

FAIRHAVEN CHURCH
2018 ISRAEL TRIP INFORMATION



MARCH 13-23, 2018



Proposed Itinerary

TUESDAY, MARCH 13 - DEPART USA

Depart USA for our flight to Israel.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 - ARRIVE TEL AVIV

We will be met by a HLST representative. Our tour begins in ancient Joppa (Jaffa). Here was the house of Simon the Tanner (Acts 10: 9-23) and the place of the Miracle of the resurrection of Tabita (Acts 9: 36-43). We will proceed to Tel Aviv for a panoramic bus tour of the city (time permitting). Check in to the hotel to rest, walk on the beach and prepare spiritually for the special touring days to follow. Dinner and overnight at Herod's in Tel Aviv. (D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 15 - CAESAREA / MOUNT CARMEL / DRUZE VILLAGES

After breakfast, drive north to Caesarea Maritima. Visit the Roman Theater, the Herod's Palace, the Palace of the Roman Procurator (Acts 23: 23 and Acts 26: 23 - Paul; Acts 10: 20-48 - Peter and Cornelius), the Amphitheater, the Crusaders' City and Harbor. Proceed to Mount Carmel to visit the Monastery of the Muhraka, where Elijah fought with the Baal priests. From the roofs of this Monastery, we will have a beautiful view of the Jezreel Plain. Through the Druze villages, Daliyat el Carmel and Usifiya, we will continue to Haifa for a panoramic view of the city and harbor. Proceed to Tiberias through the Galilee. Dinner and overnight at our hotel, Leonardo Plaza in Tiberias. (B,D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 16 - GALILEE

After breakfast, boat ride on the Sea of Galilee where Jesus walked on the water (Matthew 14: 22-26). The ride will end at Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar to visit the Ancient Boat, from the time of Jesus, that was found nearby. Drive to the Mount of Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 3-11) where we shall visit the heptagonal church that was built by the Italian architect Berluzzi. Proceed to Tabgha for a visit of the Church of the Loaves and the Fishes (Matthew 14: 14-34). Driving along the Northern shores of the Sea of Galilee, we shall reach Capernaum. This was the town where Jesus lived in the house of Peter, performing from there his miracles and healings (Matthew 4: 13, Matthew 8: 14-15). Dinner and overnight at our hotel, Leonardo Plaza in Tiberias. (B,D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 17 - YARDENIT / NAZARETH / MEGIDDO / DEAD SEA

After breakfast, proceed to the Yardenit Baptismal site near the southern part of the Sea of Galilee. Then continue to Nazareth to visit the Church of Annunciation (Luke 1:26-28) and/or Nazareth Village to see what Nazareth looked like in the time of Jesus. Next, we'll go through the Jezreel Plain and on to Megiddo, named also Armageddon - the place where the last battle of mankind is due to take place (Revelation 16:16). We shall visit the Museum and this 5,000 year old city with the gates from the times of King Solomon, the old Canaanite temples and the water tunnel from the time of King Ahab. Travel south through the Jordan River Valley to our hotel at the Dead Sea for a "dip" and "float" in the salty water of the Dead Sea, the world's lowest place. Dinner and overnight at our hotel, Herod's Dead Sea. (B,D)

SUNDAY, MARCH 18 - EIN GEDI / MASADA / DEAD SEA / QUMRAN

After breakfast, drive to the Ein Gedi Overlook where David hid from King Saul. Next, we'll proceed to the fortress of Masada, stronghold of the Jews in the war against the Romans. Ascend to the fortress by cable car to visit the palaces of Herod the Great with its Roman baths and pools. Descend on the way back to Jerusalem, stop in Qumran, the city of the Essenes, where the Dead Sea scrolls were found in a cave by a shepherd. Dinner and overnight at our hotel, Herod's Dead Sea. (B,D)

