

**24 March – 1 April 2022**

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# 8 Day tour to Israel in the footsteps of Jesus

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### **DAY 1 Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - Johannesburg / Tel Aviv**

With great excitement we meet at O.R. Tambo International Airport three hours before departure, complete the necessary formalities, say goodbye to family and friends and depart on our overnight flight to Tel Aviv. Dinner and breakfast on board.

### **DAY 02 Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - Tel Aviv / Caesarea / Mount Carmel / Nazareth / Cana / Tiberias**

Arrive early morning at Ben Gurion Airport where we will be met and assisted to our coach. We depart to **Caesarea**, where we visit the restored Roman Amphitheatre, the remains of a Crusader Fortress and a Byzantine Street. Caesarea was home of the first gentile convert, Cornelius a Roman Centurion baptized by Peter (Acts 10).



Continue to **Mt. Carmel** and visit the site where Elijah had the confrontation with the Baal prophets (1 Kings 2 v15). We look out over the **Valley of Jezreel**, where the battle of Armageddon is described in Daniel 11:40-45; Joel 3:9-17; Zechariah 14:1-3; and Revelation 16:14-16, Rev 26:16.



We continue our tour to **Nazareth** where we will visit the Church of Annunciation, and Joseph's workplace. Hereafter we visit **Cana** in Galilee, the traditional site of the wedding feast where Jesus performed His first miracle of turning water into wine (John 2:1-11), and the son of a royal officer was healed. Here you will have the opportunity to buy "Cana Wine". Drive to our hotel in **Tiberias** for dinner and overnight.



### **DAY 03 Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - Full day Galilee / Boat cruise / Capernaum / Tabgha / Magdala / Yardenite (optional baptism)**

This morning after breakfast we will board our wooden boat for a leisurely cruise on the **Sea of Galilee** and to Nof Ginnosar Kibbutz Museum, where we will view the "Jesus Boat", an ancient boat that was pulled from the mud along the north-western shore of the Sea of Galilee. The Boat is a type of boat that was used on the Sea of Galilee for both fishing and transportation across the lake. It is likely that this sort of boat was used by Jesus and his disciples, many of whom were fishermen. Continue to **Capernaum**, also known as the town of Jesus, where many of his miracles were performed. Here we visit the ruins of a 2nd

century synagogue, built over the place as it was during the time of Jesus (Matthew 9:1). You also see a well-preserved Oil press. Visit the **Mountain of Beatitudes** where the Sermon of the Mount (Matt 5-7) was delivered and **Tabgha** the traditional site where the multiplication of the loaves and fishes were performed (Mark 6:32-44). Right on the shore of the Lake is the **Chapel of Mensa Christi**, site of the re-commissioning of Peter (Jn. 21).



Hereafter we continue to **Magdala**, the birthplace of Mary Magdalene, which was a prosperous fishing village at the time Jesus was active in this region.

We end the day with a visit to **Yardenite**, the traditional baptismal site in the Jordan River at the southern part of the Sea of Galilee. Those that would like to be baptized (optional) or confirm their baptism will have the opportunity. (Cost: ±\$12 for use of white robe & towel) We return to our hotel in Tiberias where we relax or have a swim before supper.



## **DAY 04 Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - Jericho\* / Bethabara / Masada / Dead Sea / Jerusalem**

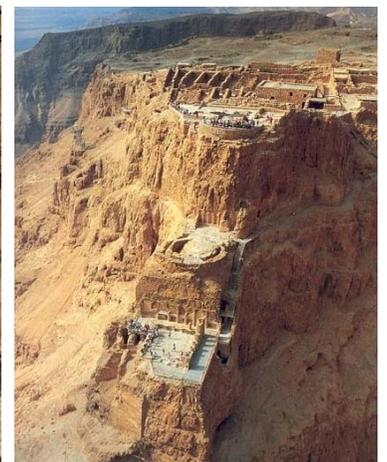
This morning after breakfast we depart for **Jericho**. We drive along the Jordan River, which forms the natural border between Jordan and Israel. We visit **Bethabara** where John the Baptist baptized those who came to him (John 1:25). This is also the place, according to tradition, where Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (Mark 1:9-11).



