



11-Day Holy Land Faith Journey

DAY 1

Depart for Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV)

DAY 2

Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV)

WELCOME TO ISRAEL

You will be greeted by our representative, meet your pilgrimage guide, and transfer to your hotel. Welcome greeting and reception upon your arrival at your hotel.

Overnight - Tel Aviv

DAY 3

JAFFA

Visit biblical Joppa, the ancient seaport from which the Prophet Jonah fled from God (*Jonah 1:17*) and the city where Peter stayed with Simon the Tanner and restored Tabitha to life (*Acts 9:36-43*).

CAESAREA MARITIMA

Drive to Caesarea Maritima. Explore the great Roman port city and one of the largest archaeological digs in Israel. This is where Peter baptized the Roman centurion, Cornelius, who became the first gentile convert to Christianity (*Acts 10*), and where Paul was

tried by Festus (*Acts 25:6-12*). See the Roman Theater, Herod's Palace, the Palace of the Roman Procurator (*Acts 23:23; Acts 26:23 - Paul; Acts 10:20-48 - Peter & Cornelius*), and the Amphitheater.

MUKHRAKA

Travel through the Druze villages of Daliyat el Carmel and Usifiya to Mukhraka, the place on Mt. Carmel, where Elijah battled the prophets of Baal (*1 Kings 18:25*) for a view of the Jezreel Valley. Continue to the Church of Stella Maris, a Carmelite Monastery, for Mass.

ACRE / AKKO

Visit one of the oldest cities in Israel – known as the Gateway to the Holy Land. The apostle Paul visited this city for a day when it was called Ptolemais (*Acts 21:7*). It is the former capital of the Crusader kingdom – a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Overnight - Akko or Tiberias

DAY 4

MAGDALA

Visit the hometown of Mary Magdalene and the site of a first-century synagogue, where Jesus most certainly would have taught (*Matthew 4:23*). Explore the excavated city of Magdala and worship in the beautiful Duc in Altum.

NOF GINOSAR

Stop by the Yigal Allon Museum where a 2,000-year-old boat from Jesus' time is on display.

SEA OF GALILEE

Sail on the Sea of Galilee in a replica of a first-century wooden boat. It is here Jesus walked on the waters and calmed the storm. This region around the Sea of Galilee is where Jesus lived most of His public life and performed His most glorious miracles.

MOUNT OF BEATITUDES

Visit the Church of the Beatitudes and pray on the hillside where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount (*Matthew 5:1-12*).

TABGHA

Visit the Church of the Multiplication that commemorates the site where Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes (*Luke 9:10-17*).

MENSA CHRISTI - CHURCH OF THE PRIMATE OF PETER

Pray at the Church of the Primate of Peter where Jesus made His appearance to His apostles after His resurrection and instructed Peter to take care of His sheep (*John 21:15-17*).

CAPERNAUM

Explore the town where Jesus lived during His Galilean ministry (*Matthew 4:13; Mark 3:1*). Hometown to Peter, Andrew, James, John, and Matthew.

Overnight – Tiberias

DAY 5

KORAZIN

Visit the ruins of this first-century city Jesus rebuked for its lack of faith.

TEL HAZOR

Explore the biblical city burned by Joshua, later rebuilt as a village, then fortified by Solomon because of its strategic importance (*Joshua 11; Judges 4; I Kings 9*) – a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

BANIAS

Drive to Banias, the site of the ancient city of Caesarea Philippi which is one of the main sources of the Jordan River. This is where Peter made his great confession of faith to Jesus stating, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (*Matthew 16:16*).

GOLAN HEIGHTS - PEACE VISTA

Drive to the Golan Heights for a panoramic view of the Sea of Galilee from the Peace Vista.

YARMOUK RIVER VALLEY

Descend from the Peace Vista by way of the Yarmouk River Valley.

Overnight – Tiberias

DAY 6

CANA

Depart for Cana, site of Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast, turning water into wine. (*John 2:1-1; John 4:46-54*). Couples will have the opportunity to renew their wedding vows.

NAZARETH

Proceed to Nazareth, where Jesus lived His childhood, and visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, the sacred cave where He lived with Mary. Then visit St. Joseph's Church, Mary's Well (in the Greek Orthodox Church), and the Chapel of Charles deFoucauld at the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Convent of the Sisters of Nazareth.

NAZARETH - MOUNT PRECIPICE

Visit the mountain from which the people of Nazareth wanted to throw Jesus to His death (*Luke 4:28-30*).

