

Israel

11-Day Journey to the Holy Land
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When they said, "Let's go to the house of God,"
my heart leaped for joy.
And now we're here, O Jerusalem,
inside Jerusalem's walls!
Jerusalem, well-built city,
built as a place for worship!
The city to which the tribes **ascend**,
all God's tribes go up to worship,
To give thanks to the name of God—
this is what it means to be Israel.
Psalm 122: 1-5 MSG

In 2018, NewLife will ascend to the Holy Land once again! The Bible will come to life right before your eyes as you are acquainted with the most important Biblical and historical sites in the world! From the beautiful Mediterranean coast of Tel Aviv, we will drive along the coastal plains to Caesarea, an ancient Roman port whose amphitheater still hosts concerts and plays. In the Galilee region, we will see where Jesus began His ministry and we will walk through the settlements where our Lord and Savior preached and taught. We will pray at the Mount of the Beatitudes where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. Sail across the Sea of Galilee as the disciples did. Visit the city of Nazareth and continue southward along the Jordan Valley to the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea. Float and relax at the world famous Dead Sea spas. Climb by cable car to the spectacular mountaintop fortress Masada, built by King Herod. Visit Qumran, the site where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. And finally, *ascend* to Jerusalem – the holy city of Zion. In Jerusalem, we will visit the city's abundant Biblical and historical sites, and spiritually connect with God's Promised Land. Join us on this incredible journey that will change your life forever!

INCLUDED SITES

Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Haifa, Megiddo (Valley of Armageddon), Nazareth, Lower Galilee, Sea of Galilee, Golan Heights, Caesarea Philippi, Upper Galilee, Tiberias, Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitude, Tabaja, Beit Shean, Dead Sea, Jordan River, Masada, Qumran, Ein Gedi, Old City Jerusalem, Mt. Scopus, Mt. of Olives, Mt. Zion, Western Wall Tunnels, Garden of Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Christian Quarter, Jewish Quarter, The Upper Room (Room of the Last Supper), King David's Tomb, Garden Tomb, Western Wall, Southern Wall, Temple Mount, Yad Vashem (Holocaust Museum), Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity, and much more....

WEATHER & CLOTHING

Israel's weather in the summer is HOT and SUNNY. It's also Israel's driest season, so rain is not likely. Bring plenty of cool clothing and don't forget to pack your swimsuit! Women should wear modest clothing- shoulders must be covered at every holy site. Shorts must be below the knee for both men and women.

SAFETY

Contrary to what you see on the news, Israel is a safe country for tourists. Safety is the number one priority on this tour, as a professional guide will escort you at all times. Tourist police officers are also present at every site. Unlike other Middle Eastern countries, the food/water in Israel is safe to eat/drink.

TOUR INCLUSIONS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- * International flight + taxes & fees
- * 7 night 5 Star Hotel Accommodations
- * 1 night Tel Aviv: Herod's Hotel
- * 2 nights Sea of Galilee: Leonardo Plaza Tiberias Hotel
- * 1 night Dead Sea: Herod's Hotel
- * 3 nights Jerusalem: Leonardo Plaza Hotel
- * 14 meals: 7 buffet breakfasts and 7 dinners throughout the tour

- * All entrance fees & attractions as per tour itinerary plus: Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, “Jesus Boat” museum, Masada cable car, Dead Sea Spa Hotel, Davidson Center, Garden Tomb & much more...
- * Private touring with a top professional, government-licensed, Bible oriented, English-speaking tour guide
- * Biblical insight and teachings by Pastor Rigo Figueredo
- * Transportation - in a deluxe air-conditioned bus
- * Private arrival and departure transfers to and from the airport
- * Porters fees at all hotels
- * All land services and local taxes

NOT INCLUDED

- * Passport
- * Tips for your tour guide, bus driver and hotel staff (Recommended total: \$70 per person)
- * Lunch daily and the last dinner in Jerusalem on your free day
- * Travel Insurance (highly recommended)

