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# Israel Tour

# Sample Itinerary

**Heartland to Holy Land**

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# 1

## Day

### **From the Heartland to the Holy Land: Old and New Friends Journey Together**

Depart the U.S for Israel on a direct flight. The overnight flight is 10 hours and 20 minutes. You are served dinner and breakfast and snacks in between.

# 2

## Day

### **Shalom and Welcome. Anticipation and Visions!**

After landing at Ben-Gurion International in Tel Aviv at 9:20 a.m., Anita and I will guide you through immigration and be met by Aaron Lipkin, owner of Lipkin Tours. Aaron will welcome us to Israel and introduce you to our tour guide Malkah. As we board the modern, comfortable motor coach, you'll meet our driver and receive a packet of supplies and personal headsets for use on the tour. And we're off! You'll take in the scenery as we travel on Israel's modern freeways through high-tech suburbs then along the coast of the Mediterranean to **Caesarea** – an important New Testament city. We'll explore the ruins of Herod's ocean side palace, visit Paul's prison, a Roman amphitheater and see amazing Roman aqueducts. After lunch we'll drive up **Mount Carmel**, where the Prophet Elijah challenged the priests to call on fire from Baal to light a sacrifice. Then it's on to our Galilean resort hotel to check in and enjoy dinner.

**Overnight at Galilee hotel**

# 3

## Day

### Galilee Hills – Jesus' Childhood

**Sepphoris (Zippori)** was once a bustling Jewish and Roman, then Byzantine city near Nazareth. This is where Joseph and Jesus most likely worked. We'll see how wealthy Jews and Romans lived including the "Mona Lisa of the Galilee". Next is **Nazareth Village** for a biblical inspired lunch and tour of this living history experience that includes a wine press from Jesus' day. We drive up to **Mount Precipice** where an angry mob attempted to throw Jesus from a cliff. You'll see a breathtaking view of the **Jezreel Valley** plus **Mt. Tabor** and other Biblical sites. Next is the **Valley of Armageddon** (Megiddo). It's the setting for a future battle between the forces of good and evil as human history comes to a close. Dinner and relaxing at the hotel that is located in Magdala – home of Mary of Magdalene.

**Overnight at Galilee hotel**

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## Day

### In the Footsteps of Jesus – Miracles and Ministry.

First, we'll visit **Tabgha** where Jesus called the disciples to follow him. Next is the **Church of Primacy** where Jesus told Peter "upon this rock I will build my church." A short drive takes us to **Mount of Beatitudes** – the site of the Sermon on the Mount recorded in Matthew 5-7 and Luke 6. Another short drive takes us to **Capernaum** that in Jesus' time was a flourishing border town that served as the home base for his ministry. Here you'll see Peter's house and the synagogue where Jesus preached. Next is **Bethsaida** – the Galilean fishing village that is the birthplace of Peter, Andrew and Philip. Jesus visited Bethsaida and performed several miracles here. Next is **Kursi (Gadara)** where Jesus cast demons into swine. Following this we enjoy a boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee**. The day ends at the Yardenit baptismal site on the banks of the Jordan River for reflection and an opportunity for baptism. Enjoy dinner at the hotel and a last walk along the shores of the Galilee.

**Overnight at Galilee hotel**

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## Day

### Along the "Road to Damascus"

We will begin our day with **Mt. Hermon** in sight on the road to Damascus. **Caesarea-Philippi** was known for its worship of foreign gods and where Peter made his great confession of faith in Jesus as Son of God. Stepping back into the Old Testament we'll visit **Tel Dan** to see Abraham's Gate and Jeroboam's Altar plus the ruins of a Canaanite city. We'll have a picnic lunch at Baniyas, a source of the Jordan River. Then it's on to **Beit Shean** – the magnificent ruins of a major Roman Decapolis City. We'll also visit the ancient hill upon which King Saul's head was displayed on a pole and see ruins of an Egyptian temple. We end the day in the eternal city of **Jerusalem** and check in at the Dan Panorama. Dinner and free evening.

