

Day 1

Depart on an overseas International flight, with dinner and breakfast on board.

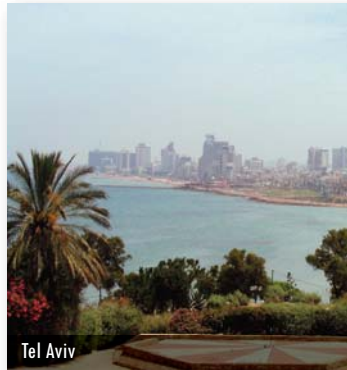
Day 2

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport. Follow exit sign for "Groups Exit". Meet with tour escort and transfer to the hotel in Tel Aviv area for dinner and overnight.

Day 3

Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Ashdod, and Ashkelon - Full breakfast. With the help of your tour escort, visit the Old City of Jaffa and the House of Simon. Drive to Ashdod, Israel's port and visit the ruins of Ashkelon, once a Philistine city.

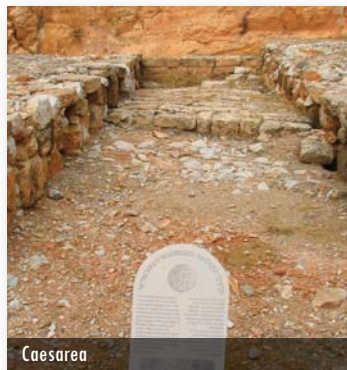
Continue to the caves of Bet Shemesh with their stalagmites and stalactites, and see the Valley of Elah where David slew Goliath. Return to Tel Aviv. Dinner and overnight.



Day 4

Caesarea, Haifa, Bahai Temple, and Mt. Carmel - Full breakfast. Drive to Caesarea, once the capital of the Roman Province, and see the remains dating back to the Roman and Crusaders' times. Visit the harbour from which St. Paul was taken prisoner to Rome. Drive on to Haifa and have a panoramic view from Mount Carmel, the port, River Kishon, and the Mediterranean. Time for Mass at Mt Carmel.

Continue to the Bahai Temple to visit the lovely gardens, and then on to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.



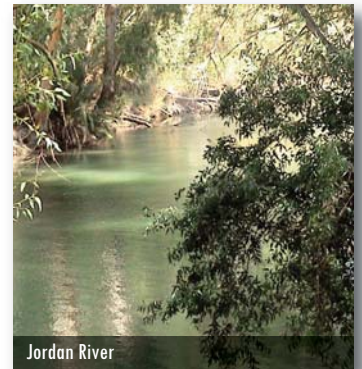
Day 5

Muhraka, Megiddo, Cana, Nazareth - Full breakfast. Leave Nazareth and travel via Carmel viewing the Druze villages, and then to Muhraka for a spectacular view of the northern region. Proceed to Megiddo overlooking the Jezreel Valley, considered the Armageddon of the New

Testament. Then on to Nazareth and see the oldest Church of the Holy Land, the Church of the Annunciation with Mary's Well. Time for Mass. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

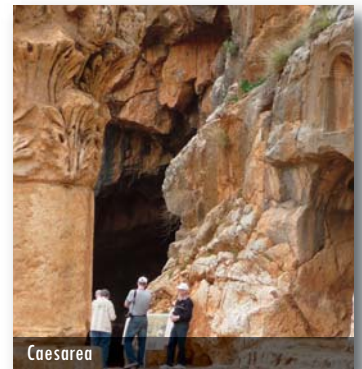
Day 6

Sea of Galilee, Boat Ride, Capernaum, Tabgha, Mt Beatitude, and Jordan River - Full breakfast. You will sail on a boat from Tiberias to Capernaum; there you will see an ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's house, which was later transformed into a Church. Also by the shore, you will visit Tabgha with the Church of Peter's Primacy and admire an ancient mosaic of the Loaves and Fishes. Continue to the Mount of Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount took place. Time for Mass. Then to the Jordan River for the traditional baptismal site of Jesus. Finally to your hotel in Nazareth for dinner and overnight.



Day 7

Sephoris, Banias, Golan Heights - Full breakfast. We will go on to Cana, scene of the first miracle and visit the Church of the Wedding. Time for Mass. Proceed to Sephoris, birthplace of St. Anna, the Virgin's mother. Sephoris was the regional city at the time of Jesus. Then drive to Nimrod, to visit a fine Crusader Castle in the Golan Heights. Continue to the Springs of Banias, also known as Caesarea Philippi where Peter said, "Thou art Christ". We will reach the foot of Mt. Hermon before returning to your hotel in Nazareth for dinner and overnight.