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Old Jaffa at night, where Peter stayed at the house of Simon the Tanner
- Visit the impressive Caesarea Maritima, built in honor of Augustus Caesar by Herod the Great (Acts 10 & 25)
- Visit Mount Carmel, where Elijah issued his challenge to the False Prophets.
- Explore Megiddo and the Valley of Armageddon (Revelation 16)
- Experience a breathtaking panoramic view of Nazareth from the top of Mt. Precipice
- Drive by Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first miracle- the turning

of water into wine at a wedding feast (John 2:1-11)

- Sail on the Sea of Galilee on a wooden boat as the disciples did 2,000 years ago
- Visit the “Ancient Jesus Boat” at Kibbutz Nof Geonsar
- Visit Yardenit – the baptismal site on the Jordan River
- Stand atop the Mount of Beatitudes (Matt. 5-8), where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount
- Ascend to Masada by cable car and discover this ancient fortress built by King Herod
- Enjoy a relaxing afternoon at our Dead Sea resort hotel, where you can enjoy the famous Dead Sea Spa treatments
- Experience a breathtaking panoramic view From the Mount of Olives toward Old City Jerusalem
- Explore the Southern Temple Mount archaeological excavations and the Davidson Center Museum
- Visit Bethlehem, the Church of the Nativity, and Shepherd’s Field
- Visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the Garden Tomb
- Walk through the ancient Old City of Jerusalem

PRICE

Estimated cost: **\$3000** per person (includes flight, hotels, transportation, tours, entrances and meals). We will have a more precise estimate as the trip approaches- due to fluctuating flight costs.

American dollars/credit cards are widely accepted in Israel.

DEPOSIT

To guarantee your spot on our journey, a refundable deposit of **\$150** per person will be collected on **March 5, 2017**. You may register for our trip at any time after

the deposit is collected, but your spot may not be guaranteed.

PAYMENT

100% of the trip costs must be paid for by February 1, 2018 to guarantee your seat on our group's flight reservation. If you pay after this date, you may still join our tour- but you are not guaranteed to be on our same departing flight.

You may pay by CASH, CREDIT, DEBIT or CHECK

OPTIONAL PAYMENT PLAN

February 2017 - February 2018

\$250 for 12 months

Payment will be collected on the 1st Sunday of every month at NewLife or The Way.

ITINERARY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Day 1: Friday – Departure

Our Israel Holy Land tour starts today as we depart on our way to Israel – the Land of the Bible. Sit back, relax and enjoy your evening flight. Get some rest... tomorrow will be a long day!

Meals included: Meals on Board

Overnight: On Board

Day 2: Saturday – TBD (Potential Layover)

There is currently no direct flight from Israel to Miami. If there is not a direct flight in 2018, we will be connecting in another city. In 2014, we enjoyed a beautiful day tour of Paris. Details for our 2018 trip are still TBD.

Meals included: TBD

Overnight: TBD

Day 3: Sunday – Arrival in Tel Aviv, Israel / Welcome to the Holy Land / Visit Old Jaffa

Today we arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport. You will be met and assisted by our airport representative and transferred to Tel Aviv - Israel's largest and most modern city. Check in at Herod's Hotel, unpack and rest. Our hotel in Tel Aviv is conveniently located in the heart of the city, on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea and 10 minutes walking distance from famous Old Town Jaffa and the artistic neighborhood of Neve Tzedek. After welcome dinner please join us for our tour orientation meeting, where you'll meet your expert tour guide. Free time to rest and relax at your hotel room or take a stroll along Tel-Aviv's beautiful beaches. Enjoy your first evening in Israel!

Optional night tour: After welcome dinner & orientation meeting - Enjoy an escorted tour to Old Jaffa with your expert guide

For those who would like to explore Old Town Jaffa at night, meet with your tour guide after the welcome dinner. After a short walk on the famous Tel Aviv sidewalk we will arrive in Jaffa and walk through the narrow passages of Old Jaffa, believed to be the oldest port city in the world. See the amazing St. Peter Church at night and take a spectacular view of Tel Aviv Shoreline from Jaffa's Hilltop. Peter came to Joppa from Lydda to raise Tabitha (Dorcas) from the dead (Acts 9:36-42). While in Jaffa, the apostle stayed at the house of Simon the Tanner. The Church of St. Peter marks the traditional site of Peter's vision of the great sheet.

