

North Shore Bible Church

Israel April 2018



05 April 2018 Arrive Tel Aviv (D)

Welcome to Israel! Arrival at Tel Aviv International airport, you are met by a local representative and you are transferred to the hotel.

On the way to the hotel, drive to the Old Port City of Jaffa, one of the oldest biblical cities in the world and an important seaport since antiquity. Afterwards check-in to our hotel. The rest of the day is at your disposal. A stroll along the beautiful promenade is recommended while enjoying the refreshing air of the Mediterranean Sea.

Dinner is served at the hotel.

Accommodation: Grand Beach Tel Aviv or similar

06 April 2018 Tel Aviv / Caesarea / Tiberias (National Holiday – end of Passover) (BD)

Leave Tel Aviv and travel north to visit the ancient city of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great and once the seat of Roman rule. Then we'll travel to the Muhraqa on Mt. Carmel where on this summit the dramatic battle between Elijah and the prophets of Baal took place. Afterwards we'll drive to Meggido, the site where the final battle between good and evil will take place in the end of days. Arrive to the lakeside city of Tiberias resting on shores of the Sea of Galilee and check in at your hotel.

Accommodation: Leonardo Tiberias Hotel or similar

07 April 2018 Galilee / Mt of Beatitudes / Capernaum / Nazareth (BD)

Visit the 2000 years old ancient boat at the "Jesus Boat Museum", located in Kibbutz Ginosar. A boat ride on the calm waters of the Sea of Galilee is next in our program. On to Mount of Beatitudes; a beautiful church where you can enjoy a magnificent view of the northern part of Sea of Galilee. Continue on to Capernaum, the center of Jesus' preaching and Tabgha, the traditional site which commemorates the miracle of multiplication of fish and loaves.

This afternoon travel past Cana to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus to visit Mary's Well and the Synagogue Church believed to be built on the ruins of the ancient synagogue where Jesus attended. Upon leaving Nazareth, stop at the traditional Precipice, believed to be where the mob took Jesus with the intention of throwing him from the cliff.

Return to Tiberias

Dinner is served at the hotel.

Accommodation: Leonardo Tiberias Hotel or similar

08 April 2018 Tiberias (BD)

Enjoy the day at leisure.

Accommodation: Leonardo Tiberias Hotel or similar

**09 April 2018 Tiberias / Ein Harod/ Beit She'an/ Jerico / Dead Sea
(BD)**

Morning drive south to Ein Harod, where God reduced Gideon's army to a few valiant men who later defeated the Midianites. ON to Beit She'an, the city where Saul and his sons were hung up on the city walls by the Philistines (1st Samuel 31:10). Continue to Jerico and descend to the lowest land point on earth at 1388 feet (423m) below sea level – Dead Sea. Time for float on the Dead Sea before checking in to the hotel.

Accommodation: David Hotel or similar

**10 April 2018 Dead Sea / Massada / Ein Gedi / Qumran / Jerusalem
(BD)**

Proceed to Massada and ascend by cable car to the desert fortress of King Herod. Continue to Ein Gedi. Hike in the Ein Gedi Nature Reserve to David's Waterfall and the Myriad of caves that became David's refuge from Saul. On the way to Jerusalem, visit the excavated ruins at Qumran and the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Drive to Jerusalem.

Dinner is served at the hotel.

Accommodation: Dan Hotel Jerusalem or similar

**11 April 2018 Jerusalem
(BD)**

Ascend the Mt. of Olives for a panoramic view of Jerusalem: Overlooking the Old City, the Mount is covered partly in olive trees, cemeteries and churches – commemorating the Christian events of Jesus. Descend via the Palm Sunday Walk to visit the Garden of Gethsemane. The garden is next to the magnificent Church of all Nations (Basilica of Agony) & The Greek Orthodox Church of the Tomb of the Virgin Mary. Cross the Kidron Valley and ascend Mount Zion to visit St. Peter in Gallicantu, the traditional site where Peter denied Jesus three times. Enter through Saint Stephens's gate and arrive at the Pools of Bethesda and the Crusader Church of St. Anne. Continue your walk to the Lithostrotos of Antonio Fortress. Nearby, view the Arch of Ecce Homo and then follow the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Celebrate communion and enjoy a time of fellowship at the Garden Tomb, an ancient Jewish sepulchre which matches the New Testament description of the tomb in which Jesus was buried.

Rest of the day is at leisure.

Dinner is served at the hotel.

Accommodation: Dan Hotel Jerusalem or similar

**12 April 2018 Jerusalem
(BD)**

Travel to Yad Vashem, considered the primary memorial and museum of the Holocaust. Take a tour of the Holocaust History Museum, which occupies over 4,200 square meters, mainly underground. Next, visit the Israel Museum, to see the Shrine of the Book (where the Dead Sea Scrolls are exhibited) and the scale model of Jerusalem at the time of Christ.

In the afternoon, visit the birthplace of Jesus when we travel into the ancient city of Bethlehem. We'll enter into the Church of Nativity. Also included is a special visit to Shepherds' Fields which overlooks the fields of Boaz. Stop at the largest olive wood factories, and enjoy some shopping.

Dinner is served at the hotel.

Accommodation: Dan Hotel Jerusalem or similar

**13 April 2018 Jerusalem
(BD)**

Today begins at the traditional site of the Upper room. Nearby, walk through the Jewish Quarter, which was reconstructed after the city was unified after the Six-Day War in 1967. Descend to the Davidson Center for a "virtual tour" of the Second Temple. Then, walk amid the Southern Excavations and stand on the ancient stairs that Jesus would have used to ascend to the Temple. Ascend to the Temple Mount (subject to security conditions). Though unable to enter the mosques, enjoy a splendid view of the Golden Gate, which remains closed to this day, and the Mt. of Olives.

Next, view the remaining Western Wall and subject to availability; walk through the Rabbinic Tunnel system by which means the priests travelled to the Temple.

This afternoon, visit the City of David and see the newest and exciting excavations of Jerusalem during the time of the first Temple period.

Dinner is served at the hotel.

After dinner, it's a special night out! Explore more of the city, browse the many shops and enjoy a drink or ice cream at one of the many sidewalks cafes on Ben Yehuda Street – a pedestrian mall in the heart of New Jerusalem. Drive around the Illuminated Walls of the Old City.

Accommodation: Dan Hotel Jerusalem or similar

**14 April 2018 Jerusalem
(BD)**

Enjoy the day at leisure. (no guides or bus)

In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation: Dan Hotel Jerusalem or similar

**15 April 2018 Jerusalem/ Tel Aviv / Home
(B)**

Check-out of the hotel and you are transferred from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv Airport. Welcome home!



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