

Trip to Israel

October 20-29, 2017

Tour Company:



Holiday Cruises Church Trip to Israel 2017 Itinerary

(Subject to change)

Friday - October 20: Fly to Israel

Saturday - October 21, 2017: Getting Started

Upon arrival in Israel, meet your guide and drive to Jaffa; see the entrance to the house of Simon the Tanner (Tabitha, Acts 9:36) Hear the story of Jonah and the whale (Jonah 1). Check in hotel. Dinner at hotel; review program with pastor and guide. Overnight: Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv (tentative)

Sunday - October 22: Along the Coast

After breakfast, check out. Drive north along the coast to Caesarea Archaeological Park; tour site, which was formally the Roman capital of Judea. Continue onto the Muhraka on Mt. Carmel (site of the contest between Elijah and the priests of Ba'al.) Druze-style lunch in Druze community on the Carmel. Proceed to Megiddo (Armageddon) and its archaeological excavation; drive to Tiberias, overlooking the Sea of Galilee; check in to hotel and eat dinner. Overnight: Leonardo Plaza, Tiberias (tentative)

Monday - October 23: Nazareth and Around the Sea of Galilee

After breakfast, visit Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle, and Nazareth. Tour Nazareth including site of Mary's Well and the Church of the Annunciation. Lunch on own in Nazareth. Return to Sea of Galilee. Visit Magdala Project, site of excavations of 1st Century Jewish fishing village where synagogue from the time of Jesus has been discovered. Continue to the Mt of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount and then on to Capernaum, the city of Jesus. Then, visit the "Jesus Boat" at the Yigal Allon Museum at Kibbutz Ginosar; enjoy boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Return to hotel for dinner. Overnight: Leonardo Plaza, Tiberias (tentative)

Tuesday - October 24: The Upper Galilee and the Jordan River

After breakfast, check out of hotel. Then, continue north to Banias, site of Caesarea Phillipi and one of the sources of the Jordan River. Continue to Mt Bental in Golan Heights, overlooking site of decisive tank battle in 1973 Yom Kippur War. Lunch of St Peter's fish at restaurant on Sea of Galilee; continue to the baptismal site of Yardenit at the southern end of the Sea of Galilee for baptism ceremony. Time permitting, visit Beit She'an National Park, with archaeological remains spanning thousands of years. Drive south via Jordan Valley to hotel on Dead Sea. Float/swim on Dead Sea followed by dinner and overnight: Dead Sea Hotel

Wednesday - October 25: Masada & Qumran

After late breakfast with time to enjoy facilities at hotel, check out of hotel. Drive to Masada; ascend by cable car and tour site; learn about the Zealots' last stand in 73 A.D. Descend by cable car or via the Snake Path. Continue to Qumran, site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947. Lunch on own at restaurant at Qumran. Continue to Jerusalem; panoramic view of city from Mt Scopus. Check in to hotel. Dinner at hotel. Overnight: Dan Hotel, Jerusalem (tentative)

Thursday - October 26: Jerusalem & Bethlehem

After breakfast, visit City of David, where Jerusalem began 3,000 years ago. Continue to Davidson Archaeological Park; walk up steps which led to the Temple at the time of Jesus.

Continue to the *Kotel* (Western Wall) and go on tour of Western Wall Tunnel. Then, drive to Bethlehem for lunch on own and visit to the Grotto marking the site of the Birth of Jesus, and Shepherds' Field; return to Jerusalem. Dinner at hotel. Overnight: Dan Hotel, Jerusalem (tentative)

Friday - October 27: Yad Vashem

After breakfast, drive to *Yad Vashem* Holocaust Museum and memorial including visit to Path of the Righteous, historical museum and Children's Memorial. Drive to *Machane Yehuda*, Jerusalem's colorful open-air market, for lunch on own. Free time in downtown Jerusalem. Return to hotel. At dusk, drive to Old City to watch as Jews welcome the Sabbath at the *Kotel* (the Western Wall). Return to hotel for dinner. Overnight: Dan Hotel, Jerusalem (tentative)

Saturday - October 28: Jerusalem

After breakfast, check out of hotel. Visit Israel Museum to see the model of Jerusalem at the time of the Second Temple and the Shrine of the Book housing the Dead Sea Scrolls. Drive to Mt of Olives for panoramic view of Old & New Jerusalem; walk down to the Garden of Gethsemane and Church of All Nations. Walk through St. Stephen's Gate to the Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church, a beautiful Crusader church famous for its acoustics. Continue along the Via Dolorosa. Lunch on own in Christian Quarter; visit Church of the Holy Sepulcher; free time in Christian Quarter; Continue to Garden Tomb for Holy Communion and discussion wrapping up trip. Dinner in restaurant in Arab community of Abu Ghosh. Drive to airport and fly back to US.

Sunday - October 29: Back in US

Land back in US

EXTENSION

Saturday October 28

After dinner in Abu Ghosh, drive to airport and fly to Eilat. Overnight: Eilat

Sunday October 29

All day tour of Petra. Overnight: Amman

Monday October 30

Tour in Jordan including visit to church in Madaba to see map of Middle East from Byzantine period. Continue to Mt Nebo, traditional site where Moses was granted a view of the Promised Land. Cross back into Israel over Allenby Bridge; transfer to Ben Gurion Airport and fly to US

Tuesday October 31

Land back in US

Cost and Deposit Timeline...

\$3500 Per Person

Rate Includes...

- 7 night's accommodation at 4/5 star hotel
- 8 days sightseeing in a luxury touring bus
- English speaking licensed tour guide from arrival through departure
- One group arrival and departure transfer to and from airport
- Entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Tips for guide, bus driver, waiter, etc.
- Porterage at hotels and at Ben Gurion airport upon arrival only
- St. Peter's Fish Lunch
- Druze style lunch
- All breakfast and dinner as mentioned in itinerary
- Life Community specific website for registration
- Flight from Phoenix to Tel Aviv

Single Supplement... \$657

Payment Timeline...

| \$100 | March 1 st | Non-refundable |
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| \$350 | June 1 st | Refundable through July 15 th |
| \$1300 | July 15 th | |
| \$1750 | September 1s | t |

Hotels... (subject to change)

Dan Panorama- Tel Aviv

October 21-22



Leonardo Plaza- Tiberias

October 22-24



Leonardo Plaza- Dead Sea

October 24-25



Dan Jerusalem- Jerusalem

October 25-28



OPTIONAL Extension into Amman, Jordan

Rate per participants: 5-9: \$630

10-14: \$580

Rate Includes:

- 1 night at Dan Panorama Eilat Hotel or similar
- 1 night at Bristol Amman hotel or similar
- Rate is per person sharing a double room
- Transfers to Ben Gurion airport from Allenby Bridge
- Domestic flight Tlv-Eilat
- Transfer from Eilat airport to hotel
- 1.5 days in Jordan

Rate does not Include:

- Meals and beverages not mentioned above
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Entrance visa into Jordan (\$60 pp) and departure tax via land border (\$15 pp)