Overnight at Jerusalem hotel

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## Day

### The "Heartland" of Ancient Israel – Samaria

Today we travel biblical Samaria. Our first stop is ancient **Shiloh** where the Tabernacle stood for 369 years, and what was once the center of Jewish life. You'll see the actual stones and blocks that formed the outline of the tabernacle and learn how we know this is the actual spot! We'll visit the **Mt. Kabir** overlook and see the spectacular view of **Shechem**, **Mt. Gerizim** (Mt. of Blessing) and **Mt. Ebal** (Mt. of Curses). You will be able to identify the sites where many biblical stories took place. Next is **Bethel** to visit the site of Jacob's dream of the ladder. Free time in the evening after dinner.

Overnight at Jerusalem hotel

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## Day

### Life Springs Anew in the Dead Sea

We begin the day at the **Dead Sea** where you can float (and never drown) and be revived by the healing mineral water. Arriving back in Jerusalem we'll visit the famous **Machane Yehuda Market** to enjoy lunch and explore this bustling place that amazes everyone who experiences it! An interesting stop is **Mount Zion** and **The Last Supper Room** directly above the Tomb of David. We stop to see **Bethlehem** from an overlook. We then drive back to the hotel to refresh and then take the bus to the Old City welcome in Shabbat with Jerusalem. We'll visit the **Western Wall** – one of the last remaining walls of the Temple Mount on which stood the Jewish Temple. Enjoy the festivities and prayers before Shabbat as young Israeli's sing and dancing in preparation for their day of rest. Back at the hotel will enjoy a special Shabbat dinner and a peaceful evening of rejuvenation and reflection on all the wonderful things we've seen.

Overnight at Jerusalem hotel

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Day

### Following the Path of the Passion of the Christ

We start our pilgrimage today with a drive to the top of the **Mt. of Olives**, from which Jesus prayed before His crucifixion and from where he ascended to Heaven at Pentecost. We will travel down the **Hosanna Path** that Jesus took back to Jerusalem after praying in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of his trial. A unique stop is the **Cave of Prophets** believed to be the burial site of Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. Our next stop is the **Garden of Gethsemane** at the foot of the Mt. of Olives. Here you will be overwhelmed by the sheer importance of the moment. We enter into the **Old City** through the **Lion's Gate** and follow the **Via Dolorosa** continuing to the actual **Bethseda** (Sheep's Pool) where Jesus healed the paralyzed man. An important stop is the **Western Wall** where you can pray and place your own note in the crevices there with the thousands of others. We will continue to the **Church of Holy Sepulcher**, built by the mother of Constantine and recognized as the site of the crucifixion. We'll then eat lunch at one of many cafes and eateries in **Christian Quarter** before visiting the **Tower of David Museum** and the **Kishle** – the front entrance of Pontius Pilate's palace that Jesus entered for his trial. Nearby we'll see one of the few remaining portions of King Hezekiah's defensive walls! In the evening, after Shabbat ends, Jerusalem comes back to life and visitors and Israelis head out to eat and fellowship. You can walk a very short distance to **Ben Yehuda Street** for coffee; live street music, touristy shopping and more.

Overnight at Jerusalem hotel

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Day

### Descending and Ascending in Jerusalem

We will begin the day at the **City of David** to see King David's palace ruins. Then to the **Southern Steps** of the Ancient Temple. Here you can climb the actual steps that Jesus used to enter the Temple. Were the moneychangers nearby? We will then visit the Western Wall, which is just around the corner, and explore the **Western Wall Tunnel Tour**. We will then stroll through and enjoy the **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City with its bustling shops, tourist stores and historical sites. Next is the **Wohl Museum**, also known as the Herodian Quarters. The site includes 6 houses overlooking the Temple Mount. The homes are from the wealthiest residents and the priestly class of Jesus' day. The geometrically patterned mosaic floors, frescoes, and costly glassware and ceramics provide a glimpse into citizen's life in the days of Herod and Jesus. We enjoy dinner at the hotel and free time.