We visit **Jericho\***, the oldest continually-inhabited city on earth dating back to 9600 BC, concurred by Joshua (Joshua 4:5-6). We see the remains of the watch towers of the city walls, and visit Elisha's fountain where God allowed the axe to float and sweetened the bitter water. View the Mount of Temptation. We drive to **Qumran** for lunch (included) and some shopping of Dead Sea products. We visit the nearby **Kalia Beach** where we experience and have the opportunity to swim (or rather "float") in the salty waters of the Dead Sea.



We drive further along the Dead Sea to **Mount Masada** where we ascent the mountain by cable car. On top of the mountain you'll see the ruins of a Jewish Fortress where 967 Jews committed mass-suicide rather than surrender to their Roman besiegers, and King Herod's Winter Palace. After a full day we depart for our Hotel in Jericho.



## DAY 05 Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - Jerusalem / Mount of Olives / Gethsemane / Jerusalem



After breakfast we depart for **Jerusalem - the eternal city**. We visit the **Mount of Olives** where Jesus lived the last week of his life. We visit the **Church of the Pater Noster** (where Jesus taught the Our Father). then walk down the slopes of the Mt of Olives to **Getsémané** and en route visit the **Dominus Flavit Church** (commemorating Jesus' weeping over Jerusalem, Luke 19:21), with its beautiful panoramic view over the old city and the **Golden Gate**. Gethsémané is where Jesus prayed the night before his crucifixion (Luke 22:39). Judas also betrayed Him here, and this is the place where Peter cut off the ear of the high priest's servant (John 18:10).

We go to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Tonight we have the option of attending the **Spectacular Sound & Light Show** in the old city of David (Citadel) which depicts Jerusalem's 4,000-year-old history through virtual images telling the stories of King David, the Roman conquest, Muhammad, the Crusaders, and Suleiman the Magnificent, among other people and periods. This spectacular show is a 45-minute show. It uses trompe l'oeil technology — the stones of the walls and structures fade into the scenes and the screened images envelop the viewers, whisking them off to a one-of-a-kind multi-sensory experience. Cost: \$30 which includes transport. Recommended.

## DAY 06 Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - Full day Old City / Mt Zion / Upper Room

This morning after breakfast we start our tour of the Old City. We enter the Old City through the Dung Gate and continue to the **Temple Area** where you will see the El Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock where Solomon's temple stood and the rock where Isaac according to



tradition was to have been offered. The First Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians in 587-586 BCE, and the Second Temple was destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE. Hereafter we visit the **Pool of Bethesda**, the **Fortress of Antonio**, and the **Ecco Homo Arch**. Follow the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Golgotha)**, the traditional Calvary and the Church Chapel Golgotha where the crucifixion is said to have taken place. On the way we stop at the different stations. Hereafter we will enjoy some free time to have something to eat (optional), and to enjoy the Old City's thousands Arabic local shops, stands and eateries, each hawking their wares with great energy.



We continue to Mt Zion where we visit the **Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu**, also known as the **House of Caiaphas** or the "Church of the Cockcrow", where Peter denied Jesus. Our tour includes the **Tomb of David**, the **Upper room** of the Last Supper. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**\*Areas in the West Bank may be closed due to security reasons.**

## DAY 07 Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - DAVIDSON MUSEUM / TEMPLE STEPS / BETHLEHEM\* / YAD VASHEM

This morning after breakfast we visit the Davidson Archaeological Park, to see the Southern Steps of the Temple of the Temple Mount, and the former southern side of the Second Temple (also called Herod's Temple). It was built during King Herod's expansion of the Temple Mount platform southward on to the Ophel. It has been suggested that the outpour of the Holy Spirit and Christian fulfillment of the Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot) may have occurred on these steps (Acts 2). The baths nearby could most probably be where the baptism of 3,000 converts have taken place.



