

Journey to the Holy Land

Sample [8-DAY TOUR]

DAY 1



DEPART ON OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

We depart from the United States on our overnight flight to Tel Aviv, Israel. On route to the Holy Land we will be served dinner.

Overnight: Enroute

DAY 2



Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv

ARRIVAL IN THE HOLY LAND

Breakfast is served before we land. We arrive in Tel Aviv where we will be greeted and assisted by our tour representative.

Transfer to our hotel in Tel Aviv.
Enjoy our first dinner together as a group in the hotel.

Dinner and Overnight: Tel Aviv [D]

DAY 3



Independence Hall

TEL AVIV AND COASTAL ROUTE NORTH TO TIBERIAS

Full Israeli Buffet Breakfast at hotel.

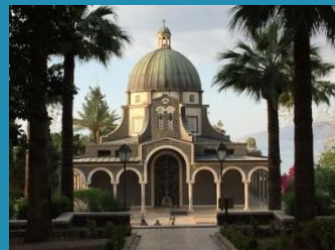
This morning, visit **Independence Hall**, where David Ben Gurion proclaimed the foundation of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948. Then depart Tel Aviv and begin your bus trip north along the Mediterranean Sea passing towns that are home to many hi-tech companies.

Arrive in **Caesarea**, home to the first gentile converts. Extensive modern archaeological excavations have made viewable stadiums, theaters, temples, palaces, and a giant sea port built out in the Mediterranean.

Visit **Acco**. This coastal city in the Western Galilee was regarded as the key to the Levant in ancient times because of its strategic coastal location. Enjoy a walk along the city's old harbor and visit the local market. Proceed to our hotel in the Galilee.

Dinner and Overnight: Tiberias [B, D]

DAY 4



Mount of Beatitudes

CAPERNAUM – MOUNT OF BEATITUDES - YARDENIT

This morning we will visit the **Jesus Boat Museum** before taking a **boat ride** across the Sea of Galilee to **Capernaum** and visit the remains of the 2nd century synagogue. Journey to **Tabgha** the site of the miracle of fish and loaves, and visit the **Church of Multiplication** with its 4th century mosaic floor. Continue to the **Mount of the Beatitudes**, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount.

End the day at the Jordan River and the **Yardenit Baptismal** site, where you will have the opportunity to be baptized.

Dinner and Overnight: Tiberias [B, D]

DAY 5



Bethlehem

FROM THE NORTH TO JERUSALEM

Today, we will travel to Jerusalem and stop at **Nazareth** along the way. Continue to **Haas Promenade** for a beautiful view in Jerusalem. From there we will proceed to **Bethlehem**. We will also meet and pray with a Christian Arab congregation who continues to courageously stand strong in their faith in Bethlehem. We will also visit **Shepherds Fields**, which are the fields identified since ancient times with the shepherds who saw the Star of Nativity. Following that time we will enjoy wonderful shopping at Maher Canawati's Three Arches Shop for olive wood products created in Bethlehem. Visit the **Church of the Nativity**.

Dinner and Overnight: Jerusalem [B, D]

DAY 6



Jerusalem

JERUSALEM – OLD CITY

Today we visit the **Old City of Jerusalem**. We will make an attempt to visit Temple Mount. Thereafter, visit the **Western Wall Tunnels**. Proceed to the **Church of All Nations** and to **Mount Zion** to see the tomb of King David and the nearby **Room of the Last Supper**.

Enter the Old City to begin exploring the wonders of Jerusalem. Walk through the **Cardo**, the main street of Jerusalem 2000 years ago. View the Temple Mount and the Western Wall. Walk along the **Via Dolorosa**, where Jesus carried His Cross. Continue to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. No visit to Jerusalem is complete without a walk through the colorful Arab bazaar (a chance to test your negotiating skills).

End the day with a visit to the **Garden Tomb**.

Dinner and Overnight: Jerusalem [B, D]

DAY 7



Masada

MASADA – DEAD SEA

After enjoying a delicious Israeli breakfast, we will travel south to **Qumran**, site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Then, tour **Masada**. Ascend by cable car and tour the ancient fortress where the Zealots made their last stand against the Romans in 73 AD. Descend by cable car.

Continue to the **Dead Sea** in the afternoon and enjoy a float in the buoyant waters. Then, stop at the **Ein Gedi Nature Reserve** home to beautiful hot springs, fascinating plants and wildlife along with great hiking trails. Proceed to our hotel in Jerusalem.

Dinner and Overnight: Jerusalem [B, D]

DAY 8



Yad Vashem

YAD VASHEM – FAREWELL DINNER

This morning, we will visit the **Eagles' Wings Feeding Center** having the opportunity to be the "hands and feet" of Jesus as we prepare and serve food to Israel's poor.

In the morning we will visit **Yad Vashem** Holocaust Memorial and Museum where we can walk through the **Children's Pavilion**, visit the museum, and walk down the Avenue of the Righteous. We will meet with a Holocaust survivor at Yad Vashem. Continue on to **Mount Herzl**, a military cemetery and museum honoring Theodore Herzl. It is the burial site of many great Israeli leaders including Yitzhak Rabin and Golda Meir.

Enjoy a **farewell dinner** at a local restaurant and transfer to airport for our flight back to the United States.

Overnight, Enroute

DAY 9



Arrive to the U.S.

Arrive back in the USA and proceed home.

****Itinerary and guide are subject to change due to timing and unforeseen circumstances****