



shechem (Joshua 24), Jacob's Well nearby (John 4), and the structure on top of Mt. Ebal that some archaeologists believe may be the altar built by Joshua (Joshua 8:30). Other possibilities, according to time and accessibility, include the top of Mt. Gerizim (ancient and present-day Samaritan settlements) and Ahab's Samaria (which became Herod's Sebastia).

Day 13 Sun., Sept. 25 FREE AM - JERUSALEM AFTERNOON

Worship at Jerusalem Alliance Church (Arab), Christ Church inside the Jaffa Gate, or any church you choose. (Messianic worship will also be listed.) Or, one may rest or shop in the morning. Lunch on your own in the Old City. This afternoon the guided tour resumes with a walk through the Cardo to the Herodian mansion in the Jewish Quarter. Then we visit Yad VaShem and the Holocaust History Museum.

Day 14 Mon., June 21 JERUSALEM

Region: Jerusalem

We ascend the Temple Mount with the Dome of the Rock. We then visit St. Anne's Church and the Pools of Bethesda. After walking the first five stations on the traditional Via Dolorosa, we cut back to the Western Wall to witness the Bar Mitzvah celebrations. Then we visit the Ophel excavations, including the Temple steps where Jesus would have walked and taught. After lunch we drive to the Garden Tomb for a private tour and communion. We conclude the day with our Farewell Dinner. Also included will be the gift exchange with your secret prayer partner. Leave at 8 pm for the Tel Aviv Airport to check-in for our midnight departure.

Day 15 Tue., Sept. 27 ARRIVE USA

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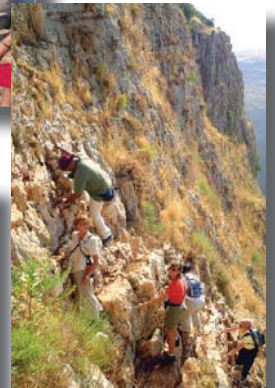
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Day 1 Tue., Sept. 13 USA DEPARTURE

Arrive Cleveland airport at least 4 hours prior to departure for your international check-in procedures. Meals and in-flight services are per airline policies. NOTE: It is possible that the itinerary may be adjusted per discretion of the guide and tour leader.

Day 2 Wed., Sept. 14 ARRIVE TEL AVIV

Region: Coast of Sharon

Arrive Tel Aviv this morning. Proceed through passport control (keep the white entry paper in passport). Stay with the group at the baggage-claim area so that we can move together and meet our guide in the bus parking lot. Proceed to Jaffa to explore discoveries (The Book of Jonah). After lunch, continue to nearby Herzlia for lodging. Enjoy an evening swim and a private time to stroll the beach of the Mediterranean Sea.

Day 3 Thu., Sept. 15 TO SEA OF GALILEE

Region: Coast of Sharon, Jezreel Valley, Sea of Galilee

Visit Caesarea Maritima, including the site of the Herodian harbor, Pilate's house, and the stadium. Proceed to Muhraka ("Burnt Offering") on Mt. Carmel. (1 Kings 18: Elijah and the Prophets of Baal.) Following lunch, we shall drive to the caves of Beth Shearim, containing the ornate stone coffins of Jews from Talmudic times. We cross the country to the Arbel cliff, which affords a magnificent view from the west over the Sea of Galilee. The adventurous may climb down the face of the cliff with the help of cables affixed to the rock. Continue to our lovely lodging at the Sea of Galilee.

Day 4 Fri., Sept. 16 SEA CIRCLE TRIP

Region: Sea of Galilee

Today centers around the Sea of Galilee and the sites of Jesus' ministry. Visit Capernaum, then



the Mt. of Beatitudes (Matthew 5-7), followed by the black basalt town of Chorazin. After lunch (optional St. Peter's fish), view the remains of a fishing boat from Jesus' day. From here we shall spend an hour on the lake in a wooden boat modeled after the one we have seen. We shall end the day with baptisms.

Day 5 Sat., Sept. 17 MEGGIDO, SEPPHORIS, NAZARETH

Region: Lower Galilee, Sea of Galilee

In the morning we drive to Megiddo. Here we shall explore the background of the prophecy concerning Armageddon (the hill (Ar) of Megiddo). Then on to Sepphoris, capital of the Galilee during Jesus' childhood and youth, only four miles from his home town. We continue to that home town, Nazareth. After a visit in one of the town's churches, we drive up to a viewing spot, from which we see the site of the ancient village on one side and the Jezreel Plain and Mt. Tabor on the other. Return to our lodging at the Sea of Galilee. This evening we will go to Tiberias for jewelry and diamond shopping.

