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**Israel Trip - Christian** 

## Day 1 - Arrival



# **Arrival at Ben-Gurion International Airport**



**VIP Arrival Service** 



**Transfer to Jerusalem** 



## **Temple Mount Overlook**

With an incredible view of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, and the holiest spot on earth, the Temple Mount is the most contested piece of real estate on the planet. From Abraham and Isaac up to the 1967 IDF paratroopers and beyond, hear stories from ancient times to the modern State of Israel, as nation after nation tried to control this important location.



תצפית הר הבית Temple Mount overlook



**Check-in to Jerusalem hotel** 



**Overnight: Jerusalem** 

# Day 2 - Jerusalem, part I



### **Jewish Quarter**

Visit sites just a few steps from each other as you travel through nearly 3,000 years of history. See King Hezekiah's Broad Wall, the remnants of a Second Temple-era Jewish mansion, the restored Hurva Synagogue, and more.



הרובע היהודי Jewish Quarter



#### Western Wall

One of the holiest sites in Judaism, and one of the remaining walls of Herod the Great's Second Temple complex. The closest spot to the Holy of Holies at which Jews can pray. The focal point of Jewish hopes and dreams for nearly 2,000 years. Put your own prayer into its ancient stones, and connect with thousands of years of history.



#### הכותל המערבי (Kotel) אורכותל המערבי



## **Robinson's Arch**

The Southern Wall excavations. Walk on the same road Jewish pilgrims walked on when they came to Jerusalem for festivals, and see evidence of the Roman destruction from 70 CE.



Davidson Center / Robinson's Arch מרכז דיווידסון



#### **Western Wall Tunnels**

Visit underground Jerusalem, as you trek beneath the homes of the Muslim Quarter. Walk the length of the hidden section of the Western Wall, see a stone that even the strongest modern crane could not lift, and stand at the closest spot off the Temple Mount to the Holy of Holies.



מנהרות הכותל Western Wall Tunnels



**Overnight: Jerusalem** 

# Day 3 - Dead Sea region



## **Masada National Park**

Take a hike! (or a cable car) up Masada, site of the last stand of Jewish rebels against Rome in 73 CE. Learn about the courage they displayed against the tremendous might of Rome. See the trove of artifacts excavated, and read Josephus Flavius' description of the heroic story.



מצדה Masada



## Dead Sea private beach

You can't sink! Read a newspaper as you float at the world's lowest spot. Don't forget to spread on lots of mineral-rich mud, as well!



ים המלח Dead Sea



## **Genesis Land**

Ride a camel down to visit Abraham in his tent, and learn about life in the desert 3,800 years ago. Bake some pita bread, and if you'd like, join the Patriarch for a delicious meal!



Eretz Bereishit / Genesis Land ארץ בראשית



**Overnight: Jerusalem** 

# Day 4 - Jerusalem, part II



## **Mount of Olives**

See where Christian tradition says Jesus taught his disciples the Lord's Prayer, where he wept over the fate of Jerusalem, and where he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane.



הר הזיתים Mount of Olives



## Yad VaShem Holocaust Memorial

Israel's national memorial to the 6 million Jewish victims of the Holocaust (Sho'ah). Learn about the vibrant Jewish life which was lost, and the heroism of those who tried to do good in the face of tremendous evil.



יד ושם Yad VaShem



# Machaneh Yehudah (Jerusalem market)

The famous open-air market (shuk) of Jerusalem. Use all your senses to enjoy this unique experience, as you smell, taste, and touch its delicacies.



Machaneh Yehudah (Jerusalem market) מחנה יהודה



**Overnight: Jerusalem** 



## Via Dolorosa

Located in the Old City of Jerusalem, Christian tradition says this is the route Jesus took on his way to the Crucifixion. Beautiful churches with magnificent artwork accompany you on this path. The Via Dolorosa ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of Calvary and Jesus' tomb.



Via Dolorosa ויה דולורוזה



## **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**

According to most of Christianity, this is where Jesus was crucified, buried, and resurrected on the third day. Originally built in the 4th century, this is the holiest site in all of Christendom.



כנסיית הקבר Church of the Holy Sepulchre



#### **Mount Zion**

Just outside Zion Gate, visit some of the most important sites to Jews and Christians, including King David's Tomb, the Room of the Last Supper, and Dormition Abbey.



Mount Zion הר ציון



## Shabbat evening services at the Western Wall

Every Friday evening, thousands of people crowd the Western Wall plaza to welcome the Shabbat with singing and dancing. Join in the festivities, and get swept up in the excitement.



תפילות שבת בכותל Shabbat services at the Western Wall



## Overnight: Jerusalem

# Day 6 - Bethlehem and the Israel Museum



### **Bethlehem**

The birthplace of David, the first king of the House of Judah, the birthplace of Jesus, and the home of the most famous Jewish convert, Ruth. Visit the Church of the Nativity, where the baby Jesus was born in the manger.