Private arrival transfer included

Meals included: Full Buffett Dinner

Lodging: Tel Aviv, Herod's Hotel

Evening activity: Free escorted night tour to Old Jaffa after dinner

**Day 4: Monday – From Tel Aviv to the Sea Galilee via the Mediterranean coast and the Valley of Armageddon:
Tel Aviv / Coastal Plains / Caesarea / Mt. Carmel / Megiddo / Nazareth / Sea of Galilee / Tiberia**

After an early breakfast we start our Holy Land tour heading north to the Sea of Galilee. We will have a relaxing drive along the beautiful coast of the Mediterranean Sea and stop at Caesarea Maritime (Acts 9.30 Acts 10 24-48),

which was the center of early Christians. Here Cornelius the Centurion and his household were saved and baptized (Acts 10), and it was also here where Paul made his defense before Festus and King Agrippa prior to his final journey to Rome (Acts 25 & 26). Next, we will stop at Mount Carmel (Muchraka), where Elijah issued his challenge to the false prophets. In the distance you will see the Mount of Transfiguration where Jesus appeared alongside Moses and Elijah. Then on to Megiddo (*1 Kings 4.28, 9,15, 2 Kings 23,29 & Revel. 16.16*), and the Valley of Armageddon (Revelation 16), to see the remains from Solomon's days, and view the site where the Battle of Armageddon will be fought. We continue along the Jezreel valley to visit the town of Nazareth (*Luke 1.26, 4.16-29, Matthew 2.23*). We will take in an unforgettable view of the city of Nazareth from the top of Mt. Precipice, also known as Mount of Precipitation, or Mount of the Leap of the Lord. It is believed to be the site of the rejection of Jesus, described on Luke 4:29-30. (* If time permits we will also visit the Church of the Annunciation.) We then drive to Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first public miracle - the turning of water into wine at a wedding feast (*John 2.1-11*). We will end our first day of touring Israel by driving through the Lower Galilee region to the beautiful Sea of Galilee and the town of Tiberia. Our centrally located hotel is situated right on the town's center and on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Check in and dinner at our hotel. Enjoy a free evening to walk along the shores of the Sea of Galilee and explore the town of Tiberia.

Meals included: Full Buffett Breakfast and Dinner

Lodging: Sea of Galilee, Leonardo Plaza Tiberia Hotel

Day 5: Tuesday – Discovering the Sea of Galilee, the Upper Galilee and the Golan Heights: Sail on the Sea of Galilee / "Jesus Boat" Museum /Golan Heights / Upper Galilee / Caesarea Philippi / Baptism at Yardenit (Jordan River)

Today we will discover the tranquil Galilee region and the beautiful Golan Heights. After breakfast we will board a wooden boat and sail on of the Sea of Galilee as the disciples did 2,000 years ago. We will dock at Kibbutz Nof Geonsar and visit the “Ancient Jesus Boat” Museum - the remains of a 2,000 year old boat that was discovered in 1986. This boat was used at the time of Jesus and his disciples. Next, we will drive up to the beautiful Golan Heights and learn about the ancient Jewish settlements in this region. We will visit Banias - ancient Caesarea Philippi (*Matt. 16.13 and Mark 8.27*), where Jesus said “on this rock I will built my Church”. We will drive through the natural Hula Valley and the Upper Galilee region back to the Sea of Galilee. We conclude this remarkable day with a visit to Yardenit – the wonderful baptismal site on the Jordan River.

Return to our hotel for dinner.