Day 6 Sun., Sept. 18 UPPER JORDAN

Region: Upper Jordan, Sea of Galilee

Today we briefly visit Hazor, the land's largest Canaanite city, destroyed by Joshua and rebuilt by Solomon. We drive north to Tel Dan. Here we shall walk through the nature reserve at the headwaters of the Jordan, then visit the ruins, including the high place built at Dan by Jeroboam, son of Nebat (1 Kings 12). We proceed to Banias (Caesarea Philippi), recounting Peter's Confession (Matthew 16) at the foot of Mt. Hermon. Nearby at Kibbutz Ha-Goshrim we shall have a chance to experience the Upper Jordan in another way, letting its current carry us in rubber boats. (Some may prefer instead to use the kibbutz swimming pool for a fee.) We return to our lodging. This evening we will have a candlelight service on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.



Day 7 Mon., Sept. 19 BETH SHEAN, JERICHO, DEAD SEA

Region: Lower Jordan, Rift Valley

Depart to Beth Shean for an overview. Those who wish may climb the tel and hear the story of Saul. Then we continue on to Jericho, the world's oldest city, for lunch and a view of its ancient tower and walls. Travel beside the Dead Sea, 14,000 feet below sea level. We continue to the Meridien Spa Hotel on the southwestern shore of the Dead Sea.

Day 8 Tue., Sept. 20 NEGEV DESERT

Region: Negev Desert

Today we head for the stark beauty of the Negev. We begin with a visit to the Israelite temple of Tel Arad. Then we hike the beautiful Zin Valley to Ein Avdat. We continue to the nabatean-Byzantine city of Avdat. Return to our Dead Sea Hotel.

Day 9 Wed., Sept. 21 DEAD SEA, JERUSALEM

Region: Dead Sea and Jerusalem

Ascend via cable car to visit Masada, amid Herodian grandeur, and hear the story of the Jewish revolt against Rome. Next is a float in the Dead Sea. We then hike into the David River at Ein Gedi. We proceed to Qumran and view a cave where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Finally, we ascend to Jerusalem for an orientation to the city from the Mt. of Olives. Lodge in Jerusalem.

Day 10 Thu., Sept. 22 JERUSALEM

Region: Jerusalem

We visit the original Jerusalem ("City of David"), with Warren's shaft and the ancient water system. Those who wish will wade through Hezekiah's Tunnel to the newly discovered Pool of Siloam (John 9:7). (Bring flashlights, bathing suits and footwear that will not slip off in the current.) Driving again to the top of the Mt. of Olives, this time in the morning light, we descend the traditional Palm Sunday Road, visiting the cave and the Garden of Gethsemane. After lunch, we visit the Israel Museum with the Shrine of the Book. Here we will see the Dead Sea Scrolls and the outdoor model of Jerusalem (scale 1:50) as it may have looked in 66 AD, just before the Jewish revolt against Rome. The new archaeological wing of the museum should be open by this date; if so, we shall visit it as well.



Day 11 Fri., Sept. 23 BETHLEHEM, JUDEAN WILDERNESS

Region: Bethlehem and Judean Wilderness

We leave early to explore Herodion, a mountain whose top third was built by Herod as his palace, fortress and recently discovered tomb, under which he founded a city. We cut back to Bethlehem, the ancient town where David and Jesus were born. After visiting the Church of the Nativity, we shall drive to Shepherds' Fields with shepherd's cave. Then we take time at one of the Bethlehem shops, famous for olive wood, jewelry and mother-of-pearl. We will also stop to renew ministry friendships at Bethlehem Hospital (BASR) and Bethlehem Bible College. We continue to the Evangelical Lutheran Church Compound to view an ancient home-cave thus, giving us a deeper understanding of the stable environment in which Jesus was born. We make a brief stop to see Solomon's Pools. Return to Jerusalem. (We will be with another guide for this day's itinerary.)

Day 12 Sat., Sept. 24 JERUSALEM / Optional Shechem

Choose from one of two alternatives for this day.

(Option #1) You can take it as a free day, shopping in the Old City, or selecting from many interesting places on your Places to Go and Things to Do list, after checking to be sure that they are open on Saturday. Rest is also recommended!

(Option #2) For an additional fee, and if available at the time, we will make a bus trip into the heartland of the First Testament. The first choices will include, in the Nablus area, the Tel of ancient



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