

Israel Land of the Bible

with Moira Presbyterian Church

4 - 12 September 2023



Monday 4 September 2023



Depart Dublin/Belfast for your onward journey to Tel Aviv. On arrival in Tel Aviv, you will be met by your guide and escorted to Nof Ginosar Hotel in Galilee. The Nof Ginosar hotel sits directly on the shores of Galilee and offers a tranquil place for groups. It is in the grounds of a working Kibbutz and also close to the site where the Jesus' boat was found in the silt of the lake. The hotel offers deluxe rooms, beautiful gardens and a superb selection of food in the open plan buffet dining room. His hotel will be your home for 3 nights. Wi-fi and tea/coffee making facilities.

Tuesday 5 September 2023

After breakfast, a short stroll will take you to the shore of Galilee and join a boat trip across the lake towards Capernaum. Jesus would have made similar journeys to this area during His ministry in the region. The boat will stop on the stillness of the Galilee as you cross, to allow you time to reflect and understand the area where His ministry would have taken place. As you disembark the ship your journey continues to Capernaum (or Jesus' town). The gospels come alive in Capernaum as many miracles of healing, including the paralytic and the mother-in-law of Simon were performed here.



Matthew 4 v18-22. Mark 1 v 21-39. Mark 5 v 21-43 Luke 4 v 31-37 Luke 7 v 1-10. John 6 v 22-71

It is just a short journey to Mt of Beatitudes. Here Jesus gave an outpouring of His love to the multitudes and His disciples to show them how to be truly happy. Matthew 5 v 1-12. Luke 6 v20-23



On your return to the hotel, stop and one of the most recent and amazing excavations around Galilee, Magdala. History is still unfolding there as piece by piece a whole fishing village has been unearthed including a synagogue. Mary Magdalene is particularly important here. Remember the miraculous catch of fish and Simon Peter's sending out on mission? Luke 5 v 1-11. Matthew 27v56. Mark 15v40,47. Luke 8v2 Luke 24v9-11. John 19v25 John 20 v1-18. Return to hotel for

dinner and overnight.

Wednesday 6 September 2023

Today, after breakfast you will travel a bit further west as you bypass Cana, sight of the first miracle and then on to Nazareth. Nazareth was most insignificant town in Jesus' time and great things did come from Nazareth. Set in the centre of this now Arab city, is Nazareth Village, a typical depiction of life in Biblical times from carpentry to olive pressing and a complete revelation of the parables of the New Testament. If you want to buy a souvenir, this is the place. It is Christian run and proceeds go to keeping this place alive.



Your journey continues to Mount Carmel. Here you will ascend by a short number of steps to the top as the coach brings you almost to the summit. What a view! Here your eyes will glance across the Jezreel Valley (Armageddon) and in the other direction to the Med Sea. The famous story of Elijah slaying the prophets of Baal took place here. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

Thursday 7 September 2023

As you leave the Galilee region today, your journey heads south to the tip of Galilee. Visit the River Jordan. If you have ever thought of being baptised, this can be arranged for you here with your church leader.



Your journey continues to the famous site of Megiddo. Many famous battles took place here. It is mentioned 12 times in the Old Testament. Is Megiddo & Armageddon (Har Megiddo) the same Revelations 16 v 16? 34 battles have already been fought there to date. Joshua 12v21. Joshua 17 v 11 1Chronicles 7v29 Judges 1v27.2 Kings 9 v 27. Zechariah 12 v 10-12

This afternoon your first glimpse of Jerusalem awaits you, as you ascend to Mount Scopus.

Your next 5 nights are at the Yehuda hotel on the outskirts of the city. This is a beautiful 4* hotel with modern rooms. All rooms have tea/coffee making facilities and wi-fi throughout the hotel. Hotels throughout Israel vary depending on region. Yehuda is a city hotel offering a good selection of European food choices. Remember all hotels are kosher, so no pork will be served!

Friday 7 September 2023



After breakfast and before Shabbat arrives in Israel, you will take a trip down to the Old city to the Western Wall and into the Western Wall tunnels. These tunnels are well lit, have high ceilings and mostly flat surfaces so they are accessible to most. It is amazing to descend to the point where in Biblical events, this whole area started with Abraham's sacrifice on Mount Moriah, the building of the Temple by Solomon, Jesus's presentations to the elders, and the miracle performed by Peter and John at the Temple Gate. Genesis 22. 2 Samuel 7v1-17. 1 Kings.

