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A Journey Through the

Holy Lands

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March 27 - April 7, 2020



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Baptismal site on the Jordan River

Day 1: Friday, March 27, 2020 • Depart USA
We begin our pilgrimage with a flight from Minneapolis.

Day 2: Saturday, March 28, 2020 • Arrival in Tel Aviv
Upon arrival at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport our Israeli host assists us with the transfer of our luggage. We then board a motor coach, meet our guide, and drive along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea to our Tel Aviv hotel. Time permitting, we take a walking tour of Joppa/Jaffa, the ancient seaport mentioned in the biblical narratives of Jonah and the whale, and Solomon's import of the cedars of Lebanon. It is also where Simon the tanner lived and Peter stayed during his missionary activities. **D**

Day 3: Sunday, March 29, 2020 • Galilee Region
After our first Israeli breakfast, we board our coach and drive north up the coast to **Caesarea Maritima**, built by King Herod the Great in 22 B.C. It was here that Pontius Pilate lived and where the Gospel was first brought to the Gentiles. While here, we visit the Roman Theater, the Roman Aqueduct, and the Herodian Port. We drive by **Mount Carmel** where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal and stop at Mount Precipice where the Nazarenes wanted to throw Jesus off the cliff (Lk. 4:16-30). Then we continue to **Megiddo**, the Chariot City for Solomon and Ahab. Here we explore the vast archaeological remains of this ancient city. We end our day with a **boat ride** across the Sea of Galilee and stop to see the 2000 year old **Jesus boat**. **B/D**

Day 4: Monday, March 30, 2020 • Galilee Region
Our morning begins at Nazareth where we visit the Church of the Annunciation, see Mary's well, and walk through Nazareth Village. We drive around the Sea of Galilee, passing by Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene. We enter the 2,000 year old remains of **Capernaum** (Lk. 4:31-37) and stand in what is left of the synagogue in which our Lord ministered. We also see Peter's house. We visit **Tabgha**, commemorating the feeding of the 5,000 (Lk. 9); Mensa Christi, where the Lord appeared to the disciples after the resurrection (Jn. 21); and the Church of Peter's Primacy. We stop at **Chorazim** and **Mount of the Beatitudes**, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount. We end the day in a time of spiritual blessing as we stop at Yardenit, the famous baptismal site at the headwaters of the Jordan River. Here we will be invited to touch the water. **B/D**

Day 5: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 • Galilee Region
This morning we drive to **Caesarea Philippi (Banias)**, one of the sources of the Jordan River. It was here that Jesus asked his



Garden of Gethsemane

disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" and began to explain to them that he must go to Jerusalem (Mt. 16:13-23) and be crucified. Next, we visit **Tel Dan**, where the tribe of Dan lived; it was originally called Laish. Dan introduced idolatry into the land of Israel, and it was here where King Jeroboam set up a high place of worship to a golden calf (1 Kgs. 12:25-33). We pause to reflect on the significance of the **Road to Damascus**. In the **Golan Heights**, we recall the scene of bitter fighting during the Six Day War and the Valley of the Tears. Here we enjoy the view of the snowcapped peak of Mount Hermon, the highest mountain in the Middle East. At **Gamla**, we view the remains of a 1st-century town and synagogue where Jesus likely preached, enjoy the beautiful waterfall, and marvel at the large vultures and eagles soaring above us. We visit **Bethsaida** and return to our hotel in the Galilee region for dinner and overnight. **B/D**

Day 6: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 • Qumran
We start the day at **Gideon Spring** where Gideon chose his army to fight the Midianites. We continue on to the **Tel of Bet Shean**, where the bodies of King Saul and his sons hung from the city gates (1 Sam. 31). Next, we spend some time at the luxurious Roman city of **Bet Shean** before passing through the Judean Wilderness driving by Jericho en route to **Qumran**. Here we view Cave # 4, which contained the greatest quantity of scrolls. We continue to **En Gedi** and relive one of David's historic encounters with King Saul. We make a stop at the **Dead Sea**, where we have a chance to swim and float in the Dead Sea. Dinner and overnight in Dead Sea area. **B/D**

