

# 1 - BIBLELAND TOUR - 8 DAYS - 7 NIGHTS - ARRIVAL ON MONDAY

### DAY 1 - MONDAY - JERUSALEM

Upon arrival to the airport, you will meet our representative and transfer to your hotel in Jerusalem for overnight.

## DAY 2 - TUESDAY - JERUSALEM - SIGHTSEEING OF THE NEW CITY

Start the day with a panoramic view of Jerusalem from atop the Mt. of Olives. On to the Garden of Gethsemane and Church of the Agony. Continue to the Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book with the famous Dead Sea scrolls, then a visit to the beautifully renovated model of the Herodian city of Jerusalem, dating back to the time of the Second Temple. Continue to YadVashem (the memorial to the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust). Afternoon drive to the pictures village of Ein Karem (the birth place of John the Baptist). Return to Hotel.

#### DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY - JERUSALEM - OLD CITY & BETHLEHEM\*

Enter through one of the Gates to the walled Old City to visit the renewed Jewish Quarter, the Western Wall, the Temple area and the colorful bazaars. Walk along the Via Dolorosa and the Stations of the Cross, ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Drive to Mt. Zion and visit the tomb of King David, the Room of the Last Supper and Dormition Abbey. In the afternoon continue to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity and a view of the Shepherd's Fields. Return to Jerusalem for overnight. \*Site under Palestinian Authority jurisdiction. Visit subject to situation

# DAY 4 - THURSDAY - BEIT SHEAN / NAZARETH / GALILEE

Leave Jerusalem and drive north, passing by Jericho, the oldest city in the world. Travel through the Jordan Valley to Beit Shean. Visit the excavations of this beautiful preserved Roman City. Proceed to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation and the Carpentry workshop of Joseph. On to Safed, city of the Kabala, for a walk through the mystic alleys, a visit to the synagogue and the artists' colony. Continue to a Kibbutz hotel for overnight.



#### DAY 5 - FRIDAY - GOLAN HEIGHTS AND AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE

Drive to the Golan Heights. Visit the former Syrian fortifications, passing by the Druze villages Visit a former Syrian fortification on the heights. Pass by Banias, source of the Jordan River to visit the Mount of Beatitudes. Visit the ruins of the ancient synagogue and Peter's house at Cafernaum. Visit Tabgha, where the miracle of the fish and bread took place. Continue to Tiberias for a short tour of the old center of Jewish learning. Return to the Kibbutz hotel for overnight.

## DAY 6 - SATURDAY - ACRE / HAIFA / CAESAREA / TEL AVIV

After Breakfast, drive west to Acre for a visit of the old, famous Crusader stronghold and medieval fortifications. Continue to Haifa, for a sightseeing tour of the city, including the Baha'i Shrine, Persian Garden and Mount Carmel and Haifa Bay. Proceed southwards to Caesarea to visit the ancient port, including the Roman Theater and the Hippodrome. Continue to Tel Aviv-Jaffa for a short city tour and to your hotel for overnight.

DAY 7 - SUNDAY - DAY AT LEISUREIN Tel Aviv, or an optional tour Masada & Dead Sea.

Overnight in Tel Aviv.

**DAY 8 – MONDAY -** Breakfast and transfer to the airport for departure.



## 2 - HIGHLIGHTS TOUR - 8 DAYS - 7 NIGHTS - ARRIVAL ON SUNDAY

### **DAY 1 - SUNDAY - TEL AVIV**

Upon arrival to the airport you will meet our representative and transfer to your hotel in Tel Aviv for overnight.

### DAY 2 - MONDAY - TEL AVIV - BEER SHEBA - MASADA & DEAD SEA

Leave Tel Aviv driving south, passing by Ashdod and Ashkelon en route to Beersheba, for a drive through the Negev capital.

Continue via Arad toMasada. Ascend by cable car to the fortress, which was the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots in their war against the Romans. Visit the excavations, including Herod's palaces, the synagogue, bathhouse and cisterns. Enjoy the breathtaking view of the Roman camps and the Dead Sea. Descend for a "float" in the salty water of the world's lowest place – the Dead Sea. Proceed to Jerusalem for overnight.

#### DAY 3 - TUESDAY - JERUSALEM - SIGHTSEEING OF THE NEW CITY

Star the day with a panoramic view of Jerusalem from atop the Mt. of Olives. On to the Garden of Gethsemane and Church of the Agony. Continue to the Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book with the famous Dead Sea Scrolls, then a visit to the beautifully renovated model of the Herodian city of Jerusalem, dating back to the time of the Second Temple. Continue to YadVashem (the memorial to the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust). Afternoon drive to visit the picturesque village of Ein Karem (the traditional birth - place of John the Baptist). Return to Hotel.

#### DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY - JERUSALEM - OLD CITY & BETHLEHEM\*

Enter through one of the Gates to the walled Old City to visit the renewed Jewish Quarter, the Western Wall, the Temple area and the colorful bazaars. Walk along the Via Dolorosa and the Stations of the Cross, ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Continue to Mt. Zion and visit the tomb of King David, the Room of the Last Supper and Dormition Abbey. In the afternoon continue to Bethlehem\* to visit the Church of the Nativity and a view of the Shepherds' Fields. Return to Jerusalem for overnight. \*Site under Palestinian Authority jurisdiction. Visit subject to situation



# DAY 5 - THURSDAY - BEIT SHEAN / NAZARETH / GALILEE

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### DAY 6 - FRIDAY - GOLAN HEIGHTS AND AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE

Drive to the Golan Heights, passing by the Druze villages. Visit the former Syrian fortifications on the heights. Pass by Banias, source of the Jordan River to visit the Mount of Beatitudes. Visit the ruins of the ancient synagogue and Peter's House at Capernaum. Visit Tabgha, where the miracle of the fish and bread took place. Continue to Tiberias for a short tour of the old center of Jewish learning. Return to the Kibbutz hotel for overnight

# DAY 7 - SATURDAY - ACRE / HAIFA / CAESAREA / TEL AVIV

After breakfast drive west to Acre (Akko) for a visit of the old, famous Crusader stronghold and medieval fortifications. Continue to Haifa, for a sightseeing tour, including the Baha'i Shrine, Persian Garden and Mount Carmel for a panoramic view of the city and the bay. Proceed along the coast to Caesarea to visit the Roman Theater and the Crusader fortress. End the day with a short city tour of Tel Aviv-Jaffa and overnight.

