The Best of Israel
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Sept. 30 - Oct.10, 2018
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SEPT. 30 – DEPARTURE
Your journey begins when you depart the USA on your overnight international flight.

OCT. 1 – ARRIVAL
Welcome to the Holy Land! Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, Israel you will be met by your guide and transferred to Jerusalem for dinner and a good night’s rest.

OCT. 2 – JERUSALEM
Start your tour looking out over the “Golden City” of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, where Jesus ascended to heaven 40 days after the Resurrection. On that mount, visit the Church of Pater Noster, where the Lord’s Prayer can be read in more than 60 languages. Walk down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed among the olive trees and was betrayed with a kiss. This afternoon, visit the Herodion, the fortified palace and final resting place of Herod the Great. You will also get to participate in the Temple Sifting Project at Emek Tzurim.

OCT. 3 – JERUSALEM
Wander through the excavations of the City of David. Walk the steps to the Pool of Siloam, recently uncovered at the foot of the City. Explore Hezekiah’s Tunnel, an amazing engineering feat that was dug from either end and met in the middle! Continue to modern Jerusalem and visit Yad Vashem, Israel’s Holocaust Memorial, with its poignant exhibits honoring the millions of lives lost during the Holocaust. Explore the Israel Museum with its First Century Model of the City of Jerusalem. Another highlight is the museum’s Shrine of the Book exhibit displaying the Dead Sea Scroll book of Isaiah. Continue to Mount Zion to visit the House of the High Priest Caiaphas, where some say Jesus was questioned the night of His betrayal. Stand in the Upper Room, the traditional site of the Last Supper & view the nearby site believed to be the location of King David’s Tomb. Visit the Burnt House, the remains of a Jewish family’s home from the time of the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. After dinner, enjoy the experience of an evening under the stars, and the story of Israel’s History displayed with theatrical sound & lights, reflected on the ancient walls of the city.

OCT. 4 – JERUSALEM
Take time to reflect on the agony of the cross at Gordon’s Calvary and the miraculous reality of the resurrection at the Garden Tomb! Walk through the Old City and enjoy the preserved, ancient culture found in the narrow streets as well as the modernized Cardo in the Jewish Quarter. Reflect on Christ’s sacrificial love at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Built over the traditional sites of the crucifixion and burial sites of Jesus, the Church operates under both Catholic and orthodox supervision. View the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath. See the treasures of the Temple Institute and see replicas of the instruments used for worship and sacrifice. Visit the Davidson Center and the Southern Wall Excavations including the Teaching Steps and many ritual mikvahs. Pray alongside the Jewish faithful at the Western Wall. Step back in time in the Rabbi’s Tunnel where foundation stones and other stone work survives from the Second Temple!

OCT. 5 – FROM JERUSALEM TO THE DEAD SEA
Walk the Emmaus Road where Jesus appeared to two travelers on the evening of the resurrection. Journey through the Valley of Elah, where David defeated Goliath. Visit the bell caves of Beit Guvrin, where limestone was quarried. This city replaced Maresha, one of the Judean cities mentioned in the Bible. Pass through Beersheba, where Abraham made a pact with Abimelech. In the Negev desert, visit Mitzpe Ramon, home to the Ramon crater and the largest nature preserve in Israel. Visit the historic house museum of David Ben Gurion. Pass through the area of Sodom & Gomorrah. Visit the Dead Sea, where you can float in the renowned salt & mineral-laden waters. Check into your Dead Sea hotel for dinner & overnight.

OCT. 6 – SOUTHERN RUINS, WILDERNESS AND WATERS
Visit Masada, the spectacular mountaintop fortress of Herod the Great. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is famous as the last stronghold of the Jewish Rebellion against the Romans. Take the cable car to the top and peer down at the Roman camp and siege ramps below. Journey to the oasis of Ein Gedi, where David and his men sought refuge from Saul. Visit Qumran, site of the Dead Sea Scroll discovery, to learn about the mysterious community of Essenes who once lived on the shores of the Dead Sea. Pass through

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the Judean Wilderness paralleling the ancient Roman road to view the Valley of the Shadow. From here, you can see St. George’s Monastery across the gorge. As your motor coach takes you north through the Jordan Valley, visit the ruins of Bet Shean, a city which was continuously inhabited for 5,000 years, which was one of the Roman cities that Jesus would pass on his way from Galilee to Jerusalem. Also visit Gideon’s Spring (Ein Harod) where Gideon chose his army of 300 by observing how they drank from the spring. Check into your Tiberias hotel for dinner & overnight.

OCT. 7 – NORTHERN ISRAEL
Walk the streets of Chorazim, listed as a "city of woe" by Jesus. Travel north to the ancient remains of Tel Dan and the altar built by King Jeroboam I. Visit Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus traveled with His disciples and where nearby Peter made his great confession to Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God". Travel through the Golan Heights and better understand their strategic importance to the security of Israel. From Mount Bental, look out over the Damascus Road and the Valley of Tears where a severely outnumbered Israel defense force stopped the Syrian invasion of the Golan Heights in the Yom Kippur War of 1973.

OCT. 8 – JESUS IN THE GALILEE
This morning at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar see the “Ancient Boat”, a fishing vessel from the time of Christ raised from the depth of Lake Kinneret (Galilee). Stand on the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount. At Tabgha, recall the Miracle of the Feeding of the 5,000 at the Church of Loaves & Fishes. Explore Capernaum, the center of Jesus’ ministry in the Galilee and stand in the remains of the synagogue built over the one in which Jesus ministered. Drive past Bethsaida as you make your way to Kursi on the far shore of the sea, where Jesus cast out evil spirits from a demon possessed man and sent them into a group of swine. Enjoy a St. Peter’s Fish Lunch (included) then set sail across the Sea of Galilee for a special time of worship on the water.

OCT. 9 – FROM SEA TO SEA
Look out over Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, from the Mount of Precipice. Pass Mount Tabor, the site of Deborah and Barak’s victory over Sisera’s army and the traditional place of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Look out over the Valley of Jezreel from the heights of Mount Carmel, where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal. Travel the ancient caravan route to Tel Megiddo, an exciting archeological dig with its layers of twenty different cities built on top of each other. Journey to Caesarea by the Sea and stand in the place where it is believed Paul addressed King Agrippa and Festus. Explore the extensive ruins of the port city, including remains of the theater and Roman aqueduct along the Mediterranean shore. After dinner, transfer to the airport for your return flight.

OCT. 10 – RETURN
Return home with a transformed faith and memories to last a lifetime!
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The Fine Print

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Roundtrip domestic airline • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Gratuities
- Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast, & dinner plus daily fish lunch in Galilee • Program fees • “Love Offering” for guide & driver
- Fuel surcharges $800 • Taxes $99 (increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule)
- Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure
- Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; portages, laundry, most lunches, beverages at meals (NTS will supply • Baggage & $100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. Unless NTS will try to match roommates, NTS cannot guarantee a single room. While NTS will make every effort to accommodate a single, rooms cannot be guaranteed. If one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: $75 per day during the tour.

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