



THE JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN BIBLICAL HERITAGE TOUR OF ISRAEL

Hosted by Ms. Rita Gallin and Ms. Rachel Cohen

April 26 to May 8, 2015



Day 1 – Sunday, April 26, 2015. Departure from the U.S

Depart U.S airports to Israel arriving at Ben Gurion airport next day.



Day 2 – Monday, April 27, 2015. Welcome to Israel!

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport, near Tel Aviv. Meet, and be assisted by our local representative responsible for your tour of Israel. Your guide and driver will take you to our Galilee hotel for check in and dinner.

Overnight at Galilee hotel.

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Day 3 – Tuesday, April 28, 2015. Golan Heights

We will head to the northern most point of Israel, the Golan Heights. We will visit **Tel Dan** a city mentioned in the Bible, described as the northernmost city of the Kingdom of Israel, belonging to the Tribe of Dan. Next we visit **Caesarea Philippi** where Peter's confession marked the beginning of the church. We continue to Mt. Bental, a lookout point where we can see the "Road to Damascus". Here we will meet with an **IDF officer** who will give us a briefing of the current security situation in the North of Israel.

Dinner and overnight at Galilee hotel



Day 4 – Wednesday, April 29, 2015. Nazareth and Upper Galilee

After breakfast, we drive **Mt. Carmel**, the "Place of Sacrifice" where the Prophet Elijah had an encounter with the Priests of Baal (1 Kings 18:17-40). After visiting **Elijah's Cave** in the city of Haifa, we continue the town of **Nazareth** in the hill country of the Galilee where Jesus grew to manhood (Mat. 2:23). We will see **Nazareth Village**- a reconstructed village that brings to life a farm and Galilean village as it was 2,000 years ago. We continue with a visit to **Megiddo**, where by Christian belief, the Messiah will return to earth and defeat the Antichrist (the "beast") in the battle of Armageddon. After dinner at hotel we will do a night tour of ancient **Tiberius**.

Overnight at Galilee hotel



Day 5 – Thursday, April 30, 2015. Sea of Galilee

After breakfast, we head to the city of **Tzfat** famous for its artists and the place where Kabbalah was formed. Next we visit **Capernaum** which in Jesus' time was a flourishing border town and was called "his own city". We head south through the **Jordan valley** passing by the ancient city of **Jericho** on our way to Israel's capital, **Jerusalem**. Upon entering the city we stop at **Mt. Scopus** overlooking ancient and modern Jerusalem. Next we check in to our Jerusalem hotel.

Overnight at Jerusalem hotel

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Day 6 – Friday, May 1, 2015. Jerusalem's Old City – around the walls

On this day we will see ancient Jerusalem, the center of the biblical world. We visit the holy shrines on the **Mount of Olives: Garden of Gethsemane** (time for prayer) and the **Church of All Nations** where Jesus prayed on the night of his betrayal (Luke. 22:40-46). We continue with a visit to **The City of David archeological park**. We continue to Mt. Zion and visit **King David's tomb** and the **Room of The Last Supper**. We leave the Old city and head to **Machne Yehuda Market**. Here we will see how the local Jerusalemites prepare for the Holy Sabbath. We return to our hotel for candle lighting and a festive Shabbat dinner.

Overnight at Jerusalem hotel



Day 7 – Saturday, May 2, 2015. Day of Leisure-Sabbath experience

Shabbat Shalom: Free day to rest on Shabbat. Connect with individuals or sites of personal interest. No bus or guide provided. Lunch on client's account.

Overnight at Jerusalem hotel



Day 8 – Sunday, May 3, 2015. Judean desert

After Breakfast, we head to the caves of **Qumran** where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in the 1940's. We continue south to **Massada**, an ancient Herodian citadel that was put under siege by Roman forces. Next we visit the shores of the **Dead Sea**, one of Israel's main tourist attractions. There we will have time to bath and float in the sea's mineral rich waters. We continue to **Genesis Land** in the hills of the Judean desert. Here we will enjoy a short **camel ride** followed by a biblical lunch at the tent of our forefather, Abraham.

Overnight at Jerusalem hotel

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Day 9 – Monday, May 4, 2015. Judea

We Travel south to **Hebron**, city of the Patriarchs and first capital of King David. Tour the ancient Jewish neighborhoods and the **Machpela cave**. We continue to **Gush Etzion** where we will visit the Sound and Light Show in **Kfar Etzion** and learn about the special history of this area. **Path of the Patriarchs** is next including ancient ritual paths and a strategic lookout toward Jerusalem called the **Lone Oak Tree**. We return to Jerusalem stopping at a lookout point where we can see the city of Bethlehem.

Overnight in Jerusalem.



Day 10 – Tuesday, May 5, 2015. Samaria

After breakfast we head to the biblical tribal lands of Benjamin and Ephraim. Our first stop is the site of Jacob's Dream Of The Ladder in **Beth El**. Next we visit ancient **Shiloh** where the Tabernacle stood for 369 years. We continue northward on the road of the patriarchs passing by many biblical landmarks. We shall visit **Mt. Kabor** overlooking **Mt. Ebal** and **Mt. Gerizim** and the valley of the city of **Shechem**.

Overnight at Jerusalem hotel.



Day 11 – Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Into the Old City of Jerusalem

We enter the Old city through the Lion's Gate into the Christian quarter. We walk through the **Via Dolorosa** and the stations of the cross ending at the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. We continue to the **Jewish Quarter**. First a view from the **rooftops** of the Jewish quarter looking over the Jewish and Muslim quarters. On to The Temple **Mount Institute** where the Temple vessels are being prepared for the construction of the Third Temple. We shall also visit the **Burnt house** portraying the terrible destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in the year 70 A.D. We will have time for lunch and shopping time at the Jewish Quarter's **Cardo**. We continue with a visit to the famous **Broad Wall of king Hezekiah** ending this day at the Western (**Wailing**) **Wall and a tour at the Western Wall tunnels**. Dinner at hotel.

Overnight at Jerusalem hotel

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Day 12 – Thursday, May 7, 2015.

Modern Jerusalem

After breakfast we visit the **Yad Vashem** memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. After wards and in memory of those who perished, we will **plant trees**. We continue with a short visit to the **Knesset** (Israel's parliament where we will meet an Israeli politician. Some last minute shopping. After a farewell dinner we check in for our homebound flight at Ben Gurion Airport, rejoicing and putting our trust in the Lord, remembering the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 125:1: "Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever".



Day 13 – Friday, May 8, 2015.

Return home

Departure from Israel arriving in the U.S same day

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