

Holy Land and Jordan - The Fifth Gospel

March/April 2019

Day 1 - Depart Canada

Day 2 - Tel Aviv Arrival at Tel Aviv Ben Gurion airport, meet guide bus. We drive along the coastal site to Caesarea to ancient Caesarea, a center of the early Christians. Here Cornelius became the first Gentile convert religion, and Paul was imprisoned before being taken to Rome for trial. Visit the Roman amphitheater, Crusader's Moat, the Byzantine Churches, and the Aqueduct. drive to Haifa, Mt. Carmel home of the Prophets Elijah and Elisha; for a scenic view of the city and the port and Bahai Gardens. Continue to Nazareth for dinner and overnight.



Day 03 - Tiberias After breakfast, drive to Cana of Galilee where the newly baptized Jesus performed the first miracle, turning water into wine at the wedding feast. Motor up to the Mt. of Beatitudes the site of the Sermon of the Mount where Jesus preached to the people. The beautiful view of the Sea of Galilee and entire Galilee is spectacular. Next to Capernaum, home of Our Lord during his ministry. After visiting



the synagogue where he taught, drive on to Tabgha. This was the site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Next the Church of St. Peter's Primacy. Here he said to Peter, "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep". Take a boat on the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight.

Day 04 Nazareth - Mount Tabor Leave Nazareth and drive along the Jordan River to the summit of Mount Tabor to visit the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus and the beautiful scenery of the valley of Jezreel. Drive to Nazareth to Visit Jesus boyhood home.



Following the visit to Basilica of the Annunciation and Joseph's workshop, the cave of the Annunciation and Mary's Well. There is ample time to walk in the streets of Our Lord's boyhood town. Dinner and overnight Nazareth.

Day 05 Nazareth - Sebastia to visit the famous archaeological site, where ruins of the roman city of Herod the Great stands. We will have a discovery tour with full explanation of the site. We will travel south, to one of the most famous Palestinian cities – Nablus. We will visit the famous Jacob's Well Church. Drive to Bethlehem (85KM - 1 hour & 40 minutes driving). Dinner and overnight

Day 06 - Jerusalem - Bethlehem This morning, stand atop the Mt. of Olives as Jesus did and enjoy the spectacular view of the "Golden City" of Jerusalem, significant to Christians, Jews and Muslims. Visit the Church of Pater Noster (commemorating the Our Father) the Chapel of Ascension and then walk the "Palm Sunday Road" visiting on the way Dominus Flevit, Jesus Wept, and to the Russian Church.

Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed for God's will to be done and the Church of All Nations and the rock of Agony. Drive back to Bethlehem to visit Church of Nativity the Birthplace of Jesus and one of the most revered sites. Continue to Shepherds' Fields to visit the Caves where shepherds "kept watch over their flock" still abound in the area east of Bethlehem. Dinner and overnight.

Day 07 – Jerusalem Drive to Mt Sion, Dormition Abbey, the Upper Room, revered as the site of the Last Supper. Then survey the Dormition Abbey, St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times, and King David's Tomb.



This afternoon, enter the Old City of Jerusalem where everyday life and winding cobblestone streets have remained much the same over the centuries. Sing a hymn in the Church of St. Anne and view the Pool of Bethesda. Visit the Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos and the arch of the Ecce Homo". Follow the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross) through the narrow alleys and bazaars to the holiest shrine in Christendom, Church of the Holy Sepulcher to visit Golgotha and the Tomb of Our Lord. Return to hotel. Dinner and overnight.

Day 08 - Drive to the New City of Jerusalem, to Ein Karem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist, to visit the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous "Magnificat."



Drive through the New City of Jerusalem to View the Knesset, Israeli Parliament. Rest of the day free. Day 09 Leave hotel in Bethlehem to Bethany, home of the siblings Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Continue to Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest known Biblical manuscripts ever found. Continue to the Dead Sea to swim in the salty and mineral laden waters of the Dead Sea. The sea has high concentration of various healing chemical salts that one cannot sink in. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Jericho.

Day 10 Early morning drive to Allenby Bridge to cross to Jordan. After passport formalities, meet guide and drive to Mt. Nebo where Moses saw the promised Land for the first time. Visit Madaba Mosaic Church and continue to Jeras visit the Acropolis

city before go to our hotel in Amman.



Day 11 Today we visit Jordan's most exciting and adventurous travel experience Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, dating back to 300 B.C. It is only accessible via a narrow canyon and contains tombs, temples carved into pink sandstone cliffs, earning its nickname "Rose City". Back to Amman for dinner.

Day 12 Today we leave Jordan and return to Israel. On route stop at Qasr El Yehud Baptismal Site on the Jordan River. Drive to ancient Jericho, view the Sycamore Tree, view the ancient city which was conquered by Joshua. Take cable car up to Mt. Temptation to visit the Greek Orthodox Monastery on the and enjoy the view of the "tel", and Elisha's Fountain. Dinner and overnight in Jericho.

Day 13 Transfer to airport for our flight back home.

Prices of **3450 US \$** / double occupancy/ include: -

- International flight including taxes and fuel surcharge
- Accommodation on H.B / breakfast and dinner/basis in 4 stars hotels for 11nights/13 days program as follows:
 - 3 nights Nazareth/ Golden Crown OLD CITY or similar
 - 4 nights Bethlehem / Manger Square hotel or similar
 - 2 nights Jericho/ Oasis hotel or similar
 - 2 nights Amman/ Olive Tree or Harir Palace or similar
- All tours/ transfers by private modern tourist coach
- Services of English-speaking licensed tourist guide
- Entrance fees to all sites visited as per attached program including Boat Ride on the Sea of Galilee and horse ride in Petra
- Tips to guide, driver and hotels staff
- Daily Masses.
- Meet and assist upon arrival/ departure
- Whispers Audio system for groups over 25 passengers.

Above prices exclude: -

- Border taxes per person net no free currently as follows:
 - 52.-USD per person Israeli Departure tax and 15.-USD Jordanian departure tax back to Israel.
- All lunches on route. Supplement for lunch is around 18.-USD per person.
- Carriages in Petra
- Any kind of insurance
- Anything not mentioned above.

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