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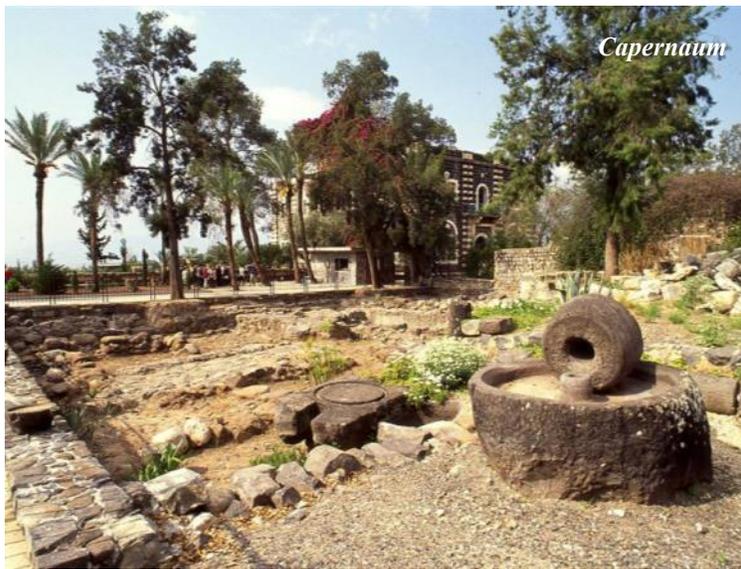
Performing Tour in

Israel

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Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Our journey begins as we board our flight to Tel Aviv.

Day 2 • Jerusalem

Upon arrival at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International airport, we meet our tour leader and coach driver. We drive to our Jerusalem hotel to get settled in. This morning we have setup and rehearsal at Augusta Victoria Hospital. Throughout much of its history, the compound was used first and foremost as a hospital, either by the military (during the First and Second World Wars and during Jordanian rule), or for Palestinian refugees and general public (from 1950 until today), and at times also as a government or military headquarters (1915-1927). In the afternoon we have a guided tour (group is split in half). If available, we meet with Rev. Dr. Bishop Munib Younan, recipient of the Niwano Peace Prize (July 2017) for his work toward interreligious dialogue among Christians, Muslims, and Jews in Jerusalem and worldwide.

Day 3 • Jerusalem

This morning, we have rehearsal at Augusta Victoria Hospital. The afternoon we have a guided tour with the group split in half (mirror image of Day 2). This evening we participate in a concert and reception at the Lutheran Church of the Ascension at Augusta Victoria Hospital.

Day 4 • Jerusalem

We worship at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in the Old City of Jerusalem. After services, we have a tour of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and lunch. The **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, known as the **Church of the Resurrection** (*Anastasis*) to Eastern Orthodox Christians, is a church in the Old City of Jerusalem that is the **holiest Christian site** in the world. It stands on a site that is believed to encompass both Golgotha, or Calvary, where Jesus was crucified, and the tomb (sepulchre) where he was buried. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre has been an important pilgrimage destination since the 4th century. Later there will be free time in Jerusalem for shopping and sight-seeing in the afternoon. This evening is setup and a concert in West Jerusalem.

Day 5 • Bethlehem

This morning we depart for Bethlehem where we have a tour. After lunch we check into the hotel. This afternoon we have a tour of the Church of the Nativity, originally commissioned in 327 by Constantine the Great and his mother Helena over the site that was traditionally considered to be located over the cave that marks the

birthplace of Jesus. The site is an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Following our tour, we have setup and rehearsal next door in St. Catherine's Church, where we perform an evening concert. These days the Church of Saint Catherine is probably best known as the venue where the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem holds the midnight mass on Christmas Eve each year. The event is televised worldwide and the mass is attended by hundreds of Christians who come from near and far to celebrate the birth of Christ. Today the Basilica is a spacious large modern looking church but beneath the church are ancient chambers each with Christian significance.

Day 6 • Bethlehem

This morning or midday we have a tour and concert at ELCJHL School (likely Dar al-Kalima in Bethlehem) having invited other schools to attend. This afternoon we have master classes with students. We have a free evening.

