

HOLY LAND NOUR TOUR ITINERARY

December 27, 2021 to January 6, 2022

Day 1, Dec. 27 — Minneapolis – Israel: We have to be at the airport three (3) hours prior to departure on our journey to the Promised Land. Dinner and breakfast are served in-flight.

Day 2, Dec. 28 —Tel Aviv, Israel: Upon our arrival, we are met by our guide and driver. After getting our luggage we will head out to our hotel in Bethlehem.

Day 3, Dec. 29 — JERUSALEM: After breakfast our journey begins in the most important city in the whole world—Jerusalem (city of peace). This exciting day begins with a drive to Mt. Scopus and the Mt. of Olives (*Matthew 24:3*) for a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem, visiting the Church of Pater Noster (Lord's Prayer), and the Dominus Flevit. Walk along Hosanna Road to Gethsemane to see the Church of All Nations that stands on the Rock of Agony where Jesus was betrayed by Judas (*Matthew 26:36-57*). See the Pillar of Absalom, the Eastern (Golden) Gate and the Pinnacle of the Temple. We then drive to Mt. Zion where we visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu (Peter's triple denials) on the site of Caiaphas' House, the Room of the Last Supper (*Luke 22:14-20*) and the Tomb of King David. Return to our hotel for overnight in Bethlehem.

Day 4, Dec. 30 – Bethlehem-NATIVITY CHURCH: After a delicious breakfast, will visit the Shepherds' Fields (*Luke 2:1-20*) overlook the Field of Boaz and Ruth (*Ruth 1:16-17 & 4:13*). Visit the Church of the Nativity, the birthplace of Jesus. Will have an opportunity to shop at my friend's shop George (a highlight to many who have come with me in the past). The Shrine of the Book Museum, that houses the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Model City of Jerusalem which depicts in miniature the Holy City as it appeared in the first century. Visit Ein Karem the birthplace of John the Baptizer. Then on to the 9-11 Memorial, after a long day we will stop by a good restaurant for dinner then return to our hotel in Bethlehem.

Day 5, Dec. 31 — JERUSALEM: We continue to the Western (Wailing) Wall where the faithful Jews cry their petitions to God, continue to the Temple Area of Mt. Moriah. View the El Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, which is built on the ancient site of Solomon's Temple (*Genesis 22:9-14*) and over the Rock of Sacrifice where Abraham was to offer Isaac (*Genesis 22*) and the ceremonial sacrifice of animals took place. After this, we walk along the Via Dolorosa (the Road of Agony), to Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Chapel of the Flagellation, the Ecce Homo Arch (*John 19:13*) where Jesus was tried before Pilate (*Mark 15:6*). Then, we continue through the Old City bazaars to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Visit the Garden Tomb and Golgotha - Place of the Skull - Return to our hotel for overnight. (For this special night we are going to have a special party with special Dinner to celebrate New Year's Eve)

Day 6, Jan. 01 — QUMRAN – MASADA: after a hearty breakfast we start our trek and Drive along the Dead Sea - the lowest point on earth, to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Visit the remains of the Community Center of the Essenes and the Caves of the Scrolls, and the Jordan Valley. Ascend to Masada by cable car to visit the magnificent ruins of the fortress where, from 70-73 A.D., the Jewish defenders made the last stand of the Judean Revolt against Rome and where the remains of storehouses, cisterns and a sixth century Byzantine church are still on view. We will take time to swim in the Dead Sea. If time permits, we will visit Bethany, the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus's tomb (*John 11:1-46*)

Return back to Bethlehem for overnight.

Day 7, Jan. 02 — VISIT JERICHO – DEAD SEA: After a delicious breakfast, **we will take time to worship our Awesome God.** Our journey continues via the Judean Desert to visit ancient Jericho, where the walls came tumbling down (*Joshua 6:1-27*), view of the Mt. of Temptation (*Matthew 4:1-11*), and Elisha's Fountain. View the Inn of the Good Samaritan (*Luke 10:25-37*). Then we will continue to visit the Baptismal site in the Jordan River where Lord Jesus was baptized, then to our hotel for dinner and overnight in NAZARETH.

Day 8, Jan. 03 — NAZARETH – CANA - Muhraka – Haifa (the Burning): After a restful night and hearty breakfast we begin our journey NNW. We will start by visiting Nazareth, the home of Joseph and Mary (my birthplace), then on to Cana (the first miracle that took place (John 2:1-11), will drive along the Mediterranean Sea road. Will stop at Mount Carmel where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal by the Brook Kishon. Today, I am privileged to take you to visit my home where I grew up. Visit the open Souk, meet some of my family and eat some wonderful Middle Eastern food—falafel (the hamburger of the Middle East) then we will go to our hotel in Nazareth for dinner and overnight.

Day 09, Dec. 04 — MT. TABOR - DEBORIYA - NAIN - Caesarea by the Sea: After a hearty breakfast we begin our thrilling journey of a lifetime following the footsteps of the Savior. We will be traveling westward across Galilee, we visit Mt. Tabor (*Psalms 89:12*), Deboriya, the hometown of the Prophetess Deborah, at the foothill of Tabor (Judges 4 and 5). Point out the Village of Nain where Jesus brought life to a young man (*Luke 7:11-18*). We visit Megiddo and the Plain of Armageddon, Jezreel and Esdraelon. – Drive to Caesarea (martima) the city port that was built by Herod the great on the Mediterranean. Will visit the Crusader’s Castle, the Roman Amphitheater and water duct, and the port from which the Apostle Paul sailed to Rome. Return to our hotel for overnight

Day 10, Jan. 05 — TIBERIAS - SEA OF GALILEE - CAPERNAUM - MT. OF BEATITUDES – TABGHA: After a delicious breakfast, we depart to the Roman hot springs resort city of Tiberias via a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum (*John 6:24*) to walk among the ancient ruins of this first century synagogue where Jesus preached (*Matthew 4:13-17*). Then, on to the Mt. of Beatitudes (the location of) the Sermon on the Mount (*Matthew 5-7*), and to Tabgha, the chapel dedicated to the multiplication of the loaves and fishes (*Mark 6:34-44*). . Return to our hotel.

Day 11, Jan. 06 — I will bid you farewell and head back to Haifa to spend few more days with my family. Then fly back to the USA and arrive tired and spiritually rejuvenated from such a blessed journey.