

Fri, November 4: Jerusalem | Yad Vashem | Ein Karem

Begin the day with a tour at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial. Continue to visit Ein Karem with the Church of John the Baptist and meet with the sisters and learn about the Chemin Neuf at the Sisters of Zion Monastery. Return to Jerusalem to visit the Garden Tomb with an opportunity to celebrate communion. For the afternoon you are free to rest. Experience a traditional Shabbat Dinner, hosted by a Jewish family for their special Shabbat meal. (B, D)

Sat, November 5: Jerusalem | Mt. of Olives | Old City

Welcome the day with one of the most magnificent views in the world: ancient Jerusalem as seen from the top of the Mount of Olives. The bus will drive you to the Garden of Gethsemane at the base of the mountain. Spend time pondering and praying about the time Jesus spent here with his disciples before his arrest. Enter the Old City via Lion's Gate, also known as St. Stephen's Gate, to the Pools of Bethesda near the Church of St. Anne's, where Jesus healed a paralytic. Continue along the Via Dolorosa, the Way of Sorrows, which tradition says Jesus went with the cross to Calvary. Lunch in the Old City along the Via Dolorosa, which passes through the colorful Old City markets. Then visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the traditional site of the crucifixion of Jesus. In the afternoon continue to the Armenian Quarter to visit the Church of St. James and enjoy fellowship and afternoon hospitality with an Armenian Artist telling the story of her Armenian community. Rest of the afternoon at leisure. Overnight in Jerusalem. (B, L)

Sun, November 6: The Israel Museum

Free morning in Jerusalem. Free time for lunch on your own in the Old City. In the afternoon we will visit the Israel Museum, home to the most important archaeological discovery of the 20th century: the Dead Sea Scrolls. An impressive model of Jerusalem in 69 CE sets the stage before entering the special shrine that contains the Scrolls. Enjoy a farewell dinner with a local Muslim community in Beit Safafa. Return to Jerusalem for overnight. (B, D)

Mon, November 7: Departure for USA

Transfer to the airport for departure flight back to USA. (B)
End of Tour!



Package Price:
Per person in Double room \$2,577
Per person in Single Room \$3,307

Included in Package:

- * Meet & Assist at airport upon arrival and departure
- * 2 Overnights accommodation in Jericho
- * 3 Overnights accommodation in Tiberias
- * 5 Overnights accommodation in Jerusalem
- * 10 Breakfasts and 6 Dinners at hotels
- * 4 Lunches en route
- * 1 Traditional Dinner
- * 5 Special Hospitality segments: Meals with families
- * Tourist Bus throughout tour as per itinerary
- * Professional licensed Tour guide
- * All entrance fees as mentioned
- * Personal Audio-system
- * Daily small bottle of mineral water per person
- * Basic Gratuities

Not Included in Package:

- * Airfare
- * 3 Lunches and 1 Dinner
- * Any other Gratuities of personal choice
- * Drinks at Meals
- * Items of personal nature
- * Travel Insurance

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DAY-BY-DAY SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Thurs, October 27: Depart USA | travel to Israel

Fri, October 28: Arrival to Tel Aviv | Jericho

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport. You will be met by our representative and tour-guide and taken to Jericho, one of the world's oldest cities. Check-in at hotel for leisure time. Welcome festive dinner. Overnight in Jericho. (D)

Sat, October 29: Jordan Valley | The Dead Sea

Begin the day at the Place of Baptism (Qasr el Yehud) along the Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Continue to visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and where a community of Essenes lived. It is also possible that John the Baptist spent more time with the community here. Drive along the shore of the Dead Sea for lunch



and have an opportunity to float in its salty waters. Return to Jericho, where you will ascend the Qarantal, the Mount of Temptation, by cable-car. It is here that Jesus went into the wilderness and fasted for 40 days following His Baptism and was tempted by Satan, as described in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Enjoy the panoramic view of the Oasis of Jericho, and see the site of the first victory of the Israelites in the Land of Canaan. Meet with the founders of Seeds of Hope, a non-profit organization based in Jericho to learn about their projects in the region. Return to the hotel in Jericho for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