#### בית לחם Bethlehem



## Israel Museum

See artifacts dating back hundreds of thousands of years, long before Abraham and Sarah arrived from Mesopotamia. Marvel at some of the most incredible finds from Israel's rich archaeological history.



Israel Museum מוזיאון ישראל



**Overnight: Jerusalem** 

# Day 7 - Jordan Valley and Jezre'el Valley



## Kibbutz Sedei Eliyahu

A working kibbutz (collective farm), populated by Modern Orthodox Jews. Learn about this important part of the development of the State of Israel, and how these "kibbutznikim" are helping farmers worldwide deal with eliminating pests, naturally.



Kibbutz Sedei Eliyahu קיבוץ שדה אליהו



# **Hamat Tiberias Synagogue**

One of the earliest synagogue mosaics ever found. What is the Greek sun god doing in a Jewish house of worship?



חמת טבריה Hamat Tiberias synagogue



### **Beit She'an National Park**

Magnificent Roman city destroyed by an earthquake in 749 CE. It's almost as if the city were frozen in time. According to the book of I Samuel, this is where the Philistines hanged King Saul's body.



Beit She'an בית שאן



## Overnight: Galilee guest house

# Day 8 - Jesus' ministry around the Sea of Galilee



## Capernaum

Mentioned a number of times in the Gospels, we'll explore an ancient synagogue (possibly where Jesus preached!), as well as see the possible foundations of Simon Peter's house.



כפר נחום Capernaum



## **Primacy of Peter**

Peter denied Jesus three times the night Jesus was arrested by the Romans. On the shores of the Sea of Galilee, this site commemorates where Jesus forgave this betrayal, saying, "Feed my sheep."



כנסיית פטרוס הקדוש Primacy of Peter



### Sea of Galilee boat ride

Enjoy beautiful views of Tiberias and the Golan Heights, as you sail on the world's lowest freshwater lake. It was on this lake that Jesus walked on water.



Sea of Galilee boat ride שייט בים כנרת



## **Ancient Galilee boat (Jesus Boat)**

In the 1990s, two Jewish fishermen uncovered a two-thousand-year-old fishing boat, stuck in the mud on the floor of the Sea of Galilee. Whose boat was it? How did it get there? What is its connection to Jesus' disciples? Let's find out some answers.



Ancient Galilee Boat (Jesus Boat) ספינת גליל העתיקה



**Overnight: Galilee guest house** 

# Day 9 - Northern border and Golan Heights



## **Army base visit**

Visit our brave Israel Defense Forces soldiers at a base, bringing them treats and encouragement, go right up to the border, and better understand the security challenges facing our small country.



בסיס צה"ל Army base



### **Tel Dan National Park**

A beautiful nature walk with Biblical and modern remains. See a gate through which a famous Biblical character walked, an altar mentioned in the Book of Kings, and one of the most important finds in archaeological history! Surrounded by lush greenery and water, it's hard to believe you're still in Israel.



תל דן Tel Dan



## Golan Heights ATVs

Get up close and personal with the Syrian border, as you travel where regular 4-wheeled vehicles dare not try. You get to drive!



טרקטורוני רמת הגולן Golan Heights ATVs



#### **Mount Bental**

From a former IDF bunker complex at the top of an inactive volcano on the Golan Heights, peer deep into Syria, and better understand the history and strategy of the Six Day War and Yom Kippur War.



הר בנטל Mount Bental



Overnight: Galilee guest house

# Day 10 - Nazareth and the coast



## **Nazareth**

Visit Jesus' boyhood town, including the Basilica of the Annunciation, where Mary was informed by the angel Gabriel that she would become pregnant with the Son of God.



וצרת Nazareth



#### Baha'i Gardens

Overlooking the Bay of Haifa, these gardens are meticulously maintained, and are a wonder to behold. Learn about one of the world's newest religions, and find out why they, too, consider Israel to be a holy land.



גני הבהאים Baha'i Gardens



#### Caesarea National Park

Herod the Great's magnificent Roman-style city dedicated to Augustus Caesar, with its theatre, racetrack, and harbor. This is the site of Paul's prison in Acts 21.



קיסריה Caesarea



**Overnight: Tel Aviv** 

# **Day 11**



## **Old Jaffa**

One of the most ancient port cities in the world, Jaffa was where Jonah sailed from in trying to run away from God. Explore the quaint alleyways, and artists' galleries. And what a view of Tel Aviv!



יפו העתיקה Old Jaffa



# Final shopping time!



# **Transfer to Ben-Gurion International Airport**



# **VIP Departure Service**



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