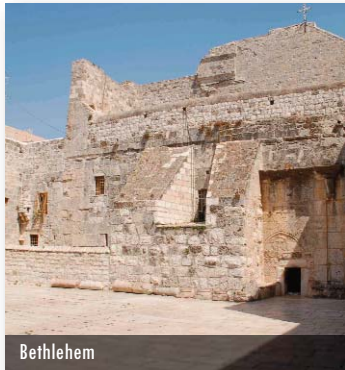
Day 8

Mt. Tabor, Jericho, Old Roman Road, and Jerusalem - Full breakfast. Leave Tiberias to visit Mt. Tabor, site of the Transfiguration. Time for Mass. Drive to Jericho, the lowest place on Earth, to see the excavations. View the Mt. of Temptations. Take the old Roman road to Jerusalem; view St. George's Monastery on the way. Proceed to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

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Day 9

Mt. Olives, Gethsemane, Kidron Valley, and Bethlehem - Full breakfast. Drive to the Mount of Olives for a wonderful view of Jerusalem. See the Place of the Ascension and the Pater Noster Church, and view the Palm Sunday route. At the foot of the hill you will be able to see the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees and the Church of All Nations. Drive down the Kidron Valley and see the Pool of Siloam, and St. Peter in Gallicantu built over the palace of the High Priest Caiaphas. Continue south to Bethlehem and see the Church of the Nativity, the birthplace of Jesus. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.



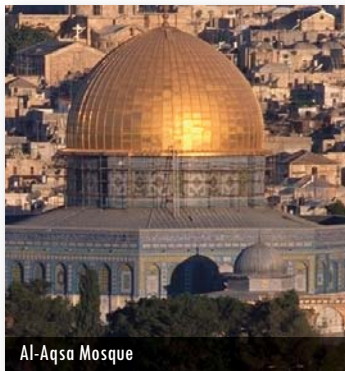
Bethlehem

Day 10

New City, Museum, Model - Full breakfast. Time for Mass at CHAMPS DES BERGERS or similar location. Continue to the New City and, passing by the Hebrew University, the Knesset, we shall visit the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book. Time allowing, we will view the scale model of Jerusalem. See the Chagall windows in the Synagogue at Hadassah Medical Centre. Back to hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

Day 11

Old City: Temple Area, Christian Shrines - Full breakfast. Start the day with Mass at the Church of Dormition beside the Old City. Then visit the Wailing (or Western) Wall, and view the Temple Area with the Al-Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock "Al-Harm Al Sharif & Masjid Al-Aqsa". Political reasons might prevent us to walk in the Temple Area. See the pool of Bethesda where the angel ruffled the water. Visit the Convent of Zion Sisters. Passing the Stations of the Cross, come to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where Jesus was buried. Leave the city through the Jaffa Gate. Back to hotel in Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.



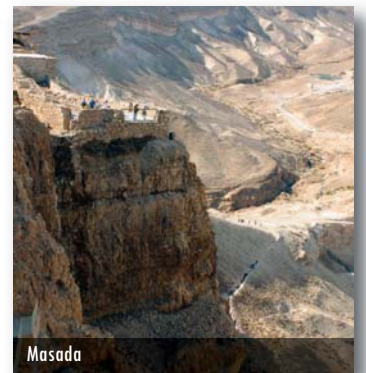
Al-Aqsa Mosque

Day 12

Bethany, Qumran, Dead Sea, and Masada - Full breakfast. Drive to Bethany, home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. See the winepress. Time for Mass before continuing to visit Qumran, location of the Essenes enclave to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Drive along the shore of the Dead Sea on to Ein Gedi and then to Masada, the last stronghold of Jewish resistance against the Romans. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 13

Ein Karem, Emmaus - Full breakfast. Drive to Ein Karem, birthplace of John the Baptist. Time for Mass before driving to Emmaus to see the Franciscan Church and the ruins of the old town. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.



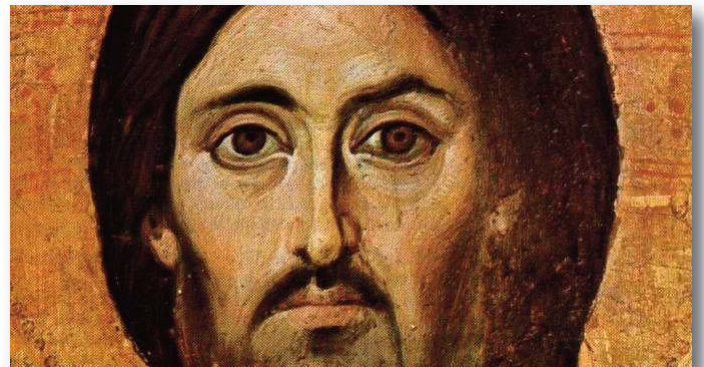
Masada

Day 14

Jewish Quarter, Cardo, Herodian Mansion, Warren's Shaft, Tomb of Kings, Nebi Samuel - Start the day by visiting the Jewish Quarter of the Old City to see the Cardo, the ancient Synagogue, the Burnt House and Herodian Mansion. Also visit Warren's Shaft, where David breached the Jebusite defences of Jerusalem. Continue to the Tower of David and the Tombs of the Kings for fascinating insights into ancient Jerusalem. Drive North to Nebi Samuel for a final overview looking towards Jerusalem, Samaria, Judean Wilderness and to the Coast. Dinner and accommodation.

Day 15

Morning breakfast and transfer departure to the Ben Gurion Airport for your flight home.



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