

May 10 - 20, 2023

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Itinerary as of November 30 – Subject to Change

Wednesday May 10 **WELCOME TO ISRAEL**

- Afternoon/evening arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport in Israel
- Head to Tel Aviv, Israel's "City that Never Sleeps"
- Check-in and cocktail reception and dinner at our hotel

Overnight: Herods Hotel, Tel Aviv

Thursday May 11 **"THE CHILDREN SHALL RETURN TO THEIR BORDERS"**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Guided tour at the **ANU Museum of the Jewish People** on the campus of Tel Aviv University.
- Session with **David Nekrutman**, Israel Director of the Isaiah Projects, *a ministry dedicated to helping Christians discover the Hebraic roots of their faith.*
- Lunch on your own at the **Sarona Market**
- Visit **Old Jaffa**, the ancient port city mentioned in the Bible as the location from which **Jonah** attempted to flee from God's mission. Learn about **Simon the Tanner** and about **Peter's** vision to preach to Gentiles. *Consider the common roots and divergence of Judaism & Christianity*
- Learn about **Israel's Declaration of Independence** which took place in Tel Aviv in May 1948, fulfilling a 2,000-year-old dream of the Jewish People "to be a free nation in our land" which many see as a fulfillment of Biblical prophecy.
- Dinner at West Side Restaurant



Overnight: Herods Hotel, Tel Aviv

Friday May 12 **OLD-NEW LAND**

- Breakfast at the hotel; pack bus and depart
- Visit the **Peres Center for Peace and Innovation** to learn about **Israel** as the "Start-up Nation".
- Wine Tasting at the **Bat Shlomo Winery** and learn the story of the early Zionist pioneers who founded the community and the winery
- Packed Lunch
- **Head to Israel's border with Lebanon.** *Meet local residents and learn about the security challenges of living on a border Kibbutz.*
- Check-in at our hotel on the shores of the Kinneret (Sea of Galilee)
- Shabbat Dinner at the Hotel

Overnight: Isrotel Gomeh Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Saturday May 13 **GALILEE OF FAITH**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Head to the **Tel Dan Nature Reserve** incorporating the headwaters of the Jordan River, the **Biblical City Dan** and "Abraham's Gate". View **Mt. Hermon**, likely site of the Transfiguration.

- Visit the archeological park at **Magdala** – the hometown of Mary Magdalene – including the 1st Century synagogue
- Lunch on your own
- Head to the **Yardenit Baptismal** site at the **Jordan River**. *Those who wish to may be baptized*
- **Sail the Sea of Galilee**
- Dinner at the Hotel

Overnight: Isrotel Gomeh Hotel, *Sea of Galilee*

Sunday May 14 **MINISTRY OF JESUS AT THE SEA OF GALILEE**

- Breakfast at the hotel; pack bus and depart
- Explore the **Ministry of Jesus** around the Sea of Galilee and learn about Jewish life during the late Second Temple period *which is the backdrop and context of the Gospel accounts and the society from which modern Judaism emerged.*
- Visit **Capernaum** the home base of Jesus' ministry including the site of the synagogue where Jesus taught and the home church at what might have been Peter's mother-in-law's house. *Consider how a Jewish fishing village became a Christian pilgrimage site.*
- Continue to **Shomron – Samaria** in the Biblical Heartland
- Lunch with **Hayovel** at Har Bracha
- Visit **Jewish communities** and meet **local residents** to learn about why they have chosen to live in Samaria in what many call the "West Bank".
- Wine tasting and dinner at the **Gvaot Winery**