Day 7: Thursday, April 2, 2020 • Jerusalem
We start the day at **Masada**, the famous stronghold where the Jewish people held out while being under attack from the Roman Army. We rise to the top by cable car and see remnants of the city on the top. Our next stop is **Arad** to view the remarkable temple patterned after God's temple in Jerusalem, and at **Beersheba** viewing the post patriarchal well and tree reminiscent of Genesis 21. Drive through the Elah Valley where David faced Goliath (1 Sam. 22) and walk along the **Road Emmaus**. We continue to Jerusalem for dinner and our hotel for next 5 nights. **B/D**

Day 8: Friday, April 3, 2020 • Jerusalem
Today we travel to **Shilo**, the ancient home of the Arch of the covenant, then drive through the Samaritan mountains back to Jerusalem. Here we visit the **Israel Museum** where we see the Temple Model and the Shrine of the Book. Our touring today ends at the **Western (Wailing) Wall**, Judaism's most holy site. **B/D**



Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Day 9: Saturday, April 4, 2020 • Jerusalem

Our morning begins at **Mt. Zion**, where we sing praises in the Upper Room (Lk. 22:7-38), view the traditional tomb of King David, and proceed to **St. Peter Gallicantu**, Caiaphas the High Priest's house (Jn. 18). Here we walk through some of the ancient rooms. At **Herodium** we view the tomb of Herod the Great. We see the **Shepherd's Fields** and explore **Bethlehem**, including a visit to the **Church of the Nativity**. **B/D**

Day 10: Sunday, April 5, 2020 • Jerusalem

Today is Palm Sunday! We drive to the top of the **Mount of Olives** where we enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the Old City and the Kidron Valley. From here it is a short walk down along the **Palm Sunday Way** to the **Garden of Gethsemane**, where Jesus prayed while the disciples slept. We stop at **Dominus Flevit**, the Tear Drop Church. Later we visit the **Bazaar** of the Old City and **Cardo** before continuing our day at **Yad Vashem**, a museum dedicated to the Holocaust. The Valley of the Lost Communities and the Righteous Alley are home to trees planted in honor of people such as Oscar Schindler, who risked their lives to save Jewish people during World War II. **B/D**

Day 11: Monday, April 6, 2020 • Jerusalem

Our final day in the Holy Lands includes a visit to the **South Steps** where the Rabbi taught, as well as the **Pools of Siloam**, **Hezekiah's Tunnel**, **Warren's Shaft** and **David's Palace**. Entering the Old City through the Lion's Gate, we walk along parts of the Via Dolorosa past Zion Monastery. We continue to **Ecce Homo** (site of Jesus' scourging) and see an authentic Roman pavement at the Antonia Fortification. Following visits to **Saint Anne's Church**, the **Pool of Bethesda**, a walk is planned through the colorful **Arab Bazaar** where the sounds and smells of the Middle East come alive. We continue our walk to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** and end the day at **Calvary and the Garden Tomb**. This evening includes a very special **communion service** and a closing session. We enjoy our farewell dinner before we head to the airport for our early morning flight home. **B/D**

Day 12: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 • Return

We board our plane for our very early morning flight home.

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast D=Dinner

Tour Price: \$2,650

Prices are *per person, double occupancy*
 with a minimum of 20 participants

Single supplement: \$750

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior 3 star and moderate 4 star hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- Services of a **professional tour guide** throughout tour
- **Admission** to all activities listed in the itinerary
- **Luggage handling:** one piece per person at hotels
- All **taxes and tips** for provided services, except coach driver, tour guide, and restaurant and hotel staff

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Roundtrip airfare** including all related taxes and fees (estimated at \$1,550 from MSP)
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages** except with breakfast
- Tips for restaurant and hotel staff
- **End of tour tips for driver and tour guide**
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- Optional insurance for health, baggage and cancellation (*This insurance is available and recommended*)

Payment Schedule:

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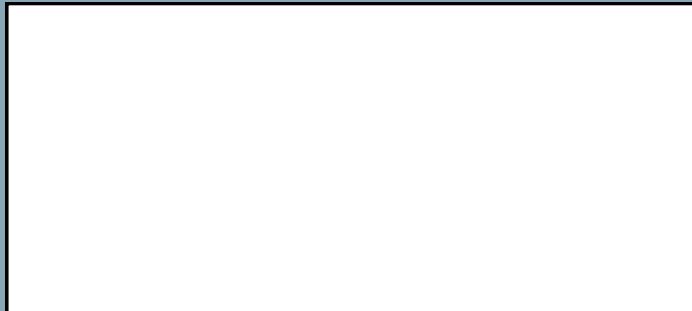
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