MOUNT TABOR

Ascend Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration, and visit the Catholic Church (*Matthew 17:1-8*). We will take time for meditation and prayer while overlooking the view of the Armageddon Valley.

MEGIDDO

Discover a fascinating *tel* (hill), comprising 26 ancient civilizations superimposed on one another, overlooking the Valley of Jezreel also known as the Valley of Armageddon – the place where the last battle of mankind is due to take place (*Revelation 16:16*). Megiddo was also one of Solomon's fortified chariot cities (*1 Kings 9:15*).

JORDAN RIVER VALLEY

Gradually descend through the Jordan River Valley from Beit She'an to the Dead Sea then travel up to Jerusalem.

Overnight – Jerusalem

DAY 7

EIN KAREM

Visit the Church of St. John, the birthplace of John the Baptist (*Luke 1:1-25*) and the Church of the Visitation, where the Virgin Mary proclaimed the *Magnificat* (*Luke 1:46-55*).

ISRAEL MUSEUM

See the scale model of ancient Jerusalem and visit the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea scrolls are displayed.

BETHLEHEM

Travel to Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity, believed to be the place where Jesus was born. This is the oldest church in the world, dating back to 327 AD. Visit St. Catherine's Church, and have Mass at St. Jerome's Chapel. Travel to the Milk Grotto, very close to the Church of the Nativity, where tradition says that the Virgin Mary nursed her child and a drop spilled onto a rock and the color changed to white.

SHEPHERD'S FIELDS

Visit the fields where the shepherds kept watch over their flocks by night and the angelic chorus announced the birth of Jesus (*Luke 2:8-20*).

Overnight - Jerusalem

DAY 8

MOUNT OF OLIVES

Enjoy a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem from this significant biblical site. See the Chapel of the Ascension (*Luke 24:50-53*) and the Church of Pater Noster (*Luke 11:1-4*).

HOSANNA ROAD

Descend the mountain by foot on the same road that Jesus walked on Palm Sunday.

DOMINUS FLAVIT

Visit the church that commemorates the site where Jesus wept over Jerusalem (*Luke 19:41*).

GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Walk to the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Church of All Nations that houses the Rock of Agony, where Jesus sweat great drops of blood as He prayed.

GROTTO OF BETRAYAL

Continue to the Grotto of Betrayal and the Tomb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

SAINT PETER IN GALLICANTU

Drive to the ancient house of the High Priest Caiaphas and the church commemorating Peter's denial of Jesus three times.

CENACLE - THE ROOM OF THE LAST SUPPER

Stand in the same place, where some believe, the disciples gathered for the last supper, and, again after the ascension of Jesus (*Mark 14:12-26; Acts 1:13*).

DORMITION ABBEY

Visit the church that commemorates the assumption of Mary to heaven and honors the great women of the Bible.

Overnight - Jerusalem

DAY 9

BETHANY

Visit the house of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, as well as the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus' great friend whom He raised from the dead.

QASR EL YEHUD

Visit the original location of the baptism of Jesus on the Jordan River and renew your baptismal promises.

QUMRAN

Drive to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.

DEAD SEA

Float in the salty waters of the Dead Sea – the lowest place on earth.

Overnight - Jerusalem

DAY 10

DAVIDSON CENTER / SOUTHERN TEMPLE STEPS

Visit the Davidson Center and walk on the Southern Temple Steps, the steps Jesus and the people of His time ascended in order to enter The Temple.

WESTERN WALL

Pray at the Western Wall, Judaism's most sacred site.

WESTERN WALL TUNNELS

Enter the Rabbinic Tunnels revealing the base of the Temple Mount and the street level during the time of Jesus.

CHURCH OF ST. ANNE

Sing together and enjoy the amazing acoustics in this Crusade-era church that commemorates the birthplace of the Virgin Mary.

POOLS OF BETHESDA

See where Jesus healed the lame man (*John 5:1-15*).

VIA DOLOROSA

Proceed through the Via Dolorosa praying the Stations of the Cross. Visit the Chapel of the Flagellation, where Jesus was whipped.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER

We finish our day in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where Jesus was crucified and buried. We will visit His empty tomb where it is written "Jesus is risen."

NOTRE DAME JERUSALEM CENTER / SHROUD OF TURIN

Stop at Notre Dame Jerusalem Center for a tour of the Shroud of Turin display.

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DAY 11

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