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Day 1, Thursday, November 17: one-stop flight to Israel from New Orleans. Anyone wishing to fly from a different airport should contact tour organizers.

Day 2, Friday, November 18: morning arrival in Israel to meet our English-speaking guide. Board the deluxe coach and head up the Mediterranean seacoast to **Caesarea Maritime**, artificial harbor and city built by Herod the Great. A restored Roman theater, where proof of the historical existence of Pontius Pilate was found, is a highlight, along with a Crusader fortress and an aqueduct built by Herod the Great. Continue north to **Mt Carmel** and the Carmelite monastery *Muhraka* for a breathtaking view of the Jezreel valley from the spot where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal. Check in for four nights at a lovely hotel situated right on the **Sea of Galilee**. Time for an orientation meeting and Bible study after dinner. Full breakfast and dinner are included each day in Israel throughout the tour.

Day 3, Saturday, November 19: savor the blessing of a sail on the **Sea of Galilee** in an enlarged version of the boats used by Jesus and His fishermen disciples--and see an actual boat from the time of Jesus as marine archaeologists raised it from the lake. At **Caesarea Philippi**, center of Roman might and pagan worship in Jesus' time, explore the ruins of Herod Agrippa's palace. In this setting, Jesus challenged His disciples then and now, "Who do men--and who do you--say that I am?" Caesarea Philippi is also where the headwaters of the **Jordan River** meet at the foot of **Mt Hermon**. Continue to the northern-most city of biblical Israel, **Dan**, and see the actual excavated gates that Abraham entered as he first journeyed through the Promised Land. Explore the Dan Nature Reserve on an easy hike, including rushing rivers, massive trees . . . and the foundation of the pagan "high place" where Jeroboam set up the golden calves during his rebellion against rule by Solomon's son Rehoboam.

Day 4, Sunday, November 20: walk the restored streets of **Bet Shean**, where the bodies of King Saul and his sons were hung by the Philistines. A

Decapolis city in Jesus' day, Bet Shean was both destroyed and preserved by an earthquake—and archaeologists have now done a fantastic restoration. At the ancient city of **Sephoris** marvel at lovely mosaics (including "The Mona Lisa of the Galilee") and a 1500-year-old; some believe carpenter Joseph and his apprentice son helped construct city buildings. Nearby on the slopes of Mt Gilboa, visit **Bet Alpha**, an excavated 6th-century synagogue. Dip a hand in, perhaps lap the water of **Ein Harod**, the spring where the Lord had Gideon winnow his soldiers in unique fashion. Drive to **Megiddo**, always strategic city in biblical history and biblical Armageddon (Rev. 16:16). Megiddo is the setting of a highly recommended historical novel, James Michener's *The Source*. Drive through the Galilean hills to Nazareth, stopping at the precipice overlooking **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home, at the spot where his neighbors assembled to hurl Him to His death for the supposed "blasphemy" of claiming to be Messiah.

Day 5, Monday, November 21: Re-experience the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount at the **Mt of Beatitudes** chapel on a hillside overlooking the Sea of Galilee. At **Capernaum**, where Jesus based His 18-month Galilean ministry, stand within the foundations of the synagogue where He preached and healed and see the house of Peter's family where He stayed. **Tabgha's** ancient mosaic remembers the Miracle of Loaves and Fishes and recalls where the risen Jesus fed His disciples after a miraculous catch and gave Peter his commission to "feed my sheep." See **Chorazin**, which Jesus cursed for its unbelief. **Bethsaida** is the fishing village hometown of several of Jesus' disciples; **Kursi** is the spot "on the other side of the Sea of Galilee" where Jesus cast the legion of evil spirits into pigs (preachers who like bad jokes, all of them really, say this is the first example of "deviled ham").

Day 6, Tuesday, November 22: head south along the Jordan Valley, stopping first at the banks of **Bethabara**, thought by many to be where Jesus was immersed by John the Baptist. Crossing the lunar

landscape of the Judean wilderness, come to **Qumran** on the shores of the Dead Sea, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Ascend by cable car to **Masada**, the fortress-palace built by Herod the Great overlooking the Dead Sea, where zealous Jews resisted Rome after the 70 AD destruction of the Temple. View the date palm oasis of **En Gedi** where David spared King Saul. Then it's "Up to Jerusalem," perhaps singing a Song of Ascent like Psalm 122: "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'" to Jerusalem, the Holy City. Our deluxe hotel for the rest of the tour is within walking distance of the Jaffa Gate into the Old City, the Ben Yehuda pedestrian shopping mall, and the colorful outdoor Mahane Yehuda spice, fruit, and vegetable market.

Day 7, Wednesday, November 23: starting from the summit of the **Mt of Olives**, walk down the **Palm Sunday path** where Jesus rode the donkey and heard the hosannas from the crowds. Stop at **Dominus Flevit** where "Jesus wept" and view the Eastern or Golden Gate through which Messiah rode. At the bottom of the hill, in the **Garden of Gethsemane**, surrounded by olive trees still growing from roots dating to Jesus' time, pray as He did for strength to face the ultimate tests of life.

