

**12-day Israel**  
**Feb 25 – Mar 8, 2022**  
**Led by**  
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**Friday, Feb 25**

**En route**

Depart U.S.A on an overnight flight to Israel

**Saturday, Feb 26**



**Neanya**

Welcome to Israel! Upon our early evening arrival in Israel, we will be met and transferred to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Overnight, Leonardo Plaza, Netanya**

**Sunday, Feb 27**



**Coastal Route**

After enjoying a delicious Israeli breakfast, we'll drive northwards up the Mediterranean coast. First we'll visit ancient **Caesarea**, site of Paul and Peter's experiences on the Mediterranean Coast. From there we'll visit **Mount Carmel** and **Muhraka** to witness the location of Elijah's contest with Jezebel's false prophets of **Ba'al**. Here we'll be able to view the **Jezreel Valley**. We'll then travel to **Meggido**, the site of 21 battles from the Old Testament and where it says in the Book of Revelation the final battle between good and evil will take place. Visit **Nazareth**, Jesus' childhood home.

After touring Nazareth descend to the Sea of Galilee to our hotel

**Overnight, Ron Beach Hotel, Tiberias**

**Monday, Feb 28**



*Capernaum*

**Sea of Galilee - Ministry of Jesus**

After breakfast we'll sail to the north shore of the Sea of Galilee.

We'll visit the **"Jesus Boat"** at Nof Ginosar. See **Migdal**, the home of Mary. Visit **Tabgha** where Jesus "multiplied the loaves and fish." Next on our stop is the **Mount of Beatitudes**. Proceed to the basalt synagogue at **Chorazin** to see where Jesus taught and see the "Seat of Moses." We'll also view the **Natural**

**Amphitheater** where Jesus also taught; we'll visit **Capernaum**, home of the synagogue of Jesus' ministry and miracles.

Cross the **Jordan River** and visit **Bethsaida**, home of Peter, Andrea, James and John. We'll also see the **Decapolis** and **Kursi** where Jesus cast the demons out of a man into a herd of swine.

**Overnight, Ron Beach Hotel, Tiberias.**

**Tuesday, Mar 1**



**Golan Heights**

### **Northern Galilee**

After breakfast we'll have a full day to tour the lovely North of Israel. We'll visit the archeological site of **Hazor**, mentioned in the Old Testament as one of Solomon's three main cities where he maintained his famous horse stables. Next will visit the archeological site of **Tel Dan** before moving onto the famous city of **Caesarea Philippi** located about 25 miles north-east of the Sea of Galilee. Here, Jesus could be alone with His disciples and pass along His teachings. Next we'll take a drive through the **Golan Heights**. Afterwards we'll return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Overnight Ron Beach Hotel, Tiberias**

**Wednesday, Mar 2**



### **Jordan Valley/Dead Sea**

After breakfast we'll drive down the Jordan Valley to **Beit Shean**, an amazing New Testament Roman city with temples, baths, and a black basalt theater. Drive up to **Mt. of Temptation**. Drive along the Jordan Valley, past the oasis of Old Testament **Jericho** where Joshua led Israel in the siege of the city, and down to the **Dead Sea**, the lowest place on Earth.

We will visit **Qumran** where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered by a Bedouin boy. We'll overlook the ancient oasis of **Ein Gedi** (*the Goat's Rocks*), where David hid from King Saul in the caves. Drive south along the Dead Sea to our resort hotel.

**Overnight, David Spa Resort Hotel, Dead Sea**

**Thursday, Mar 3**



*Fortress at Masada*

### **Wilderness of Judea/Massada, Jerusalem**

After breakfast drive up to **Masada**; the most important mountain in Israel's history! Learn the incredible story of the Jewish Freedom Fighters who held out against the Romans in 73A.D. The story of the struggle, the excavations, and the view from the top is one unforgettable highlight of our tour. Arrive to JLM late afternoon.

**Overnight, Prima Kings, Jerusalem**

Friday, Mar 4



### Jerusalem old city

#### **Rabbinical Tunnel Temple Area Jewish quarter**

Visit the **Lions' Gate** and the **Pools of Bethesda**. We'll then visit the **Tower of Antonia**, the **Praetorium**, and **Pilate's Judgement Hall**. Here our Lord was tried by Pilate, beaten by the Roman Cohort, and took up His Cross for Calvary. The **Ecce Homo** begins the traditional **Via Dolorosa** leading to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** (Catholic site of Jesus Crucifixion and Resurrection). Here we'll have time to shop in the Old City. We'll then reconvene to visit the Jewish Quarter including the **Cardo**, the **Herodian Quarter**, and **Nehemiah's Wall**. Afterwards we'll explore the **Southern Wall Excavations** and depart the old city by the **Dung Gate**. visit Mount Zion, including a visit to **David's Tomb**.

In the evening walk to the Western Wall to see Kabbalat Shabbat (ushering the Sabbath)

**Overnight, Prima Kings, Jerusalem.**

Saturday, Mar 5



*Gethsemane*

### The Holy City of Jerusalem

#### **Additional sites in Jerusalem**

After breakfast drive to **Bethlehem**. See the **Church of the Nativity**. See **Shepherd's Fields**.

Descending the Mount of Olives to the **Garden of Gethsemane**. Before us is the **Golden Gate** of the Temple Area. Visit the **House of Caiphas**, the place of Jesus' early trials; view the **Valley of the Cheesemaker**, the **Valley of Hinnon**, the **Field of Blood**, where Judas took his life, **Gehennah**, and the **Ophel**. We'll then the **Upper Room**, the traditional site of Jesus' last Passover meal. End your tour of Jerusalem with a special visit to at the **Garden Tomb**.

**Overnight Prima Kings, Jerusalem**

Sunday, Mar 6



### Jerusalem-New City

This morning we'll be exploring the New City of Jerusalem. Drive by the **Knesset**, Israel's Parliament, and see the **Bronze Menorah** in front of the building. Visit the **Model of First Century Jerusalem** at the **Israel Museum**. We'll also see the **Shrine of the Book**, home to the Dead Sea Scrolls. We will drive to the **SHOAH** - Holocaust memorial and museum.

**Overnight, Prima Kings, Jerusalem**

Monday, Mar 7

**Free Day in Jerusalem**

Tuesday, Mar 8

**Transfer to BGN Airport for your flight home**