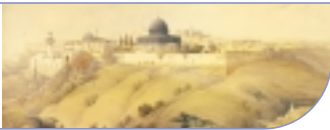


Day 1

WELCOME TO ISRAEL !



Arrival in Ben Gurion Airport. Meet, assist and transfer to our hotel in Netanya or Tel Aviv. If early arrival, visit Jaffa before proceeding to our hotel. If late arrival drive directly to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

Day 2

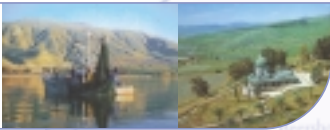
"Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5)



Start the tour with a visit to Caesarea Maritima, the site of the city where Pontius Pilate had his seat of government and where the Apostle Paul was imprisoned and was given a hearing by the Roman Governor, Festus before being sent to Rome. Next drive northward along the coastal plain to Israel's largest port city of Haifa. Then drive on over the crest of Mount Carmel to the "Place of Sacrifice" at Mukraha. The next stop is at one of the chariot cities of King Solomon at Megiddo, the Harmageddon of the Book of Revelation. We continue our drive northwards and visit Sepphoris which was the most important city in Galilee during the first 4 centuries AD. and the seat of renowned Hebrew Academies. Next we drive to Nazareth, a town in the hill country of Galilee, where Jesus dwelt until his 30th year. Take a short glimpse of the city before driving on through Cana in Galilee to Tiberias by the Sea of Galilee.

Day 3

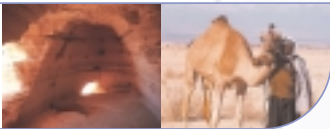
"He was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret" (Luke 5:1)



After breakfast we enjoy a boat trip across the Sea of Galilee to Kibbutz Ginosar for a visit to the so-called "Jesus Boat", a fishing boat of the kind used by the disciples. Then drive on and stop on the Mt. of Beatitudes for a wonderful panoramic view over the Sea of Galilee, the scene of Jesus' ministry around its shores. Next drive over the Golan Heights via one of the sources of the River Jordan and stop on Mt. Bental for a view over the Syrian Border and to see the "Road to Damascus". Next we visit Tel Dan where we see the remains of ancient Israel's northernmost city, hence the saying "from Dan to Beersheba". Driving back towards the Sea of Galilee, we drive through the Hula Valley and arrive at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4

"Whoever is fearful and trembling let him return home" (Judges 7:3)



Depart Tiberias this day and drive southwards, stopping at a baptismal site on the River Jordan enroute. We continue and drive through the Jordan Valley for a visit to the excavations of the ancient Israelite city of Beit Shean. In New Testament times it became one of the 10 cities of the Decapolis. After the visit to this extensive site, we continue and drive along the Jordan Valley and past Jericho to Qumran and visit the excavations of the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were written over 2000 years ago. Then drive on through the Judean Wilderness, passing the new town of Maaleh Adumim, to Jerusalem, the capital city of the State of Israel. Before checking into the hotel there will be an opportunity for a first glimpse of the city from one of the heights surrounding Jerusalem.

Day 5

"On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives" (Zechariah 14:4)



Begin this day of the tour on the top of the Mount of Olives from where there is a magnificent panoramic view of ancient and modern Jerusalem, the center of the biblical world. Then walk on down the Mount to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed on the night of his betrayal. Next enter within the walls of the Old City by the Lions Gate to visit the Pools of Bethesda and to walk through the narrow streets of the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This is followed by a walk through the Jewish Quarter of the Old City and a visit to the Citadel with the Museum of Jerusalem. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 6

"Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city" (Zech. 8:3)



After breakfast drive to Mt. Zion to visit the Upper Room and the Tomb of King David. Next walk to the Western (Wailing) Wall and visit the Herodian Residential Quarter nearby. Then drive through the New City of Jerusalem via the Knesset (Israel's parliament building) to the Yad Vashem Memorial for a visit. Nearby is Mt. Herzl which is the final resting place of Dr. Theodor Benjamin Herzl, the modern prophet of the State of Israel. Returning to our hotel we stop for a visit to the Garden Tomb. Dinner and overnight.

Day 7+8

"The wilderness becomes a fruitful field" (Es. 32:5)



This last day of the tour will be a day tour to the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on the face of the Earth. Here there will be an opportunity for a bath in the mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea before visiting the mountain fortress of Massada, the scene of the last Jewish resistance against the Romans in 70AD. The ascent and descent will be by cable car. In the course of the day there will be a visit to the production plant of "Ahava" where Dead Sea products are available. We return to Jerusalem stopping for a visit at Genesis land where we experience a Hebrew reception at Abraham's Tent overlooking the Judean desert. Dinner and overnight.

Day 8

After breakfast transfer by motorcoach to Ben Gurion Airport for the departure flight.



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