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with Pastor Robert and Nora Finberg

October 27 - November 6, 2024



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October 27 & 28 – Depart the USA & Arrive in Israel

Your pilgrimage begins as you depart the USA on an overnight flight. Once you arrive, you will be welcomed at the Tel Aviv airport by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Tel Aviv to enjoy dinner and your overnight stay.

October 29 – Tel Aviv

Encounter the story of the Modern State of Israel while visiting Independence Hall, the Ayalon Museum, and the Palmach Museum. Enjoy lunch at the Sarona Marketplace (self-pay). Stroll the streets of the original village of Tel Aviv at Neve Tzedek and the Carmel Market, and the ancient streets of Jaffa and Netanya.

October 30 – Caesarea, Mount Carmel, Megiddo & Nazareth Village

Visit the Roman aqueduct and theatre at Caesarea by the Sea, a center of early Christianity (Acts 10) and where Paul was imprisoned for two years (Acts 23:33). View Mount Carmel and recall Elijah's dramatic victory over the prophets of Baal (I Kings 18). Follow an ancient caravan route through the Jezreel Valley to Tel Megiddo, an exciting archeological dig with layers of twenty different cities all built on top of each other. Conclude your day in Nazareth Village, a reenactment of Jesus' boyhood home (Matt. 2:23).

October 31 – Sea of Galilee

Pass through the Valley of the Doves and see Mount Arbel (Isaiah 9:2) on your way towards the Sea of Galilee. This was a major pathway in the time of Christ. He and his disciples passed through this valley as they walked through the Galilee. In Magdala, once home to Mary Magdalene (Luke 8:1-3), visit a recently discovered first-century synagogue. Enjoy lunch together before crossing the waters of the Sea of Galilee on a very special boat ride, complete with an onboard worship service. At Kibbutz Nof Ginosar, see the 2,000-year-old "ancient boat," a rare example of the kind of boat in which Jesus might have sailed. Visit Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry in the Galilee, and visit the synagogue built on the site where Jesus taught (Matt. 4:13, 23). On the Mount of

Beatitudes, contemplate the text of the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus preached there (Matt. 5-7). Explore the Church of the Loaves and Fish at Tabgha, the traditional site of the feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 9:10-17).

November 1 – Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Golan Heights w/ IDF Jeep Tour, Bethsaida & Kibbutz Shabbat

At the ruins of Tel Dan, see the altar built by King Jeroboam I (I Kings 12:25-30) and learn about where the "House of David" fragment from the First Temple Period was discovered. Continue on to Caesarea Philippi, where Peter told the Lord, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!" (Matt. 16: 16). Go off-roading IDF-style and then enjoy a scenic drive along the Golan Heights will give you some beautiful views of Syria and Jordan as well as Israel. Visit Kibbutz Degania and have Sabbath Dinner at Aliyah Return Center with "The Faithful Galileans."

November 2 – Jordan River, Qumran, Ein Gedi, Masada & the Dead Sea

Partake in the opportunity to be baptized in the Jordan River at Yardenit. Visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947 by a Bedouin shepherd. Stop at Ein Gedi National Park for a hike to King David's Waterfall. Enjoy a visit to Masada, the spectacular mountaintop fortress built by Herod that later became the final tragic stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans. Ride the cable car to the top to explore the fortress and look down upon the remains of the Roman camps and siege ramp below. On the way to Jerusalem, stop at the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth, for an opportunity to take a quick dip in the mineral-laden waters.

November 3 – Bethlehem, Yad Vashem, Israel Museum & Friends of Zion

In Bethlehem, gaze out over Shepherds' Field and visit the cave revered as Jesus' birthplace (Luke 2:1-20). Visit the Church of the Nativity, built above the cave and considered the world's oldest functioning church (Luke 2). Visit the Valley of Elah, where David defeated Goliath and the Philistines. In Jerusalem, visit Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial, with its poignant exhibits honoring the lives lost during the Holocaust. Explore the Israel Museum and its first-century model of the City of Jerusalem. Another highlight is the museum's Shrine of the Book exhibit showcasing the Dead Sea Scroll book of Isaiah. Then, have the chance to visit the Friends of Zion Museum to learn about how Christian support helped lead to the rebirth of the nation of Israel.

November 4 – Jerusalem

Visit the City of David Excavations and Hezekiah's Tunnel along with the Pool of Siloam. Spend time in prayer at the Western Wall and sit on the Teaching Steps where Jesus taught. Then, stand on the Mount of Olives for a remarkable view of Jerusalem (the Golden City).



Jesus stood here before ascending into heaven forty days after His resurrection (Acts 1:9-12). In the Kidron Valley across from the walls of Jerusalem, pray as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36). Time permitting, continue to Mount Zion to visit the House of the High Priest Caiaphas, where Jesus was questioned the night of His betrayal (Matt. 26:57). Recall the events of the Last Supper as you visit the traditional location of the Upper Room (Mark 14:12-26).

November 5 – Jerusalem

Walk the Temple Mount (conditions permitting), once the site of the Temple of Solomon (II Chronicles 3) and home to the Dome of the Rock. See where Jesus healed on the Sabbath at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5: 1-18), Walk the Via Dolorosa (“the Way of the Cross”) to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (John 19), built over the traditional sites of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. At the Garden Tomb, share communion together and experience the reality of the Resurrection (John 20).

November 6 – Return to the USA or take the Petra Extension

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November 6 – Jerusalem Free Day

Optional Activity: Emek Zurim Dig for a Day.

November 7 – Jerash

This morning, you will journey across the Allenby Bridge on your way to Jerash, one of the best-preserved Roman cities in the world. Stroll through the oval piazza and wander along colonnaded streets etched by the wheels of ancient chariots. Stand in the grand theatre where an onstage whisper can be heard in the top row. Continue to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

November 8 – Madaba & Mount Nebo

Travel to Madaba, the City of Mosaics, to visit the Church of Saint George with its sixth-century, Byzantine, mosaic map showing Jerusalem and other holy sites. Continue to Mount Nebo, where Moses caught a glimpse of the Promised Land (Deut. 34). On a clear day, you can see all the way across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea to the rooftops of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

November 9 – Petra

Begin your journey south towards Petra today. Explore the city of Petra. Its entrance passes through a long, narrow gorge known as the Siq and can only be accessed by carriage, horseback or on foot. Once inside the city, marvel at the intricate detail of a city that was cut into the cliffsides of rose-colored rock. Travel to your hotel at the Dead Sea for dinner and overnight.

November 10 – Free Morning at the Dead Sea

Enjoy a free morning at your hotel. Cross the border back into Israel and enjoy dinner in Jerusalem. Afterward, you will travel to the airport in Tel Aviv to begin your journey home.

November 11 – Return to the USA

Arrive in the USA with a lifetime of memories to cherish.



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