Day 7 • Sea of Galilee

We have an early morning departure for Masada, the winter fortress of King Herod the Great, and 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. We continue to the Dead Sea, a salt lake whose banks are more than 400m below sea level, the lowest point on dry land. It's famously hypersaline water makes floating easy, and we get a chance to try it. The mineral-rich black mud is used for therapeutic and cosmetic treatments at area resorts. On our way to Jericho, we view the caves of Qumran. Archaeologists have unearthed the remains of more than 20 successive settlements in Jericho, the first of which dates back 11,000 years (9000 BC). We then travel north to the archaeological site of Bet She'an, which has some of the best-preserved ruins in the Middle East. We overnight at the Sea of Galilee (possibly at Kiubbutz Ein Gev).

Day 8 • Nazareth

After loading our luggage onto the bus, we take a boat across the Sea of Galilee, where we stop to see the 2000-year-old Jesus boat. Continuing on, we drive around the Sea of Galilee, passing by Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene. We enter the 2,000-year-old remains of Capernaum, where Jesus lived during most of His year of ministry and where He chose His first disciples: James, Simon, John and Andrew. We visit the Church of the Beatitudes before continuing to Nazareth, where we set up and rehearse in the Church of the Annunciation. The Church stands over the site that was believed to be the site of Mary's house, where angel Gabriel

Mud applied at the Dead Sea



appeared and announced to Mary that she is about to give birth of Jesus. Four earlier Churches were built in the same location and archaeological excavations in this site revealed early Roman settlements. We have an evening concert here tonight.

Day 9 • Ibillin

We have a free morning in Nazareth for shopping and sight-seeing. In the early afternoon, we travel to Ibillin where we perform an evening concert.

Day 10 • Jerusalem

We depart this morning for Sepphoris, or Zippori, located in the lower Galilee, halfway between the Mediterranean Sea and the Sea of Galilee. While Sepphoris is not mentioned in the New Testament, the city was under construction during the lifetime of Jesus. Some scholars speculate that Joseph may have worked as a *tehton* (or “builder”) in the construction of Sepphoris. Oral tradition sites Sepphoris as the hometown of Mary’s parents, Anna and Joachim. Perhaps Joseph met his bride-to-be working in Sepphoris, and perhaps his apprentice, Jesus, may have laid some of the stones there! Next we head to Megiddo, named in the Book of Revelation as the setting for a future battle between the forces of good and evil. Megiddo is for archaeologists perhaps the most important site in Israel dating from biblical times. Its much-excavated tel, a mound rising 60 metres above its surroundings, has revealed the remains of at least 20 cities built one on top of the other. The site has yielded temples, lavish palaces, massive fortifications, private houses, a grain silo and an elaborately-engineered water system. We continue to Jerusalem for overnight. We arrive in Ramallah in the afternoon, where we rehearse with the Palestine Youth Orchestra for a joint performance at the Ramallah Cultural Palace.

Day 11 • Jerusalem/Tel Aviv

Our morning is free to sleep in or pick up that last souvenir. After lunch, we depart for Joppa/Jaffa, the ancient seaport mentioned in the biblical narrative of Jonah and the whale. Legend has it that the city was named in honor of its original founder, Japhet - one of Noah’s 3 sons who founded the city after escaping from the flood. We spend some time relaxing on the Mediterranean coast, before preparing for our flight home.

Day 12 • Return to USA

We have an early morning departure for the Tel Aviv airport and our return flight home.

Tour Price:

*Tour Price will vary based on time of year
And number of participants*

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (multi-bedded) 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
- All **taxes and tips** for provided services, except coach driver, tour guide, and restaurant and hotel staff
- Performance Arrangements

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Roundtrip airfare** including all related taxes and fees
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Luggage handling:** one piece per person at hotels
- Tips for restaurant and hotel staff
- End of tour tips for driver and tour guide
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date*)
- Optional insurance for health, baggage and cancellation (*This insurance is available and recommended*)

Payment Schedule:

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