

Premiere Journeys

BACK TO THE BIBLE – ISRAEL

APRIL 28 Sunday (Day 1) TEL-AVIV - Arrival

After arriving in Israel, we will be met by our guide, then enjoy a **panoramic tour** of **Tel Aviv** and **Jaffa**. Transfer to our hotel, **Dan Panorama Tel Aviv** ([/www.danhotels.com/TelAvivHotels/DanPanoramaTelAvivHotel/index.htm](http://www.danhotels.com/TelAvivHotels/DanPanoramaTelAvivHotel/index.htm)) on the Mediterranean Coast for dinner and overnight.

APRIL 29 Monday (Day 2) TIBERIAS

Drive north to **Caesarea**, once the capital of the Roman province, and see the harbor 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 in Tiberias, **Caesar Tiberias** (<https://www.caesarpremier.com/caesar-tiberias-hotel>)

APRIL 30 Tuesday (Day 3) TIBERIAS

Start the day with a visit at the **Mount of Beatitudes** where the Sermon on the Mount is remembered; In **Capernaum** you will see an ancient synagogue and Peter's house which was later converted into a church, followed by a visit in Church of loaves and fish in **Tabgha**. Continue to **St Peter's Fish Lunch**. Then to the Springs of **Banias**, also known as Caesarea Philippi where Peter said "Thou are Christ". Drive back through the Golan Heights. End the day with a **boat** from across the Sea of Galilee to your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

MAY 1 Wednesday (Day 4) TIBERIAS - JERUSALEM

Depart Tiberias, visiting **Village of Nazareth**. Visit **Jericho**, the oldest city in the world and drive up the Judean hills to Jerusalem. Stop by the baptism site near the **Jordan River** (Qaser El Yahud). Drive down through the Jordan Valley to Jerusalem, stop for panoramic view at **Mt. Scopus**. Arrive Jerusalem for dinner and overnight at **The Olive Tree Hotel** (<http://olivetreehotel.co.il/>)

MAY 02 Thursday (Day 5) JERUSALEM

Drive to the **Mount of Olives** for a wonderful view of Jerusalem. See the Place of Ascension and the Pater Noster Church, and walk the Palm Sunday road. At the foot of the hill, see the **Garden of Gethsemane** with its ancient olive trees and the **Church of All Nations**. Visit of the **City of David** with The Tunnel of Hezekiah, and walk through the pilgrim tunnel to the **Davidson** center where are located the Southern steps and visit the **Wailing (or Western) Wall**, walk through the **western wall tunnels** (Schedule subject to availability). Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

MAY 03 Friday (Day 6) JERUSALEM

Overlook from Hass promenade. Visit new city of Jerusalem: **Israel Museum** with 2nd temple period model and shrine of the book, then see the **Knesset**, the Israeli Parliament and the Menorah sculpture. Visit **Yad Vashem**, and walk through the **Holocaust Museum**. Continue south to **Bethlehem** and see the Church of the Nativity and below it the cave-stable of Jesus' birth. Jerome's grave/statue. Visit the Church of Sheppard's fields. Lunch in Bethlehem. Drop off at Old Jerusalem market for shopping (optional). Transport pick up from market 2 hours after drop off. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

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MAY 04 Saturday (Day 7)**JERUSALEM**

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. Return to Jerusalem via 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.

MAY 05 Sunday (Day 8)**JERUSALEM**

Enter the **Old City** through St Stephen’s Gate. Visit the **Temple Mount Area** with the Al-Aksa Mosque and Dome of the Rock (entrance to the Mosques permitted only to Muslims). Saint Anne’s Church. See the Pool of Bethesda where the angel ruffled the water. Visit the Zion Sisters, Pass through the Stations of the Cross where Jesus carried his cross to be crucified, and end at the **Holy Sepulcher**. Leave the city through the bazaars to the west by Jaffa Gate. Visit **Mt. Zion** and the upper room, then drive down and visit Peter in Gallicantu, built over the palace of the High Priest Caiaphas. End the day at time for a service at the **Garden Tomb**. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

MAY 06 Monday (Day 9)**JERUSALEM - Departure or Optional extension to Jordan**

Morning depart Tel-Aviv airport for flights back to Canada or continue on the optional tour to Jordan.

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