Meals included: Full Buffett Breakfast and Dinner

Lodging: Sea of Galilee, Leonardo Plaza Tiberia Hotel

Day 6: Wednesday – Jesus’ Early Ministry along the Sea of Galilee and the Jordan River: Mount of Beatitudes / Tabgha / Capernaum / Beth Shean / Dead Sea / Free time to float & enjoy the resort and its spas

Today we will experience the area of Jesus’ early ministry around the Sea of Galilee. After breakfast we will drive along the shores of the Sea of Galilee and visit the Mount of Beatitudes (Matt. 5,6,7,8), where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. We will visit the famous chapel, constructed in 1939 by the noted architect Antonio Barluzzi and enjoy the breathtaking view. We will continue to Tabgha - the site of the Feeding of the 5,000 and Primacy of Peter (Matt. 13, Mark .33-45, & John 21). Here we will visit the Church of Multiplication with its 4th century mosaic floor. Continue on to the 2,000 year old remains of Capernaum (Matt. 4.13 13.54, 17.24, Luke 7, Mark 1.2, John 4.46-54). Here we can stand in what is left of the synagogue in which Jesus ministered. It was from this city that Jesus did most of his Galilean ministry, where he performed many miracles, and where Peter's mother-in-law lived and was healed. From here we will drive south along the Beth Shean valley and the ancient city of Beth Shean (*Mark 5.20, 7.31*) for an overview of this remarkable archeological site. It was here that after defeating Saul and his sons on Mount Gilboa, the Philistines hanged their bodies on the walls of Beth Shean (1 Samuel 31). We will drive through the Jordanian Valley pass the city of Jericho and arrive at the lowest place on earth - the Dead Sea. We will check in at our hotel, located on the shores of the Dead Sea. After check in and before dinner we will enjoy relaxing free time at our wonderful Dead Sea resort hotel, conveniently located on the shores of the Dead Sea. Walk to the beach and float in the salty water of the Dead Sea and take a dip in the beautiful swimming pool of our resort hotel. You can also take this opportunity to enjoy the Dead Sea famous mud and mineral treatments at our hotel's spa.

Meals included: Full Buffett Breakfast and Dinner

Lodging: Dead Sea, Harod’s Hotel

Optional: Mud, mineral and Spa treatments at our 5 star Daniel resort & spa hotel

Day 7: Thursday – Exploring the Dead Sea and the Judean Desert / Arrive in Jerusalem: Dead Sea / Masada/ Ein Gedi / Qumran / Jerusalem / Mount of Olives / Garden of Gethsemane

Today we will explore the Dead Sea and the Judean desert region and its biblical and historical sites. After breakfast we will drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to visit one of the most spectacular sites in Israel – the 1,500 foot mountaintop fortress of Masada. Built by King Herod, Masada is famous for being the last stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans. We will ascend to Masada by cable car and discover the 1st century Synagogue, Herod's Bathhouse and many other sites. We will continue along the shores of the Dead Sea for a look out on the oasis of Ein Gedi, where David hid in a cave when running from Saul (1 Samuel 23). It was here that David composed several of his Psalms. Next, we will visit Qumran and walk through the ruins of this ancient Essene community. In this spot, an amazing cache of ancient biblical texts were discovered in 1947 - commonly called the Dead Sea Scrolls. From here we will ascend to Jerusalem – the holy city of Zion. Upon arriving in Jerusalem we will head to the top of the Mount of Olives to stand where the Lord ascended into heaven (Acts 1). From the Mount of Olives we take in a breathtaking panoramic view of the city across the Kidron Valley to the Eastern Gate where the Prince of Peace will enter (Ezekiel 44). We will pass by Pater Noster Church and visit Dominus Flevit where “the Lord wept” as he beheld the Holy City. We will take the Palm Sunday Road down to the Garden of Gethsemane where we will see 2,000 year old olive trees that date back to the time of Christ. We will end our day and continue to our centrally located hotel for check in and dinner. Our hotel is conveniently located walking distance from the old city Jerusalem as well as from the city center. Free time to rest, relax and enjoy your first evening in Jerusalem.