Sun, October 30: Samaria | Sea of Galilee

We will begin our day visiting Samaria, starting with a visit to the Samaritans at Mt. Gerizim, visit the Museum and meet with the Samaritan Priest. View the city of Nablus below from Joseph's observation point. Take a refreshing break at a local winery on Har Bracha. Meet the owner of the vineyards with an opportunity for tasting some of the locally made wines. Continue to Nablus, where we will visit Jacob's Well, and the on to Sebastya, where you will visit the ruins of one of the ancient palaces of King Herod and enjoy lunch there. Afterwards, north to visit the village of Burqin. Visit the Church of St. George, where Jesus healed the 10 lepers. Continue to the

Canaan Olive Oil Factory to taste the oils and learn about the successful fair trade cooperative. Leave Samaria via the Jalameh Checkpoint and proceed to your hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias. (B, L, D)

Mon, October 31: Sea of Galilee

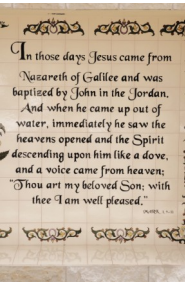
After breakfast, visit Magdala Center. Here, one can find a first century synagogue, a complete first century city, and remains of a once prosperous fish processing industry. Complete with shops, marketplace, residential areas, and wharf, this is a city where Jesus visited and taught. Take a boat-ride across the Sea of Galilee where Jesus walked on the water. Upon reaching Capernaum, visit the ruins of this village, often called the hometown of Jesus, with its synagogue church marking the home of Peter, and dwellings from the time of Jesus.

Lunch at a nearby restaurant for a taste of the famous St. Peter's Fish. Visit Mount of Beatitudes overlooking the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus gave his Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7, Luke 6). Continue to the Chapel of the Primacy of Peter, where Jesus appeared to the Apostles after the resurrection. End the day with a visit to the nearby site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes at Tabgha, with its famed mosaic depicting the two fishes and the five loaves Jesus multiplied, followed by High Mass or personal meditation at the Dalmanutha. Dinner and overnight in Tiberias. (B, L, D)



Tues, November 1: Sea of Galilee | Cana | Nazareth | Mt. Tabor

After breakfast, begin the day with a visit to Cana, where marriage vow renewals often take place. Next to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation and view the cave where the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary. Tour the Old City, see Mary's Well, and the ancient synagogue. Possibility to meet with a clergyman from the Anglican Church in Nazareth. Free time for lunch on your own in Nazareth. Continue to Mt. Tabor, to visit the Basilica of the Transfiguration. Special taxis will drive you up the mount and down again. Return to hotel in Tiberias. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B, D)



November 2: Western Galilee | Coastal region | Jerusalem
Drive to Megiddo, the Armageddon of Revelations. Tour the remains of one of the most intensively inhabited sites in the country with over 25 levels of settlement, spanning some 3,000 years, including walls, gates, palaces and dwellings from the time of King Solomon, King Ahab and the Assyrians. A highlight will be your walk through the water system, one of the great engineering marvels of antiquity. Then continue to Mt. Carmel and see the Muhraqa. Experience Druze Hospitality for a light lunch. Continue to the Coastal region to visit Akko (Acre), with a visit through the Old City, port, and the Templar Tunnels. Proceed to Caesarea, the site built by King Herod in honor of his patron Emperor Augustus in the mid-first century BCE. Pontius Pilate ruled the country from here. It was from this port that Paul set sail to preach in communities all over the Mediterranean, where he was later imprisoned for two years and appeared before Felix, Festus and King Agrippa. Continue to Jerusalem, for and dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B, L, D)



November 3: Jerusalem | Mt. Zion | Jewish Quarter | Bethlehem

After breakfast, enter the Old City through the Dung Gate to visit the Western Wall, the holiest site for the Jewish people. View the Haram el-Shareef, where one can see the Dome of the Rock and the El-Aqsa Mosque. Continue to Mt. Zion where we will visit the "Upper Room" and the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. This is where Peter denied the Lord three times. At noon drive to the Christian village of Beit Jala and enjoy hospitality with a Christian family. In the afternoon, visit Bethlehem. We will visit the Church of the Nativity, the birthplace of Jesus, and stroll along Manger Square then continue to visit the Palestinian Heritage Center and on to Bet Sahour to visit the Shepherd's Fields. Traditional oriental dinner in Beit Sahour. Return to Jerusalem for overnight. (B, L, D)

