

Israel Highlights

A Pilgrimage to Israel • January 6 - 14, 2020

Optional Istanbul Extension January 14 - 17, 2020

With Dr. Bill Creasy

\$3,995.00 from Los Angeles, CA

(Includes: U.S. and Intl. departure taxes and standard gratuities)

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DAY 1 - MONDAY, JANUARY 6: LOS ANGELES / TEL AVIV

Tour members meet at the airport at least 3 hours before departure for international security and check-in procedures.

DAY 2 - TUESDAY, JANUARY 7: ARRIVE IN TEL AVIV

Tonight, we arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport where we meet our guide and driver to depart to our seaside lodging in Tel Aviv. (D)

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8: TEL AVIV/ SEA OF GALILEE

We begin today by visiting **Caesarea Maritima** (Acts 10, Peter's encounter with Cornelius) to view the Roman theater, the Pontius Pilate stone, and Caesar's home. Then we continue to Herod's harbor and the Roman aqueduct. We continue to **Nazareth** for a ridge view of Mt. Tabor (Mt. Precipice) and the Jezreel Valley. At Nazareth, we visit the **Church of the Annunciation**, before proceeding to the Sea of Galilee and our seaside lodging for the next two nights. (B, D)

DAY 4 - THURSDAY, JANUARY 9: SEA OF GALILEE

We Drive along the beautiful Sea of Galilee to the **Mt. of Beatitudes**, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5-7). Afterwards, we visit **Capernaum**, the center of Jesus' Galilean ministry. We then **sail the sea in the Jesus Boat**, a double-scale replica of a Roman fishing boat (in 1986 this boat was discovered by Kibbutz Nof Ginosar's fishermen on the western shores— we will visit the original in the "boat museum"). (B, D)

DAY 5 - FRIDAY, JANUARY 10: SEA OF GALILEE/ TEL BETH-SHEAN/ JORDAN RIVER BAPTISMAL SITE/ JERUSALEM

Today, we visit **Tel Beth-Shean** to consider the demise of Israel's first king, Saul. Briefly we overview the **dig of Scythopolis**. Before descending into the Jordan River Valley we view Jericho and proceed to the site where Jesus was baptized. Then we depart on the modern highway up the hills to Jerusalem to visit the **Shrine of the Book**, which displays selected **Dead Sea Scrolls**. Time permitting, we will also visit the 1/50 scale model of Herodian Jerusalem at the Israel Museum complex. Then we continue to our hotel for dinner and lodging. (B, D)

DAY 6 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 11: JERUSALEM

We start today with a visit to the **Mt. of Olives** for wonderful views of Jerusalem's Old City. Then we walk down the "Palm Sunday" road to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and the **Church of All Nations**. We enter the Dung Gate and walk to the **Western Wall**. Then we depart for **Bethlehem** to visit the **Church of the Nativity**, taking time for olivewood shopping before returning to Jerusalem. (B, D)

DAY 7 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 12: JERUSALEM: DEAD SEA, MASADA, QUMRAN

Today, we descend from Jerusalem to the **Dead Sea**. We visit **Ein Gedi**, David's hideout when he was on the run from King Saul, before ascending the mountain **fortress of Masada** by aerial tram. Then we view the ruins of the Zealots last stand against Roman forces.



The beautiful Sea of Galilee from the Mount of Beatitudes.



Prayer time in the private Garden of Gethsemane.

Then we continue on to **Qumran**, where we view the caves associated with the **Dead Sea Scrolls** and explore the reconstructed Essene community. We stop for an **optional float** in the Dead Sea before returning to Jerusalem. (B, D)

DAY 8 - MONDAY, JANUARY 13: JERUSALEM

This morning we enter Jerusalem through the Damascus Gate and walk the **Via Dolorosa**, ending at the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. Then we visit **Church of St. Peter Gallicantu**, home of the High Priest Caiaphas. Then we proceed to the Southern Excavations of the Ophel Ridge. We explore the **dig of the City of David** and continue to the Warren Shaft. Afterwards, we descend to the Gihon Spring. Optional is a walk through **Hezekiah's Tunnel** (bring old shoes for the walk through knee-deep water) to the Pool of Siloam. Then we depart for a private tour of the **Garden Tomb** and draw our journey to a close. This evening we celebrate a special **Farewell Dinner** and overnight in Jerusalem. (B, D)

DAY 9 - TUESDAY, JANUARY 14: JERUSALEM/ TEL AVIV/ RETURN TO U.S.A

We depart early this morning to arrive at the Ben Gurion International Airport 3 hours prior to departure. Then we fly through the day reliving our inspiring Holy Land experiences. (B)

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Note:

- *This is a moderately strenuous tour, walking on archaeological sites, cobblestone streets and hills. For your safety and enjoyment you should be able to walk a mile briskly and climb 100 stairs. Most sites are not handicapped accessible.*
- *While we do our very best to make sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, political climate, time constraints, or changes by your group leader and tour guide.*

Optional 4 day 3 night Extension to Istanbul, Turkey

\$1,399.00 per person based on double occupancy (includes taxes, std. gratuities and Visas for US Citizens)

DAY 9 - TUESDAY, JANUARY 14: TEL AVIV/ ISTANBUL

Early this morning, we fly from Tel Aviv to Istanbul. After clearing customs, we will be met by our guide who will show us this fascinating city. Headed towards the city of Istanbul, we will drive through the ancient Roman Walls into the Old City to explore the 4th century **Church of St. Savior in Chora**, it was known to be the keeper of the famous icon of Virgin Mary that was believed to have been painted by Luke the Apostle. We will also stop at the **Greek Patriarchate** that serves as the head of the Greek Orthodox World. Dinner this evening will be at a local restaurant to experience the famed Turkish cuisine. Overnight in Istanbul. (D)

DAY 10 - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15: ISTANBUL

This morning we will visit the **Topkapi Palace** that was built following the Ottomans conquest of Istanbul including the Harem, the section of the palace where family of the sultan lived and, the treasury and kitchens that served thousands that worked within the grounds of the palace everyday. We will continue our sightseeing with a visit to **Istanbul Archaeological Museum**, where the **famed tablet** from **Hezekiah's Tunnel** in **Jerusalem** as well as various other stunning artifacts from Old Testament sites and civilizations are exhibited. We continue our explorations of the Old City with a call to the **Basilica of Saint Sophia**, one of the largest Christian shrines ever built in history. Then onto the **Blue Mosque** famed for its Turquoise color. Followed by a short stroll through the **Roman Hippodrome** that today displays the famous Egyptian obelisk, Serpentine Column and Roman columns around which the chariots ran. This afternoon we will visit underground cisterns. Later in the day we will experience the lively atmosphere of the **Spice Market** dating back to the 17th century, welcoming us with its enchanting smells and colorful display of spices brought from around the world. Dinner and Overnight in Istanbul. (B, D)

DAY 11 - THURSDAY, JANUARY 16: ISTANBUL

Our first visit today will be to the 19th century **Dolmabahce Palace** an exceptionally majestic edifice. We then visit **Galata District** that reflects the 19th century face of Istanbul with its palazzo style apartments. We visit the **Pera Museum** that displays Kirac Family's private collection of artworks of both rural and urban Turkish culture. Later in the afternoon, we visit the Grand Bazaar, the oldest shopping mall in history. Since 1455 the **Grand Bazaar** has been the abode of trade connecting Occident and the Orient. Enjoy a Turkish coffee while hearing about rugs, tiles, leatherwork in the alleys of 4800 shops. This evening we will take a short ride to the shores of the Bosphorus to board our **private motor yacht for a most memorable cruise** between the two continents gazing at mansions and palaces. Docking at the northern shores of Bosphorus, we will be hosted for a delicious signature seafood feast. Overnight in Istanbul. (B,D)

DAY 12 - FRIDAY, JANUARY 17: FLIGHT BACK TO U.S.A.

This morning we will transfer to Istanbul Airport for our international flight. (B)

THE FINE PRINT

ENROLLMENT IN AND PAYMENT OF YOUR DEPOSIT FOR THE TOUR, CONSTITUTES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONDITIONS AND STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY.

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

Round-trip group coach air from Los Angeles; US and Intl. departure taxes; group transfers from group flights to group lodgings; accommodation and sightseeing per itinerary; breakfasts and dinners listed as "B" or "D" in the daily itinerary; entrance fees to sights visited as noted in the itinerary; destination group ground transportation; local guide(s); and all standard taxes and gratuities. Prices based on a **minimum group size of 46**; Istanbul Extension **minimum group size of 15**.

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

1) Optional Travel Insurance Program; 2) Miscellaneous fees and personal expenses such as Individual Transfers; Passports, Laundry, Beverages at All Meals; 3) LUNCHES; 4) Meals not listed as Included Above, Excess Baggage and Items of a Personal Nature; 5) Fuel Surcharges which may be imposed by airlines and other suppliers. If applicable, fuel surcharge will be paid by the passengers; 6) Any increase in taxes and fees imposed after printing of brochure; 7) Airline baggage/carryon charges; and 8) Any other items not listed above as included.