MONDAY, MARCH 19 - JERUSALEM—THE MOUNT OF OLIVES AND THE OLD CITY

After breakfast, we begin our ascent to Jerusalem, and ascend the Mount of Olives for a wonderful panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem with the Temple Mount. Walking down the Mount of Olives, we shall reach the Church of Dominus Flevit (Luke 19: 41-44) for a visit. Proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane, the place where Jesus was arrested (Matthew 26: 36-58), to see the old olive trees and visit the Basilica of the Agony. Driving through the Kidron Valley, we shall reach the Lion's Gate and enter the Old City to visit St. Anne's Church and the Pool of Bethesda (John 5: 1-15). We will then walk in the footsteps of Jesus along the Via Dolorosa (all 14 Stations of the Cross) and, via the exotic bazaar, arrive at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Proceed through the newly rebuilt Jewish Quarter and the Roman Cardo. Conclude our day at the Western Wall - the holiest place for the Jews. Dinner and overnight at our hotel, Leonardo Plaza Jerusalem. (B,D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 20 - JERUSALEM—LAYERS OF HISTORY

After breakfast, visit David's City, the most ancient part of Jerusalem and enjoy sloshing through Hezekiah's water tunnel (strap-on water shoes needed). Walk along the foundation stones of the Western Wall of the Temple Mount in the Rabbinic Tunnels*. Then on to Mount Zion to visit the Tomb of King David and the Room of the Last Supper. Dinner and overnight at our hotel, Leonardo Plaza Jerusalem (B,D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21 - BETHLEHEM* / JERUSALEM—GARDEN TOMB / NEW CITY

After breakfast, proceed to *Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity (Luke 2: 1-7) followed by a visit to the Shepherds' Fields. Next, we'll drive back to Jerusalem to the area of Golgotha (place of the skull) and the Garden Tomb to celebrate the resurrection with communion and a time of praise. Drive to the Israel Museum with its Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea scrolls are kept. See the Model of Jerusalem as it was at the time of the Second Temple. Dinner and overnight at our hotel, Leonardo Plaza Jerusalem. (B,D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 22 - EMMAUS (LATRUN) / JERUSALEM

After breakfast, we can enjoy a few hours of free time for shopping in downtown Jerusalem. Then we drive via Emmaus (Latrun) (Luke 24: 13-32) to Beit Shemesh and the Elah Valley, where David fought with Goliath. Return to Jerusalem via Ein Karem. Then back to Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight, Leonardo Plaza Jerusalem. (B,D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 23 - EN ROUTE / ARRIVE USA

Early morning transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our flight back home. Arrive home and begin planning our next trip to the Holy Land.

*Visit subject to availability.



Price

The cost of the trip is being negotiated based on itinerary, number of travelers and final hotel selection. We estimate the price will be in the neighborhood of \$4,000 per person.

PRICE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- 9 nights' hotel accommodation at the following hotels, or similar: 1 night at Herods TLV, 2 nights at Leonardo Plaza TIB, 2 nights at Herods Dead Sea, 4 nights at the Leonardo Plaza JLM.
- Sightseeing and English speaking guide as per itinerary above.
- Meet and assist at airport upon arrival only.
- Porterage at hotels.
- Ben Gurion airport arrival & departure transfers.
- Airfare (\$1450 per person, estimate).

NOT INCLUDED:

- Tips to guide, driver, waiters etc.
- Meals & beverages not mentioned in the above.
- Travel insurance etc.
- Expenses of a personal nature.
- 3% credit card charge.

Health Disclaimer for Travel

Passengers registering for this tour accept the responsibility for being in good health; able to walk, climb steps, enjoy full sightseeing days and easily transfer to airplane or motor coach as needed. As many of the sites in Israel are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing wheelchairs, oxygen, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences.

Insurance

Baggage/trip cancellation/trip delay/medical insurance is highly recommended. Isram World's *Passenger Travel Protection Program*, at \$210 per person, is available to travelers and covers these benefits and more. Additional insurance options will be made available to travelers.

Credit Card Payments

Air tickets or land costs can be charged on credit card, but incur a 3% additional credit card charge.

Deposit

A \$200 good faith deposit with completed application and copy of passport will secure space on the trip. This deposit is fully refundable up to 90 days before departure.

Cancellation

Individual cancellations received 15 days to 7 days prior to departure will result in a per-person charge of \$250 plus, as applicable, air penalty and supplemental charges as imposed by suppliers. Individual cancellations within 7 days of departure or "no shows" will incur a fee of \$350 plus, as applicable, air penalty and supplemental charges as imposed by suppliers.

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