From here you will travel to the house of Caiaphas the High Priest. This is the area where Jesus would have been taken for His last night before His crucifixion. It is also thought to be the area where Peter made His denial. Peter shouted those words in Acts 3 v 14 'You have denied the Holy and the Just', remembering His own denial. Matthew 26 v 69-75. Mark 14 v 26-31. Mark 14 v 66-72. Luke 22 v 31-34. Luke 22 v 54-62. John 18 v 15-18. John 18v25-27.

Whilst it is not possible to always take a trip in chronological order of the Jesus life and ministry, it is easy to imagine the routes taken in those days, but we must travel as the modern roads allow us. From the house of Caiaphas, you will travel to the Mount of Olives. From here you will be able to take the short Palm Sunday walk downhill to the Garden of Gethsemane. Matthew 23 v 37-39. Luke 13v34-45. Luke 19v41-44. 'I stand amazed in the presence.....' Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.



Saturday 8 September 2023

After breakfast, depart Jerusalem to head south towards Masada. The landscape changes as you travel south, and past the Inn of the Good Samaritan, the desert awaits you. Vast rocky plains dotted with Bedouin camps are a sign of how difficult the journey would have been for the children of Israel. Masada is a miracle city on the top of the mountain. Another display of Herod's opulent palaces and the plight that befell the last remaining Jews who fled the grasp of the Romans. Ascend by cable car.

The remainder of your afternoon will allow you to enjoy the Dead Sea. The lowest point on earth and the place you can swim even if you never thought you could. Have a float in the salty water and feel the therapeutic benefits of the natural salts within. There are changing facilities and food outlets close by. Remember to bring an old pair of sandals as



the beach is salty and there are many salt piles which can make the surface uneven. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

Sunday 9 September 2022

This morning your Sunday gathering is special....in the Shepherd's fields of Bethlehem. It is a short journey from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. As you sit in the fields, overlooking Jerusalem your mind will be cast back to the Old Testament right from Genesis to Ruth to the prophecy of Isaiah and Micah and to the wonderful but humble birthplace of Jesus. This Sunday morning will remain in your mind for eternity. Micah 5 v 1-4 Luke 2 v 1-7. Matthew 2 v 8-25. John 1v1-5. John 7 v 42.

Your afternoon is free to relax at the hotel.

This evening after early dinner and to David's Citadel the coach will drop you at the Jaffa Gate where you will enjoy a Sound & Light Show on the walls of King David's Citadel in Old city. This spectacular show of lights takes you through the history of Jerusalem from David playing the harp to modern day Jerusalem in a 45-minute display. Return to the hotel for overnight.

Monday 11 September 2023

This morning you will have the opportunity to pay your respects at the Memorial to the Jewish Holocaust at Yad Vashem. Millions of Jews lost their lives in WW2 with evidence all across Europe. Here, in Jerusalem, their home, take a walk through the memorial to those who suffered, lost their lives and those who became the saviours of the Jews are commemorated here. It is a moving experience, but one that reminds us that God is love and that we never want to experience again. The Path of the Righteous includes trees planted in memory of Corrie Ten Boom, Schindler and many others



Your day will finish at Calvary and the Garden Tomb. What a way to end your trip. 'He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities and by His stripes are we healed'.

Matthew 27 v 27-66. Matthew 28 v 1-10. Mark 15v21-41. Mark 16 v 1-8. Luke 22v33-56. Luke 24 v 1-8. John 19 v 17-22, 25-42. John 20 v 1-18.

Remainder of day free. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Tuesday 12 September 2023

Breakfast. Depart hotel for homeward journey.

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Price per person:

£2290 per person sharing. Single supplement on request. Family rooms on request for families with children up to 12 years old.

Price includes: -

- Return flights & taxes
- 23kgs of luggage per person
- 8 nights in above mentioned hotels or similar
- Services of a fully licensed guide throughout
- Air-conditioned coach half board throughout
- All entrance fees as included in this itinerary

Not included:

- Items of a personal nature
- Personal insurance
- Tips – guides and coach drives in Israel are self employed and receive a fee. They provide an excellent service and the normal tipping amount for this itinerary is £80pp. This will be collected at final balance.

There are no current restrictions for travel to Israel other than a pre-entry form to be completed within 10 days of travel. We will keep you informed if that changes. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months from date of departure from Israel.

This itinerary is subject to change and is provisional until flight times are confirmed. The exchange rate is based on the current dollar rate on 10 June 2022 and should there be a significant change in rates, a surcharge may be applied prior to travel.

Payment Plan

All places on tours are offered on a first come first serve basis.

Deposit	£300pp	payable on booking with a completed booking form
2 nd payment	£300pp	due by 12 October 2022
3 rd payment	£300pp	due by 15 January 2023
4 th payment	£300pp	due by 15 March 2023
5 th payment	final balance	due by 15 June 2023

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Please ensure your passport is valid for 6 months

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