Orient yourself to Jerusalem in Jesus' time by studying the incredibly-detailed, large-scale outdoor model of The Holy City at the **Israel Museum**, where you will also view actual scrolls and artifacts discovered in the Dead Sea caves of Qumran.

Travel through **Shepherds' Fields** to **Bethlehem** and to the oldest-continually serving church in the world, the 4th century Church of the Nativity, where a silver star marks the traditional spot of Jesus' birth.

Day 8, Thursday, November 24: give thanks today as you pray at the **Kotel** or Western (Wailing) Wall, leaving scrolls of your prayers in the giant stones remaining from the Temple, from where Jewish tradition says prayers go most-directly to heaven. Actually go *under* the Temple area exploring the famous **Rabbi's Tunnel**. Up on **Temple Mount**, Muslim mosques squatting where Solomon and Herod the Great built the First and Second Temples cannot prevent Christians from standing at the Pinnacle of the Temple where Jesus was victorious over Satan's tempting.

Pray for loved ones back home at the healing **Pools of Bethesda**, then marvel at the acoustics as you sing in the **Church of St. Anne**. Stand on the pavement where Jesus was tormented by the

soldiers in the **Judgment Hall of Pilate**. Walk the narrow streets of the Old City, still very much as when Jesus carried His cross on the Via Dolorosa. See remains of the original 4th century **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** in the **Russian Orthodox Church**, adjoining the current structure guarding traditional sites of Calvary and Empty Tomb. See the actual steps up which Jesus was dragged from the Garden of Gethsemane to his first imprisonment in the **House of Caiaphas**, high priest, where Peter denied His Lord thrice before the cock crew.

Time during the day for lunch on your own in **The Jewish Quarter** with shopping in the Old City bazaar and the restored shopping street called **The Cardo** or "The Heart" of Roman Jerusalem.

Day 9, Friday, November 25: the day will include a service of Holy Communion at **The Garden Tomb**, a lovely site overlooking a hillside nature has carved into what many see as a skull, Golgotha, and setting of an empty tomb from which the stone has been rolled away. Outside the city, explore **Herodian**, the artificial mountain that was one of Herod the Great's palaces and recently-discovered tomb. **Yad Vashem**, the Holocaust Museum, is a contrasting study of the evil humankind can do and the strength of faith that can allow men and women to become victors over evil. After dinner at the hotel, to the airport for the flight home, arriving back in the USA on **Day 10, Saturday, November 26**.

November weather in Israel tends to be fine with mostly sunny days. High temperatures average 60's in Jerusalem, 70's in Galilee, and up to 80 at the Dead Sea. While sunny days are the norm, showers are possible so a high-quality folding umbrella or light waterproof windbreaker might be handy. At some religious sites, shoulders and knees must be covered by both men and women.

Security note: in spite of media reports of "trouble in the Middle East," Israel has always been safe for American Christian pilgrims. *Not one Christian on an American Christian group tour has ever been harmed by violence in Israel—not one, not ever.*

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Terms and Conditions

U.S. passport valid through May, 2023, is required; anyone with non-U.S. passport, please contact tour operator.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: **\$4295 esteemed traveler** \$100 deposit per person required to guarantee a place on the tour--completely refundable till September 1, 2022. Second payment \$2000 due September 1, 2022. Final payment \$2195 due October 10, 2022. **\$995 full time or scholarship student:** \$100 deposit per person required to guarantee a place on the tour--completely refundable till September 1, 2022. Second payment \$400 due September 1, 2022. Final payment \$495 due October 10, 2022. **\$1995 faculty/staff/part-time student:** \$100 deposit per person required to guarantee a place on the tour--completely refundable till September 1, 2022. Second payment \$1000 due September 1, 2022. Final payment \$895 due October 10, 2022.

Tour price includes . . .

Air transportation, currently scheduled on United, can be on any scheduled airline, economy class. Cancellations after the air tickets have been issued are subject to a cancellation penalty as imposed by the airline. **Please note:** group airline seats cannot be upgraded and all seat assignments are done by the airline; however, if you arrange and pay for your own airfare including guaranteed seat selection and/or premium economy or business class, deduct \$1535 from the brochure price.

Accommodations in deluxe hotels with private bath. Limited number of single rooms available for additional \$927.

Meals daily buffet breakfast and dinner daily in hotels.

Sightseeing as specified in the itinerary, including entrance fees and services of English-speaking guide.

One regular-sized suitcase per person, maximum 50 pounds, is currently allowed free of charge plus one airline approved "under-seat" bag. Tour organizers accept no liability for loss or damage to any baggage.

All tips to guide, driver, hotel and restaurant personnel, and porters are included.

Tour price does not include beverages not part of normal menu; sightseeing or services not specifically mentioned or noted as optional; baggage charges that may be implemented by airlines (none apply at time of printing).



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Cancellation policy: Full refund for written cancellation received through September 1. Written cancellations received September 2-October 10 subject to a penalty equal to 25% of the total tour cost. No refunds for cancellations after October 10. In addition to not receiving a refund of the personal money paid for the tour, scholarship students will be required to reimburse the full scholarship amount after October 10. No refund made for missed services while on tour.

Brochure price based on minimum 36 passengers, Israel VAT policy, and shekel/dollar exchange rate as of February 10, 2021.

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