Meals included: Full Buffett Breakfast and Dinner

Lodging: Jerusalem, Leonardo Plaza Hotel

Evening activity: Optional Light and sound spectacular on Jerusalem old city wall

Day 8: Friday - The Stones of Your Heritage: Temple Mount in Jesus times, Jerusalem Old & New City: Temple Mount Archeological Excavations / Southern Wall / Southern Steps / Davidson Center / Western Wall /Jewish Quarter/ Mt. Zion/ Upper Room/ Tomb of King David

Today we also walk where Jesus walked. We will return to the Old City and enter the Old City via the Dung Gate and visit the Southern Temple Mount archeological excavations. Here we will visit the “Southern Steps” - the

archaeological reconstruction of the Temple Steps where Jesus walked so often. From here Jesus entered the Temple Mount and drove out the vendors and money changers who were exploiting the people. We will visit the unearthed southern end of the western wall, the paved street and the Robinson's Arch. At the Davidson Center museum we will view a fascinating documentary of the excavation and a 10 minutes film describing a visit of a pilgrim to the second temple – to better understand what the Temple was like in Jesus times. We will continue our old city exploration and walk through the historic Jewish Quarter all the way to Mt. Zion. Here we will visit the Tomb of King David and worship in the Upper Room (Luke 22) - the traditional site where Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper and where later Thomas cried, "My Lord and my God". In the late afternoon we will return to the Western Wall plaza and visit the Western Wall ("Wailing Wall") – the holiest site in Judaism and one of the original ancient walls that retained the Temple. We will have some free time to experience this holy site, to pray at the wall and to sense the importance of this site to the Jewish and Christian people just before the entrance of the Shabbat. Return to our hotel for a festive Shabbat dinner.

Meals included: Full Buffett Breakfast and Dinner

Lodging: Jerusalem, Leonardo Plaza Hotel

Day 9: Saturday - City of Zion - Past, Present and Future: Jerusalem Old City and Bethlehem:

Lions' Gate / Via Delarosa /St. Anne Church / Pool of Bethesda/ Judgment Hall of Pilate /Church of the Holy Sepulcher/ Christian Quarter/ Knesset / Bethlehem/ Church of the Nativity/ Shepherd's Field/ Garden Tomb

Following breakfast, we will enter to Old City via the Lions' Gate. The Lions' Gate, located in the eastern wall of the Old City is the entrance marks the beginning of the last walk of Jesus from prison to the crucifixion - the Via Delarosa. We will start our walk along the Stations of the Cross to visit the St. Anne Church and the Pool of Bethesda. Continue to the Judgment Hall of Pilate all the way to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Matt. 27. 33-57, 28.10). After lunch, we will enjoy some free time to rest and shop at the colorful Christian Quarter bazaars. We will drive through the new city of Jerusalem and pass by the Knesset - Israel's parliament and continue to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity (Luke 2: 1-7). We venture out to the Shepherd's Field, referenced in Luke 2:8-20, where an angel appeared to announce the birth of Jesus. We will end our touring day visiting the Garden Tomb, where we will celebrate the resurrection with a time of prayer (Luke 23). We will end the day by driving back to our hotel for our great farewell dinner. We will share food and be inspired by

all the memories from our journey - memories that will last a lifetime.

Meals included: Full Buffett Breakfast and Dinner

Lodging: Jerusalem, Leonardo Plaza Hotel

Day 10: Sunday – Enjoy a free day in Jerusalem / Saying Goodbye / Transfer back to the Airport & Departure

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and store your luggage at the hotel storage room to enjoy a free day in Jerusalem. Take this opportunity to experience the special atmosphere of Jerusalem. Our hotel is conveniently located within a walking distance from the Old City as well as the city center. You might choose to return to the Old City to walk again through the biblical sites and the colorful bazaars, or head to the city center and walk along the Ben Yehuda Street to experience the authentic Jerusalem restaurants and shops. Our knowledgeable staff will be more than happy to suggest some other sites for you to explore on your own, such as the Dome of the Rock, Hezekiah's Tunnels, David's Citadel, the newly renovated Israel museum, the shrine of the book and much more. After dinner (not included) the group will meet at the hotel lobby for our evening departure transfer back to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport (40-60 minutes drive). Your departure transfer is fully escorted by your tour guide.

Meals included: Full Buffett Breakfast

Departure transfer included

Day 11: Monday – Arrival

Today you will return home and start planning your next trip to the Holy Land!