PAYMENT:

\$500.00 per person is required at registration. Only the deposit may be charged to your credit card. Final payment for trip, including optional insurance premium if applicable, is due by September 17, 2019, and must be paid by check (to help keep trip prices reasonable). Registrations received on or after September 17, 2019, **must be accompanied by full payment.** Thereafter, a late payment fee of \$195 will be assessed. *Imagine* reserves the right to add a surcharge if the dollar declines by more than 2% against the Israel Shekel on foreign exchange rates in effect on May 13, 2019.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms/cabins are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee one will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 35 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or if you request a single, the following **single supplement charges apply: \$595.00** for basic 9-Day Program; **\$429.00** for 4-Day Istanbul Extension.

ITINERARY and CHANGES:

Because airlines often change flight schedules after brochures are printed, *Imagine* reserves the right to shorten or lengthen the itinerary accordingly and, whenever possible, you will be notified in writing. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$185 per night/per person; single rooms \$220 per night. Meals for extra night not included. *Imagine* and the trip leader reserve the right to adjust or change arrangements or to eliminate, shorten, or limit certain aspects of the itinerary as circumstances warrant in their judgment. *Imagine* also reserves the right to cancel this trip in its sole discretion if minimum no. of 46 paid passengers is not met.

LAND ONLY:

Land Only price is \$3,295.00 per person. Price does not include international flights.

Land Only passengers may be responsible for transfers and/or additional overnights incurred by booking their own flights. We recommend you purchase a ticket which can be changed without large penalties, as the group's flights may change. Passengers changing from the regular tour to Land Only after 120 days prior to departure will be charged a fee of \$150 per person.

AIRLINE TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, **we do not guarantee you will be on the most direct flights to your final destination. Also, we do not guarantee the group will be on the same flights.** Flight routings are chosen by the airlines. Airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded once issued. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together for entire itinerary. We are unable to use individual frequent flyer points to upgrade or accept them as partial payment for air transportation. Deviations by the passenger, from the group's scheduled flights, could result in different routings/air carriers.

VISAS:

Applicable visas will be obtained by *Imagine* for U.S. and Canadian Citizens only. All passengers who do not carry U.S. or Canadian Passports will be responsible for obtaining visas to the countries they are visiting. *Imagine* is not responsible for non-U.S. & Canadian Passport holders.

FLIGHT TIMES:

All flight times are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and do not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If making your own flight arrangements to a departure city or any other portion of your trip, we recommend you purchase a ticket which can be changed without large penalties. Passengers are responsible for reconfirming their flights with the airline 24 hours prior to departure.

CANCELLATION FEES:

From day of registration, until August 9, 2019, fee is \$350.00 per person for trip; August 10, 2019 - September 16, 2019 fee is 100% of the deposit; September 17, 2019 - October 3, 2019, cancellation fee is 75% of Trip price per person; and on/after October 4, 2019, 100% total Trip price (no refund). **Cancellations must be received in writing to be effective.** On or after day of departure, no refund for any services not used. **If final payment is not received by September 17, 2019, a late payment fee will be assessed or we may cancel your registration and refund your payment, less applicable cancellation fee.** Devotion Travel recommends you purchase a travel protection plan. Coverage includes Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and much more. **Based on a tour price of \$3,995.00, the cost of the Travel Protection Plan is \$316.00.**

RIGHT TO CHANGE TRIP LEADER:

Should Dr. Bill Creasy be unable to lead all/part of the trip for any reason, another trip leader may be substituted in his place without notice. There will be no refunds or credits.

PASSPORT:

Each passenger is responsible for making sure that they have a **valid passport that has an expiration date at least six months after the date of return from their trip.** A copy of your valid passport must be submitted to our office by September 17, 2019.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY:

Imagine and its associated companies agree to provide the itinerary described in this brochure. This represents the entire agreement between the passenger and his agent, the travel agent, the tour host, and the tour operator. All prices, itineraries and schedules are subject to regulations and changes by acts of government, international agreement, and airline tariff adjustments, rules, and regulations. *Imagine* reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of *Imagine*, incapable of group travel. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, the tour operator assumes no liability or responsibility for any injuries, inconveniences, illness, irregularity, or incidental damages caused by circumstances beyond the control of the tour operator or by any person or reason whatsoever, including but not limited to events such as strikes, revolts, wars, natural disasters, closures of airports or hotel, default or omission of any common or private carrier, or the fault, negligence, or omission of and by any third party providing services or facilities related to or included in this tour or any part thereof, or in arranging for the same, or the acts or omissions of the travel agent or the tour host.

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Trip Cancellation.....	Up to 100% of Trip Cost
Trip Interruption.....	Up to 150% of Trip Cost
Trip Delay.....	\$1,000
Missed Cruise Connection.....	\$1,000
Emergency Medical Expenses.....	\$50,000
Emergency Medical Evacuation / Repatriation.....	\$250,000
Baggage and Baggage Delay.....	\$1,500 / \$250
Travel Assistance & Concierge Services*.....	Included

*Assistance Services are provided by Traveler's designated provider

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