DAY 8 - SUNDAY - Breakfast and transfer to the airport for departure.



### 3 - HERITAGE OF THE HOLYLAND - 8 DAYS - 7 NIGHTS -ARRIVAL ON THURSDAY

## **DAY 1 - THURSDAY - TEL AVIV**

Upon arrival to the airport you will meet our representative and transfer to your hotel in Tel Aviv for overnight.

# DAY 2 - FRIDAY - TEL AVIV / SEA OF GALILEE / TIBERIAS

We drive for a short visit of the city of Jaffa (Joppa) where we will take a short walking tour in picturesque alleys of the old, fortified town. We will pass by the house of Simon the Tanner and marvel at the views from the hill top. We drive north along the coast to the archaeological ruins of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great in honor of Augustus Caesar. From there we go on to visit Megiddo where the book of Revelations mentions a great battle at the place called "Armageddon". It is an ancient city inhabited continuously for more than five millennia (6000-500 B.C.). After exploring the ancient ruins we drive toward the Sea of Galilee Arrive at Tiberias and check-in to your hotel

#### **DAY 3 - SATURDAY - SEA OF GALILEE**

Start the day from historic Tiberias, where Jesus lived, sojourned, and preached on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Our next destination will be Capernaum, the center of Jesus ministry. On toTabgha, just north of Tiberias, the site of Christ's miracle of feeding the 5,000 and at the Church of Multiplication, where the mosaic floor depicts a basket with loaves and two fishes. We drive on to the Mount of Beatitudes overlooking the Sea, where Jesus preached the "Sermon on the Mount" and it is believed that Jesus picked his 12 apostles We ascend to the Golan Heights to view the panoramic view of the peaks of Mt. Hermon, the rugged plateau of the Golan Heights, and beneath it the green pastoral Hula Valley Return to Tiberias for another lovely night in town.

# DAY 4 - SUNDAY - NAZARETH / JORDAN RIVER / BEIT SHEAN / JERUSALEM

This morning we travel Nazareth, where Jesus spent his childhood, and the Church of Annunciation, built on the site where archaeologists believe the Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary. You will also see Mary's Well and Joseph's Church. Proceed to nearby Cana to visit the Wedding Church where Jesus performed his first miracle, turning water into wine Drive through the Jordan Valley to Beit Shean with its recently excavated amphitheater. Visit the excavations of this beautiful preserved Roman City which was destroyed in an earthquake Continue to Jerusalem, to check-in at the hotel of your choice.



#### DAY 5 - MONDAY - MASADA & DEAD SEA

En route to the Dead Sea, visit the site of the Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scolls were discovered. Through remarkable scenery of the Dead Sea we continue to Masada which is situated on an isolated cliff in the Judean Desert. The site was declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2001. Ascend by cable car to the fortress, which was the last stronghold of the Jewish Zealots in their war against the Romans. Visit the excavations, King Herod's palace, the synagogue, bathhouse and much more. Enjoy the breathtaking view of the Roman camps and the Dead Sea. Nearly 1,300 feet below sea level, the Dead Sea is the lowest point on the Earth's surface. Bring your swimsuit as if weather permits it's possible to "float" on the salty, mineral rich, water. Return to Jerusalem for an overnight

### **DAY 6 - TUESDAY - JERUSALEM**

Start the day at Mt. Scopus. • Enjoy the spectacular panoramic view of Jerusalem. The holy city for each of the world's three great religions – Christianity, Judaism and Islam, Jerusalem occupies a unique place in the world. Your tour includes the Mount of Olives, a stop at the site where Jesus first gave the Lord's Prayer, and the Garden of Gethsemane where Judas betrayed Jesus. In the Old City you will see the Western Wall and the actual site of the Second Temple, the Temple Mount. Walk the Way of the Cross, the Via Dolorosa, to Calvary and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, housing both the traditional site of Crucifixion and the Tomb of the Resurrection. To the southwest, just outside the Old City, is Mount Zion, with the traditional tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper Return to hotel

#### DAY 7 - WEDNESDAY – JERUSALEM & BETHLEHEM\*

Today's tour includes YadVashem the official memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust, established in 1953, located at the foot of Mt. Hertzl. Enjoy Ein Karem; a picturesque village in the southwestern outskirts of Jerusalem. This small village has great significance in Christian traditions, since this is where according to tradition John the Baptist was born. Visit the Israel Museum with a detailed model of Jerusalem from the time of the Second Temple and the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls Drive by the Knesset (House of Parliament) and the campus of Hebrew University. Visit Bethlehem\* to see Rachel's Tomb and the Church of the Nativity. Back to your hotel for overnight. \*Site under Palestinian Authority jurisdiction. Visit subject to situation

#### **DAY 8 – THURSDAY – JERUSALEM**

We have reached our final day on this tour. We will take you back to the airport for your flight back home.