\$2,775	\$1,675	\$1,525	\$2,095	\$1,445	\$1,425	\$2,015	\$1,379		
Aug 28	\$1,865	\$2,665	\$1,635	\$1,525	\$2,095	\$1,445	\$1,425	\$2,015	\$1,379		
Sep 4, 11, 18, 25	\$1,805	\$2,609	\$1,579	\$1,459	\$2,015	\$1,385	\$1,355	\$2,015	\$1,309		
Oct 23	\$1,829	\$2,635	\$1,599	\$1,469	\$2,039	\$1,395	\$1,365	\$1,959	\$1,319		
Oct 30	\$1,805	\$2,609	\$1,579	\$1,469	\$1,999	\$1,395	\$1,365	\$1,959	\$1,319		
Nov 6	\$1,805	\$2,609	\$1,579	\$1,459	\$1,999	\$1,385	\$1,355	\$1,935	\$1,309		
Nov 13	\$1,685	\$2,389	\$1,499	\$1,459	\$1,999	\$1,385	\$1,355	\$1,935	\$1,309		
Nov 20, 27	\$1,655	\$2,335	\$1,479	\$1,449	\$1,999	\$1,385	\$1,325	\$1,895	\$1,265		
Dec 4, 11	\$1,655	\$2,335	\$1,479	\$1,449	\$1,999	\$1,385	\$1,319	\$1,885	\$1,255		
Dec 18, 25	\$1,919	\$2,785	\$1,839	\$1,449	\$1,999	\$1,385	\$1,319	\$1,885	\$1,255		
2017											
Jan 1	\$1,705	\$2,429	\$1,519	\$1,449	\$1,999	\$1,385	\$1,319	\$1,885	\$1,255		
jan 8, 15, 22, 29	\$1,655	\$2,335	\$1,479	\$1,449	\$1,999	\$1,385	\$1,319	\$1,885	\$1,255		
Feb 5, 12, 19	\$1,655	\$2,335	\$1,479	\$1,449	\$1,999	\$1,385	\$1,319	\$1,885	\$1,255		

Prices are per person and may change without notice