



First Class 8 Day Package

# Israel Return Visitor

## **Day 1: Departure**

Today we embark on our Journey to the Holy Land. Prepare yourself for a life-changing experience. Get some rest on the flight...tomorrow you will be walking where Jesus walked!

## **Day 2: Arrive Israel**

Arrive in Israel and travel to our hotel for six nights in Jerusalem. Meet your Israeli guide, enjoy a time of prayer of thanks for safety and the special blessings ahead, a prayer for the people of the "Promised Land," and a good night's rest.

## **Day 3: Jerusalem: City of David, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Jewish Quarter**

This morning, our guide will take us to an overview of the city from the hillside overlooking Jerusalem and the Gehenna Valley.

This meaningful teaching time will bring together the many things that you have seen to date. We continue our sightseeing just outside the Dung Gate on the southeastern hill below the Temple Mount in the City of David. It was during the time of Solomon that the city limits extended past this part of Jerusalem. We visit Gihon Springs, the original water source for Jerusalem, view new excavations including a typical Israelite four-room house, and the lower city wall. A highlight today will be a water walk through the incredible Hezekiah's Tunnel to the pool of Siloam, the place of Jesus' miracle in John 9. Ascending up to the Jewish Quarter we see the gold Menorah built for the next Temple, the Temple Institute, the Burnt House, a wall built by King Hezekiah, and the Roman Cardo. The rest of our day is at Mt. Zion to see David's Tomb, and the first Church Grotto. We then walk to visit David's Citadel and go inside to climb the tower for a view of Old

Jerusalem and to see the remains of Herod's palace and possible place of Pilate's trial of Jesus.

**Day 4: Judah, Beersheba, Elah Valley, Philistia, Joppa**

Today we travel west through beautiful mountains and the Sorek Valley to Beth Shemesh where the Ark of the Covenant was carried from the Philistines by two cows pulling a cart. The next stop is Tel Azekah and the Valley of Elah, where David defeated Goliath. We then drive to where battles were fought at Mareshah and Lachish, then thru the land of the Philistines, passing the city of Gath and stopping at the river bed in search of smooth stones for our sling. We continue on to Beersheba and see Abraham's well. As we turn back toward Jerusalem, the drive thru the Negev is contrasted with Bedouin tents and herds of camels, donkeys, sheep, and stories of the Exodus and Israel wandering in the Wilderness of Zin. We go past Lydda where Peter healed a paralyzed man and arrive at the ancient port of Joppa where Jonah and Peter spent time and from where Jonah sailed to meet the fishes.

**Day 5: Herodium, Jericho, Wadi Qelt, Emmaus, Ramah, West Jerusalem, Bible Lands Museum**

We start the day with a tour of the palace fortress of Herodium, just south of the city of Jerusalem. We enter ancient Tel Jericho to see remains of fallen walls, and view the Mount of Temptation where Satan tempted Jesus. We drive thru the West Bank and Judean Wilderness to stop for a scenic view of the Wadi Qelt and St. George's Monastery. Continuing our afternoon sightseeing we view the possible location of Emmaus where Jesus appeared to two disciples. We will visit The Bible Lands Museum, an archaeological museum that explores the culture of the peoples mentioned in the Bible, among them the ancient Egyptians, Canaanites, Philistines, Arameans, Hittites, Elamites, Phoenicians and Persians. The aim of the museum is to put these peoples into historical context. We conclude our day in West Jerusalem to visit the tomb of the prophet Samuel and a view of his hometown Ramah.

**Day 6: Schechem, Shiloh, Mt. Gerizim, Tabernacle**

The Old Testament city of Shiloh was home for the Tabernacle with the Ark of the Covenant and you may walk to the likely plateau where it was pitched and picture the cloud pillar of God's presence rising up above the valley walls. This would also be the spot where Hannah came to pray for a son. Later, she dedicated that son, Samuel, to serve in the Tabernacle. It was from Shiloh that the Ark was taken into battle and temporarily lost to the Philistines. We then drive north through the Biblical heartland to Nablus (Schechem), we visit the mound of the ancient city where Joshua renewed the covenant. We will view Jacob's well from the top of Mt. Gerzim. Here we learn of the local Samaritans still practicing their faith today. Continuing on through the lovely valley of Bidan and down Wadi Fariah, we see the pass through which Jacob, and probably his grandfather before him, entered the Promised Land. Our guide will introduce us to the Biblical prophecies and examples of Christ in the teachings of the Tabernacle reproduction here in Ariel.

**Day 7: Nazareth, Harod Springs, Sepphoris, Mt. Tabor**

We travel toward the Galilee and stop at Harod Springs where Gideon downsized his army to 300. Our next stop is at Tel Jezreel, the city of Ahab and Jezebel. We drive thru the Jezreel Valley passing by Shunem where Elisha raised a boy from the dead. We take in a view of Nazareth, and Mt. Tabor where Deborah defeated the Canaanites. We drive by the Church of the Annunciation en route to visit the nearby ancient city of Sepphoris where likely

Joseph and Jesus worked as builders. Leaving the area, we drive thru Cana where Jesus turned the water into wine.

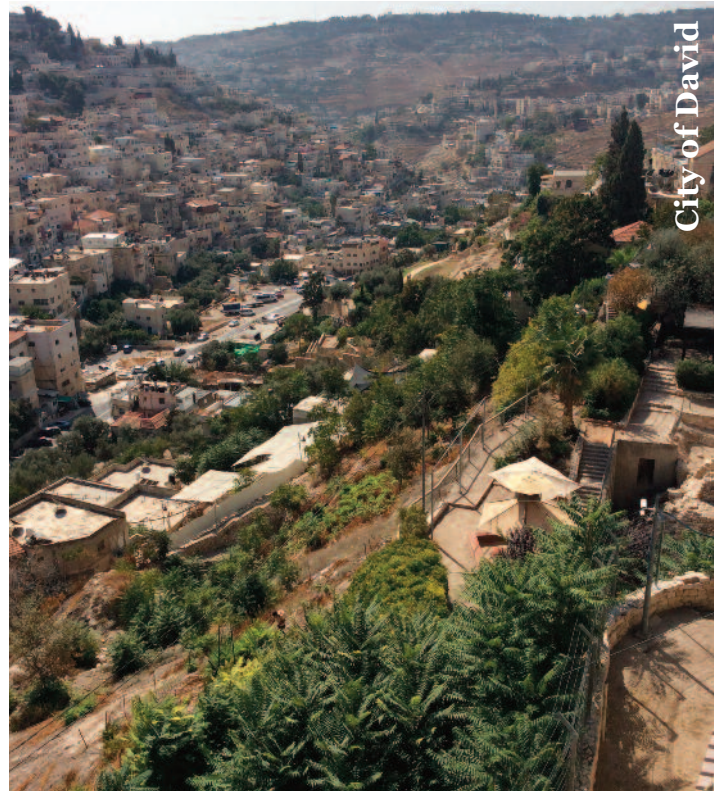
**Day 8: Home**

A very early morning departure for the Tel Aviv Airport for our flight homeward will allow for arrival home by early afternoon.

**PRICE PER PERSON:**  
BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

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