Overnight: Eshel Hashomron Hotel, *Ariel*

Monday May 15 **SHOMRON – THE BIBLICAL HEARTLAND**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- See the **Biblical Gardens** at Eshel Hashomron which includes a model of the **Tabernacle**
- Pack bus and depart
- Explore ancient **Shiloh** which served as the home of the *mishkan* (Tabernacle) and spiritual center of the Tribes of Israel over 3,000 years ago, prior to establishment of the Temple in Jerusalem.
- Meet **Byron Stinson** and learn about the exciting **Red Heifer Project**
- Visit the studio of **local artist Marc Provisor, who is also the** Director of Security Projects at the One Israel Fund.
- Lunch and wine tasting at the **Psagot Winery** with special guest **Sondra Baras**, Director of Christian Friends of Israeli Communities (CFOIC).
- Continue to the **Dead Sea** (*the lowest place on earth*) for check in and dinner at the hotel

Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, *Dead Sea*

Tuesday May 16 **THE PRICE OF FREEDOM**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning at leisure to float in the Dead Sea **OR**
- Cable car up to **Massada** where the last Jewish freedom fighters faced the mighty Roman Empire 2,000 years ago. *Tour atop the mountain as we address the troubling issues presented by the Masada story.*
- Pack bus and depart hotel
- Packed Lunch
- Continue to **Hevron** – visit the **Machpelah Complex** which marks the burial place of the Biblical Patriarchs & Matriarchs and meet **Yishai Fleisher**, International Spokesperson for the Jewish



Community of Hevron

- Head to **Jerusalem** and celebrate our arrival with the magnificent views of the city from the Haas Promenade.
- Check-in at hotel
- Dinner on your own (*Lori Hinze will be available to accompany those interested to one of Jerusalem's finest restaurants for dinner on your own as a group*)

Overnight: Leonardo Boutique Hotel, Jerusalem

Wednesday May 17

JERUSALEM THE HOLY THROUGH THE CENTURIES

- Breakfast
- Early morning visit to the **Temple Mount**
- Step back 3,000 years to the days of **King David** and to the days of the **First Temple** at the City of David, (*the original Jerusalem*) and get an update on the latest archeological finds - which might include the palace of King David.
- Lunch and shopping time on your own in the Old City
- At the **Temple Institute** we will learn about the history of the Holy Temples and gain insight into the Divine promises about Israel's present and future. *Examine the centrality of the Temple experience in Jewish society and tradition past present and future.*
- At the **Southern Temple Mount** Archeological Park, step back 2,000 years to the days of the **Second Temple**.
- Private prayer time at the **Kotel** (Western Wall)
- Dinner on your own (*Lori Hinze will be available to accompany those interested to one of Jerusalem's finest restaurants for dinner on your own as a group*)



Overnight: Leonardo Boutique Hotel, Jerusalem

Thursday May 18

FROM OUT OF THE CRUCIBLE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Stand in solemn memory at Israel's **Yad Vashem** memorial to the Holocaust including the historical museum and the children's memorial.
- Lunch at Yad Vashem
- **Visit Arugot Farm** at the edge of the Judean Desert
- Return to Jerusalem and visit the **Friends of Zion Museum** which tells the story of Christians who have helped make the restoration of the Jewish people in Israel a reality
- Dinner on your own (*Lori Hinze will be available to accompany those interested to one of Jerusalem's finest restaurants for dinner on your own as a group*)
- Join **Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) Celebrations** marking 56 years since the reunification of the city

Overnight: Leonardo Boutique Hotel, Jerusalem

Friday May 19

JERUSALEM DAY – YOM YERUSHALAYIM

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **Morning at leisure to explore the city on your own and join in the celebrations!**
- Celebrate the vitality of life in Jerusalem at the open air **Machaneh Yehudah Shuk** market where we will explore together and purchase lunch on your own
- In the early evening we'll greet the Sabbath and enjoy a **home hospitality Shabbat Dinner**



Overnight: Leonardo Boutique Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday May 20

SABBATH PEACE IN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Shabbat morning prayer services at a **Jerusalem synagogue**
- Communion at the **Garden Tomb**, remembering the Crucifixion and Resurrection in a beautiful garden setting recalling "the place of the skull" (*Golgotha*).
- Farewell Shabbat Lunch
- Time to relax and pack and to explore the city on your own before heading to Ben Gurion International Airport for flights to the USA

- Listed activities, speakers and restaurants are subject to availability.
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