



Israel & Jordan

Mark 6:1: And He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while."

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| Day 1 | <p>Johannesburg Depart South Africa.</p> |
| Day 2 | <p>Caesarea - Sea of Galilee Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport around 10:30. We will drive along the coastal road to the Crusaders port city of Caesarea and the Roman capital of ancient Israel. See the Roman Theater from the days of King Herod and Paul's imprisonment. After lunch we proceed to the "Horns of Carmel" (Muhra) to the site where Elijah slaughtered the false prophets. We drive past the Yizre'el valley and make a quick stop at Megiddo before we get to the Sea of Galilee for overnight and dinner. Dinner and overnight at Sea of Galilee.</p> |
| Day 3 | <p>Cana - Nazareth -- Mount Tabor - Korazim - (Dan) - Caesarea Philippi After breakfast we via Mount Tabor to reach Nazareth with visits to the Basilica of Annunciation and Nazareth Village (11:30). After lunch in Nazareth we drive through Cana on our way to Chorazin. We make our way to Banyas; Biblical Caesarea Philippi. This was the last stop for Jesus before He ended his earthly teachings and went to Jerusalem to be crucified. If time allows we will also stop at the ruins of Dan. Dinner and overnight Galilee.</p> |
| Day 4 | <p>Sea of Galilee - Capernaum - Tabgha - Mount of Beatitudes - River Jordan - Yardenit We start our day on the shore of the Sea of Galilee with some quiet time for devotion. Today we will literally walk in the footsteps of Jesus. We start at the River Jordan at the baptismal site Yardenit where thousands of Christians have come to be baptized. This will also be an opportunity for tour members that want to be baptized. Then we visit the Holy sites around the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes and the traditional place of the miracle of loaves and fishes: Tabgha. (St Peter's church) Here you will experience firsthand how it was possible for Jesus to speak to the masses without any sound system! In the afternoon we will take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight Galilee.</p> |
| Day 5 | <p>Israel Museum - Yad Vashem Today we leave the North and head back south to Jerusalem. We start our Jerusalem part of the tour at the Israel Museum to visit Mini Jerusalem and the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed. After lunch we visit the Yad Vashem - memorial to the Holocaust. We will spend some time here and remember... Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.</p> |

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| Day 6 | <p>Old City walls – Wailing Wall – Mount Zion – Davidson Centre – Upper Room – Bethlehem</p> <p>We start our day with a brisk walk over the Old City walls. Through the Armenian quarter we make our way to the Dung Gate and the Wailing wall. We visit the Davidson Centre where the group learn about the Temple and understand the history involved a little better. Then proceed to the Wailing Wall to participate in the celebrations of the Bar mitzvahs when 13 year old boys are reading from the Torah scrolls for the first time. Then we will go the Mount Zion where we visit the room of the Last Supper and the tomb of King David Around 15:00 we will proceed to Bethlehem to visit the Shepherd fields, Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity. Optional: Spectacular Light show at the Tower of David museum at 21:30. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.</p> |
| Day 7 | <p>Jerusalem – Mount of Olives – Gethsemane – Bethesda – Via Dolorosa – Garden Tomb</p> <p>We start our day by ascending the Mount of Olives from where we will see the whole city of Jerusalem! We visit the Church of the Paternoster. We walk down to the Garden of Gethsemane and spend a little time here (In the private Garden) . From there to the Lions gate – also called St. Steven’s gate as this is the site where the first martyr Steven was stoned to death. We enter the old city and go to Bethesda and the Ecce Homo arch before walking along the Via Dolorosa and the various stations marking the sacred events on the “Way of sorrow”. We end our day with a gripping visit to the Garden tomb where we will be having Holy Communion at the site. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.</p> |
| Day 8 | <p>Judean Desert – Jericho – Qumran – Masada – Dead Sea – Ein Gedi</p> <p>We will depart Jerusalem via the Judean Dessert and start the day visiting Jericho. From here we drive all along the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. Our second stop – Qumran - the place where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to Ein Gedi oasis where David fled from King Saul and then continue further to the mountain fortress of Masada. Ascend by cable car to visit the excavations of the site where the Zealots made their last stand against the Romans in the 1st century and 967 Jews chose suicide rather than to be Roman slaves. We drive down to our hotel on the southern shore of the Dead Sea. The rest of the afternoon is set aside for a fun filled swim (or rather float) and even a mud bath should you wish. Dinner and overnight Dead Sea.</p> |
| Day 9 | <p>Timna – Eilat – Aqaba Jordan – Red Sea</p> <p>After breakfast we depart to Eilat and on the way stop at Timna and a visit to the Tabernacle replica. After lunch in Eilat we cross the border into Jordan and go directly to our resort on the banks of the Red Sea. Dinner and overnight Aqaba.</p> |
| Day 10 | <p>Jordan – Aqaba – Jeep Safari in the Wadi Rum – Lunch in Bedouin Camp</p> <p>After a late breakfast and some time for snorkeling in the Red Sea, we continue to the Wadi Rum to explore the desert with 4x4 jeep tour. Abraham and his family lived a nomadic lifestyle – more or less the same as these nomadic people almost 6000 years later. The Old Testament will never be the same for you! And the word ‘Dessert’ will have a whole new meaning from today onward... Dinner and overnight at a Bedouin camp resort.</p> |

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| Day 11 | <p>Petra - Amman</p> <p>After breakfast, we visit Petra - the ancient city that was built by the Nabateans (an early Arab tribe). The whole book of Obadiah tells the story of Petra. First renowned for its breathtaking architecture, pools, dams and water channels. Today we know that Petra is the legacy of the Nabateans who settled in the South of Jordan more than two-thousand years ago. The visit begins with a walk for about 700 m. until we come to the entrance of the Siq, which is about 12 km long (walking distance). Petra is famous for its huge monuments such as The T Palace of Pharaoh's daughter and many other smaller monuments which fascinate visitors. Dinner and overnight in Amman.</p> |
| Day 12 | <p>Mount Nebo - Madaba Mosaic workshop - Bethany Beyond the Jordan - Lots cave</p> <p>Our last day in Jordan we visit Mount Nebo from where God has shown Moses the Holy Land. From here you will see the breathtaking view including the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Jericho and Jerusalem in the far. We stop at a mosaic workshop to view this age old craft and visit Madaba for a lunch break. After lunch we stop at Bethany beyond the Jordan as well as Lots Cave before returning to Amman for our Farewell dinner.</p> |
| Day 13 | <p>Early morning flight back to SA.</p> |



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