

ITINERARY

DAY 1 SUNDAY, APRIL 16

After arriving in Israel and leaving the airport you will make your way to our hotel. Depending on your arrival time, group transport may be available for you, otherwise you will need to take a taxi. You will enjoy time on the Mediterranean Coast for dinner and overnight. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Netanya, Vert Lagoon.

EVENING EVENT: Welcome Event with Dr. John Neufeld and Phil Callaway

DAY 2 MONDAY, APRIL 17

Breakfast in the hotel. Drive north to **Caesarea**, once the capital of the Roman province, and see the harbour from which Paul was taken to Rome. Continue to Haifa and from **Mount Carmel** have a wonderful view of the area. Proceed to **Muhraka** and then **Megiddo** overlooking the Jezreel Valley and considered the Armageddon of the New Testament. Dinner and overnight at our hotel, Caesar Tiberias.

EVENING EVENT: Dr. John Neufeld

DAY 3 TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Breakfast in the hotel. Start the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, a time of worship and sharing of the Word by Dr. John. Then visit to the **Springs of Banias**, also known as Caesarea Philippi where Peter said "Thou are Christ". Drive back near the Golan Heights to have our **St. Peter's Fish Lunch**. And then on to Capernaum, where you will see an ancient synagogue, and Peter's house which was later converted into a church. From there we will continue to the **Mount of Beatitudes** where the Sermon on the Mount is remembered, and again we will hear from Dr. John and worship together before heading back to our hotel in Caesar Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

EVENING FREE TIME: Spa and Sea of Galilee Promenade

DAY 4 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Breakfast in the hotel. Depart Tiberias for a visit to the **Village of Nazareth** before heading to **Bethlehem**. In Bethlehem we will have lunch together before we visit the **Sheppard's Fields**, hear from Dr. John, and spend time in worship together. We will then head into **Jerusalem**, stopping for a panoramic view of the **Old City**. Arrive for dinner and overnight at Jerusalem, The Olive Tree Hotel.

EVENING EVENT: Phil Callaway

DAY 5 THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Breakfast in the hotel. Depart today at 07:15. Drive to the **City of David** to visit the Canaanite tunnel and **Siloam Pool** before visiting **The Western/Wailing Wall** and the **Western Wall Tunnels**. We will visit a view point on the Via Dolorosa to observe the **Temple Mount** and **Old City** up close. We will have lunch in the Old City before visiting **St. Anne's Church** and **The Pool of Bethesda**. From there we will head up to The Mount of Olives and hear from Dr. John before we walk down to the **Garden of Gethsemane** and the **Church of All Nations**. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

EVENING: Free Time

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DAY 6 FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Breakfast in the hotel. We will start the day with a visit to the **Garden Tomb** where we will hear from the on-site guides. Dr. John will share the Word, and we will worship and share in communion together. We will then visit the world-class **Israel Museum** to view the Second Temple model and the Shrine of the Book, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls. After lunch we will head to Wadi Kelt and observe the old trail from Jericho to Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

EVENING: Free Time (Shabbat)

DAY 7 SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Breakfast in the hotel. Head to **Masada**, the symbol of bravery and freedom for modern-day Israel, and ascend the cliff top fortress by cable car. As you explore the ancient remains of fortifications, King Herod's palaces, storerooms and baths, you will hear about the spirit of its last Jewish defenders. These Zealots held out for three years against the legions of Flavius Silva, and chose to die as free men at their own hands in preference to Roman slavery. From the top of **Masada**, the outlines of the Roman encampments are still visible below. After heading down from the fortress we will visit the **Jordan River Baptism Site** where Dr. John will share with us. We will next visit the caves of **Qumran** where the Essenes lived 2000 years ago, and where the original Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. Visit the ruins of this ancient desert village, before taking time to pause for some amazing "floating" time on the buoyant waters of the **Dead Sea**, a natural world wonder. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

EVENING EVENT: Concert

DAY 8 SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Breakfast in the hotel. We will first visit the **Southern steps** and walk where Jesus walked, before heading up to **Mt. Zion** and **Upper Room**. Visit to the **Yad Vashem**, the world's foremost Holocaust Memorial and Museum. Pass through the Armenian Quarter and end at the **Holy Sepulcher**. Have lunch in the Christian Quarter cafes and market area, followed by an opportunity for shopping on our way back to the hotel.

EVENING EVENT: Closing Event with Dr. John Neufeld and Phil Callaway

DAY 9 MONDAY, APRIL 24

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to Allenby border crossing to Jordan, or airport for flights home.

Each day, Dr. John Neufeld will present Bible teaching at various locations as we travel around Israel!

The order of itinerary may change based on operational considerations during the tour.

HOTELS:

Netanya: **Vert Lagoon**

Tiberias: **Caesar Premier Tiberias**

Jerusalem: **The Olive Tree**