Overnight at Jerusalem hotel

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## Day

### Links in the Chain of History Bring it Together

We begin the day in the beauty of the **Garden Tomb** and share the Lord's Supper together. Another highlight for guests is **Yad Vashem** Holocaust Memorial to learn about Jewish life and culture before World War II and honoring the six million who were murdered in the Holocaust. We will continue to the **Israel Museum** to see the amazing outdoor scale model of the Second Temple period of Jerusalem to see the original **Dead Sea Scrolls** and learn how they prove the Bible's accuracy. Next we drive to the bustling city of **Tel Aviv** and visit **Jaffa** where Jonah set sail and where Peter had the vision that the Gospel was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews. It's an appropriate ending to our journey. We'll enjoy a **farewell dinner** (included) as we laugh, eat and celebrate all we experienced. Then it's a short drive to the airport for our evening departure.

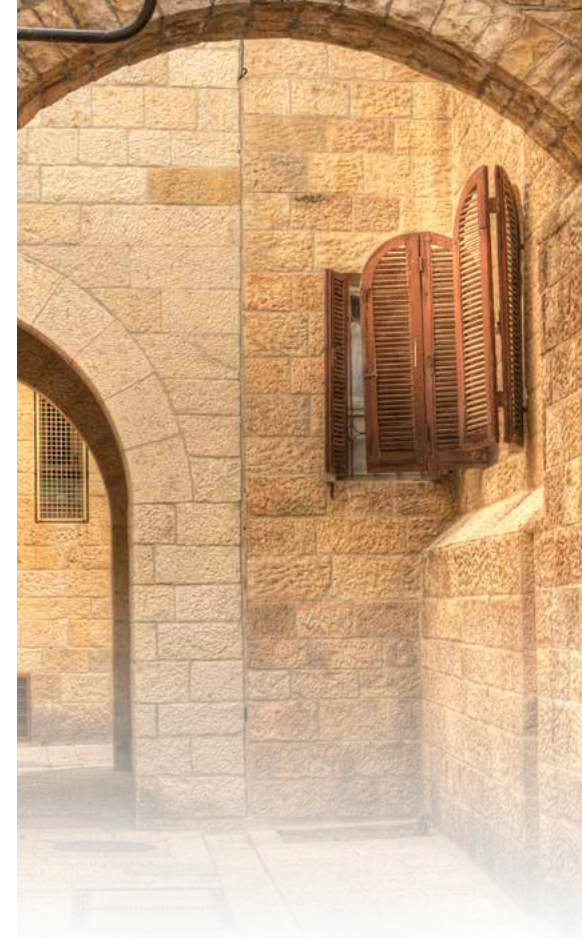
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## Day

### Shalom and goodbye!

Overnight flight arriving in the US early in the morning

\*\*\* Sample itinerary - Subject to change \*\*\*



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Thanks LIPKIN TOURS, for the most remarkable trip from the American heartland to the Israeli heartland. It was the best and I would love to return for more teaching and hiking to new places. You're the best!"

**Ms. L. Bond**

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This trip was the most remarkable I have ever experienced, connecting to the heart of the Jewish people and the homeland. Words can't describe what took place."

**Pastor Rowland**

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It was great being in the Land. that was one of my heart's desires to go there and I was not disappointed. We are looking forward to going back, My heart was touch at all the places we visited, the bible came alive to me. I will never read it the same way again.

"Thank you so much for all of your caring ,your efforts and hospitality. We will continue to pray that the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob will richly bless your family and Lipkin Tours."

**Ms. E Baker**

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It was a great blessing and amazing all around! You and your people did a wonderful job. The Lord greatly bless you.

**Rabbi Jonathan Cahn**

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**Pastor Rosemary Schindler Garlow,  
Skyline Church, La Mesa, CA**