



LAND OF THE BIBLE

Protestant Pilgrimage

10 day Journey in Israel



The Holy Land is a powerful and often life-changing destination. With our customized journey through Israel, experience Israel from a Christian view as you watch the Bible come to life, nourish your soul as you re-live the past and take your faith and understanding to new heights. Embrace the power of the holy sites in Galilee. Touch the 2,000 year old stones of the Old City of Jerusalem. Discover modern Israel while you explore the past.

This program can be adapted to suit the needs of each traveler, customized for individuals, families and Church groups.

Day 1

WELCOME TO ISRAEL

Arrival on your designated flight.

VIP assistance through airport procedures at Ben Gurion Airport.

Our VIP representative will meet you at the end of the jetway and escort you through the terminal, to passport control. Fast track service through passport control. Baggage claim procedures and escorting through customs to connect with your private transfer.

Private transfer from Ben Gurion Airport to Tel Aviv.

Overnight Tel Aviv



Day 2

ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST

Breakfast and check out from hotel.

Begin your journey in the ancient port of **Jaffa**, the oldest functional seaport of the last 4,000 years. Here, Jonah departed in the belly of the big fish, Peter raised Tabitha from the dead, and Simon the Tanner lived. View **St. Peter's Church** with its steeple overlooking the picturesque fishing port that has for over a century been a beacon signaling to sea-weary pilgrims that the Holy Land is near.

Depart Tel Aviv and drive north along the Israeli coastline to **Caesarea**, the Roman capital of Judea, named after Augustus Caesar, who imposed the tax that brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. View the beautiful restored Roman Theater, the ruins of the ancient town, harbor and aqueduct.

On the slopes of **Mount Carmel**, visit the **Muhraka**, with spectacular views of Northern Israel, near the spot where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. Overnight in Galilee

Day 3

GO GALILEE

Breakfast at hotel

Feel the power as you **sail on the Sea of Galilee**, where Jesus walked on water.

Drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee to the **Mount of Beatitudes**, site of the Sermon on the Mount and continue to nearby **Tabgha**, site of the multiplication of the loaves and fish, marking Jesus' miraculous feeding of the five thousand. Visit the ancient town of **Capernaum** residence of Jesus during his ministry in the Galilee. Continue to Ginosar to view the **ancient wooden boat** dating from the time of Jesus.

Continue to the first century fishing village of **Magdala**, the home of Mary Magdalene, with ruins of the ancient synagogue and a new church built on the site, simple in design but rich in mosaics and murals.

Conclude the day at **Yardenit Baptismal Site** on the Jordan River. Option for private baptism ceremony.

Overnight in Galilee



Day 4

UPPER GALILEE AND GOLAN

Breakfast at hotel

Ascend to the **Golan Heights** for an overview of the region from the top of **Mount Bental**.

Located near the **Banias waterfall**, visit the site of ancient **Caesarea Philippi**, the place in which Jesus entrusted Peter with the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Visit **Beit Seida**, an ancient fishing village on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Known as the birthplace of three of the Apostles, Peter, Andrew and Philip. Jesus himself visited Beit Seida and performed several miracles there.

Overnight in Galilee

Day 5

GALILEE TO JERUSALEM

Breakfast and check out from hotel

Stop at **Mount Precipice**, the traditional site where Jesus was rejected by an angry mob and where a miracle occurred.

In **Nazareth**, the childhood home of Jesus, visit the Church of the Annunciation.

Continue to the Church of the Wedding at Cana, where Jesus performed his first miracle, changing water into wine.

Travel through the **Jezreel Valley** to **Megiddo**, one of Solomon's chariot cities and the site of the coming battle of Armageddon.

Begin the journey up to **Jerusalem** driving through the Mountains of Judea arriving in the holy city for a **traditional welcome ceremony** atop Mount Scopus.

Overnight Jerusalem



Day 6

HEAVENLY AND EARTHLY JERUSALEM

Breakfast at hotel

Before setting out on your exploration of the city, start the day at **Mount of Olives** with an all-encompassing panoramic view of Jerusalem. Walk down the **Palm Sunday Road** to the **Garden of Gethsemane**. Weave your way through the ancient olive trees and continue on to the **Church of All Nations**. Just outside the walls of the old city, visit Mount Zion with **Caiphus' House** at **St Peter in Gallicantu Church**, and the **Upper Room** - site of the Last Supper - as well as the **Tomb of King David**.

Continue to the 3,000 year old **City of David** and explore the site both above and below ground. Exit the site through the **Pilgrims Passage**, walking in the footsteps of Jesus from the **Pool of Siloam** to the **Southern Steps of the Temple Mount**.

This evening, attend the **Sound & Light show** at the Tower of David fortress.
Overnight Jerusalem

Day 7

LAYERS OF JERUSALEM

Breakfast at hotel

Visit **St. Anne's Church** and the **Pools of Bethesda**, just inside Lions' Gate. Walk the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Continue along the 2,000 year old stones of the **Cardo**, the ancient Roman marketplace in the heart of the Old City.

Walking through the Old City, be drawn to the **Western Wall**, the holiest site in the Jewish tradition. The ancient Kotel, once a retaining wall for King Herod's magnificent temple, now gathers people from around the world in prayer and celebration.

This afternoon, visit the carved in stone **Garden Tomb**, believed to be the site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus.

Overnight Jerusalem



Day 8

WONDERS OF THE JUDEAN DESERT AND THE DEAD SEA

Breakfast at hotel

Journey through the **Judean Desert** to the **Dead Sea**, the lowest place on earth.

Visit **Qumran**, site of the secluded caves where the Dead Sea scrolls were first discovered.

Pass by **Ein Gedi**, David's hideout from Saul while continuing south along the Dead Sea shores. Ride the cable car to discover King Herod's mountain-top fortress at **Masada**, the last stronghold and stand of the Zealots against Rome, on the edge of the barren Judean Desert.

Enjoy the therapeutic qualities of the **Dead Sea**, believed to have wondrous healing powers. Float on the salty waters, relax and enjoy the facilities and lunch on site.

We have confirmed day-use rooms for you at a local resort hotel.

Return to Jerusalem.

Overnight Jerusalem

Day 9

MEMORY AND RENEWAL

Breakfast at hotel.

Share in a meaningful private escorted visit to **Yad Vashem**, Israel's official Holocaust museum, dedicated to the memory of the victims and honouring the survivors. The visit is enriched with a pause at the moving Children's Memorial and a walk along the inspirational Avenue of the Righteous.

Drive via the **Knesset** (Israel's parliament) and view the giant **Menorah** depicting Israel's history through the ages.

Continue to the **Model of Jerusalem** from the Second Temple period and the **Shrine of the Book**, where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** are housed.

Private escorted visit to **Bethlehem**, birthplace of Jesus, including **Manger Square**, the **Church of the Nativity** and **Shepherds' Fields**.

End your journey at the **Haas Promenade**, on the hills where Abraham first saw **Mount Moriah**, for a sweeping overview of the city and a fond farewell.

Overnight Jerusalem



Day 10

FAREWELL

Private transfer from your hotel to Ben Gurion Airport.

VIP assistance through airport procedures at Ben Gurion Airport.

Our VIP representative will meet you at the car. Fast track service through security check, flight check-in, hand baggage security and passport control. Escort to your gate

Departure on your designated flight.