



The Holy Land , IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE BIBLE. 7 nights and 8 days of Biblical orientation

Day 1.

Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport. Assistance and reception. Welcome to the Land of the Bible. Accommodation and overnight.

Day 2.

Drive to the North of the Holy Land. The pilgrimage starts at JAFFA, the village where Peter stayed and had the impure animal vision. This is the same Jaffa of the Prophet Jonas and of other passages of the Bible. Drive on along the path of the ancient Via Maris on our way to the ruins of CAESAREA where you can visit the theatre and the aqueduct. Drive on to MOUNT CARMEL, site of the Prophet Elias deeds, where the modern city of Haifa stands today. Continue to Tel MEGGIDO, the archaeological site in the heart of the Armageddon Valley. Drive on through the Valley of Jezreel towards Nazareth, the city where Jesus spent his childhood and adolescence. We are now in the heart of GALILEE and this day tour will finish with a drive to the shores of the Sea of GALILEE, for an overnight stay.

Day 3.

Take a boat ride on the lake then land in the Valley of Magdala. Continue to the ruins of CAPERNAUM, where Peter's mother-in-law's house once stood and where Jesus stayed as a guest and performed many miracles. Continue to Tabgha, site of the miracle of the Bread and Fish. The morning tour finishes with a prayer on the mount of Sermon . In the afternoon, drive on to the North of Galilee to visit BANIAS or CAESARIA FILIPPOS, as the main sources of the Jordan river in the Golan Heights. Return to Tiberias.

Day 4.

Drive from Tiberias to the shores of the Jordan River where you can practice prayer and baptism. At last, we begin our journey to Jerusalem. Drive out along the Jordan Valley through the desert in Samaria and Judea, passing Jericho where the conquest of the city by Joshua took place and Jesus stayed on his way to Jerusalem. Start the ascent to Jerusalem. You may make a triumphant entry to the City with a special prayer "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces." Arrival at the hotel.



Day 5.

You can start with a visit to Bethlehem, south of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of the Nativity, which is built on the site where Jesus was born, then continue to visit the Shepherds' Field where the Good News were first heard. Return to Jerusalem and to the MOUNT OF OLIVES, where you can remember the Ascension of Jesus and enjoy a beautiful panoramic view of the city for which Jesus wept. Arrival at the Gethsemane Garden, where you will have time for prayer and worship among the old olive trees of Kidron stream. Continue on to MOUNT ZION visiting the CENACLE, site of the Last Supper of Jesus and then to King David's Tomb. Go and visit the BIBLICAL GARDEN at the Evangelical Institute that includes a Paschal Supper.



Day 6.

You may enter, and for the first time, the walls of Old Jerusalem, through the Jewish Quarter up to the Western Wall, the Temple Mount, Dome of the Rock and Al- Aqsa Mosque. This is the MOUNT MORIAH of the Bible. You can continue walking by foot to the Pretorius site, where Pontius Pilate condemned Jesus, and from there along the Via Dolorosa in the footsteps of Jesus towards the garden of Golgotha, site of the Crucifixion and of the Empty Sepulchre. You may have some time for prayer and communion. In the afternoon, you can continue on to explore New Jerusalem, with a visit at the scale model of the city, to the Holocaust Memorial and to the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Manuscripts are on exhibit to the public.



Day 7.

Drive to the Dead Sea desert. A visit to the ruins of Qumran, where the Essene community lived, which bequeathed to us their parchments which are considered the oldest copies of Biblical texts. Drive on to the Fortress of MASSADA, the impressive work that was carried out more than 2000 years ago by King Herod the Great. The scene is one of the most dramatic moments of Jewish history. Take a free time to dip in the salty waters of the Dead Sea. Return to Jerusalem. In the evening, a farewell dinner.

Day 8.

Free time in the morning.

Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport for departure.