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## DAY 1 - USA/ TEL AVIV

We depart for Israel from our International Airport for our flight to Tel Aviv.

## DAY 2 - TEL AVIV/ GALILEE

We arrive in the evening at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv and drive from the Mediterranean to the shores of the **Sea of Galilee**. Sitting 690 feet below sea level and flanked by mountains, the Sea of Galilee becomes our home for the next four nights as we check into Nof Ginosar, a hotel and kibbutz on the western shore. Relax by the water's edge, watch the stars twinkle over the sea, and get a good night's sleep for tomorrow is a BIG day! (D)

## DAY 3 - GALILEE:

### MT. BEATITUDES – CAPERNAUM – MAGDALA

We begin our day with a stop and visit to the **Mount of Beatitudes**. If the weather permits, we will journey down the Mount on foot to feel the contours of the land and discover the flora and fauna along this well-travelled path. When Jesus was headquartered in **Capernaum**, He would often go into the hills to pray, and, in these hills, we not only study the Sermon on the Mount, but we spend some private time in this place that Jesus loved so much.

Mid-morning, we descend the hill to Capernaum. We gather under the trees in the "backyard" of the Apostles—Peter, Andrew, James, and John— for teaching time. We end our day at **Magdala**, the home of Mary Magdalene to see the first century synagogue that Jesus most likely preached in. (B, D)

#### DAY 4 - GALILEE MT. CARMEL – SEPPHORIS – CANA – NAZARETH

After breakfast, we drive to **Mt. Carmel**, where Elijah prayed and God defeated 450 prophets of Baal with fire from heaven (1 Kings 18). We proceed to the national park of **Sepphoris**, which was once an important city in the Temple and post-Temple period, to see the famous mosaic of the “Mona Lisa of the Galilee.” Also, here is a Byzantine Era Synagogue with a mosaic of the Zodiac signs. Next, we travel to **Cana**, the location of Jesus’s first Miracle (John 2) and the famous wedding church. We proceed to the city of **Nazareth**, the place Jesus spend his childhood. We visit the **Church of Annunciation** and **Mary’s Well**. Our day concludes on the Nazareth ridge with the story of Luke chapter 5. (B, D)

#### DAY 5 - GALILEE: MT TABOR – MEGIDDO – MT. GILBOA

After breakfast, we drive to **Mt. Tabor** for a visit and teaching in the hilltop monastery. We proceed to Megiddo before heading to Gideon Springs on the foot of **Mt. Gilboa** to learn the story of the site. We return to the Sea of Galilee to board our vessel for a **cruise on the Sea of Galilee** that will take us gently into the sunset. We conclude our day with a visit to the **Jesus Boat**



**Museum** where we will see a 2,000-year-old fishing boat, which once sailed the Sea of Galilee. (B, D)

#### DAY 6 - GALILEE/ CAESAREA/ BETHLEHEM/ JERUSALEM

This is our "moving day." We drive to **Caesarea** by the Sea (Caesarea Maritima). Here we will explore the ancient ruins and be taught in the same outdoor theatre that is mentioned in the Book of Acts. We then make our way to **Bethlehem** and visit the **Church of the Nativity**. If time allows, we will also visit the site of the Shepherds’ Field church to sing Christmas carols as a group. We travel to **Jerusalem** and check into our hotel, our home for the next two nights. (B, D) *Those who are interested will be able to attend the Catholic public Mass at Notre Dame chapel.*

#### DAY 7 - JERUSALEM: MT. OF OLIVES – GETHSEMANE – ST. PETER IN GALlicantu – DAVIDSON CENTER

We begin our Jerusalem pilgrimage on the **Mount of Olives** where we look directly across to the **Temple Mount** and celebrate the same view as pilgrims have for the past 3,000 years. We enter Jerusalem and walk down the same path that Jesus took when he entered the city on Palm Sunday. Halfway down the hill we reach the **Garden of Gethsemane** where Jesus spent the night in prayer. Here, Jesus was arrested and began his journey to the cross. This is a profoundly holy place, and we have teaching and time of private prayer in the garden itself.

We make our way to the **Church of Agony**, St. Peter in Gallicantu, for teaching. We enter the Old City via **Herod's Gate** and make our way along the **Way of the Cross** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. This afternoon, we will visit the **Southern Steps** and experience the virtual room at **Davidson Center**. Our day concludes at the **Western Wall**, where we will be able to pray for all your special intentions. (B, D)

#### DAY 8 - JERUSALEM/ QUMRAN/EIN GEDI/ MASADA/ DEAD SEA

After early breakfast, we depart Jerusalem and make our way east to the lowest place on Earth, the Dead Sea, with a stop at **Qumran** and the settlement of the first century sect known as the Essenes, authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Our next stop is at **Ein Gedi**, a lush oasis, which served as David’s hideout when he was on the run from King Saul. Here, we retell the story of David sparing Saul’s life and hike to the first waterfall in this nature reserve. (1 Samuel 24). Then we depart for a visit to **Masada**, where the Jews made their last stand against the Romans after the fall of Jerusalem in C.E. 70. We ride the cable car to the top of the fortress built by Herod, explore the archeology, and enjoy a panoramic view of the Dead Sea framed by the mountains of Moab to the east. Late in the afternoon, we arrive at our **Dead Sea resort** hotel and have free time on our own to float in the Dead Sea. (B, D)

#### DAY 9 - DEAD SEA/ JERUSALEM/ ABU GOSH/ HELA VALLEY / JAFFA/TEL AVIV

We travel up to **Jerusalem** to visit the **Bible Lands Museum** and **Israel Museum**, where we view a **replica model of Jerusalem** in the time of Jesus and the **Shrine of the Book** to learn about the discovery and revelation of the **Dead Sea Scrolls**. After lunch (on our own), we drive to **Abu Gosh** to visit the White Fathers’ Church of the Resurrection and garden space for a teaching on the journey to Emmaus. We proceed to **Hela Valley** to see the brook where King David Slew Goliath and to hear the story of this site. This evening we travel to **Biblical Joppa** (Jaffa) to share a **farewell dinner** celebration that will not soon be forgotten. This will be a time to share our many joys and memories. After dinner, we make our way to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, for our flights back to the United States. (B, D)

#### DAY 10 - ARRIVE HOME

We arrive home. Never again will we read the Bible in black & white, but see the places described in living color.

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**Note:** 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. Most sites are not handicap accessible.