We drive to **Bethlehem\*** in the West Bank where we will visit the **Basilica of Nativity** built on the site of Jesus' birth. Enjoy the spectacular view over the Shepherd's fields. We enjoy a typical Bethlehem lunch. We have some time to do some shopping and buy beautiful hand- or machine crafted olive wood souvenirs. We return to our hotel for supper and overnight.

If it is possible we visit **Yad Vashem**, Israel's official memorial to the victims of the Holocaust.

## DAY 08 Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 - Wailing Wall / Model of Old City / Western Tunnels / Garden Tomb (Communion) / Yad Vashem

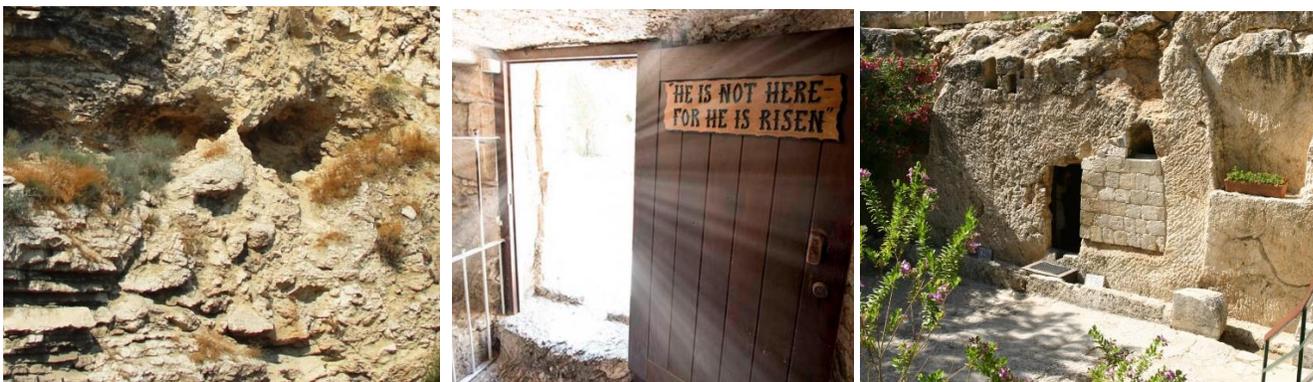
This morning after breakfast we enter the Old City through the Dung Gate again on our way to the **Western Wall or Wailing Wall** which is a place of prayer and pilgrimage sacred to the Jewish people. It is the only remains of the retaining wall surrounding the Temple Mount, the site of the First and Second Temples of Jerusalem.



Afterwards we visit the **Western Wall Tunnels**. In 19BC, Herod the Great expanded the Temple mount by flattening a plateau on the hillside and enclosing it with four stone walls. The Western Wall (the Kotel in Hebrew) is one of these walls. We discover its greatness when we descend underground into the Western Wall Tunnels which run along approximately 488 meters of the Western Wall. We get a taste of the many challenges that stood before Herod the Great when we view the famous **Western Stone** which is 14 meters long and weighs almost 570 tons. Another special place to visit inside the tunnels is the part traditionally considered closest to where the Holy of Holies used to be on the Temple Mount. In this location in the tunnels, there is a small synagogue where Jewish women come to pray.

This afternoon we visit the **Jerusalem City model** which takes us back to 66 CE - at the height of its glory. The city then stretched over some 450 acres. This was also the eve of the great revolt of the Jews against the Romans and the demolishing of the Second Temple.

We end our day with a visit to the **Garden Tomb**, also known as Gordon's Golgotha, one of the highlights of your tour! Here, nearly at the end of our tour, a communion service will be held. We return to our Hotel for dinner and overnight.



## DAY 09 Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 - Tel Aviv / Johannesburg

We depart early morning from our hotel to Tel Aviv and Ben Gurion Airport for our daylight flight back to Johannesburg. We arrive later today at the O.R. Tambo International Airport after a wonderful tour through Israel with beautiful memories, an enriched spirit and a large circle of friends.

