

### Day 1.

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport. Met by a Diesenhaus representative and transfer to your hotel. Overnight.

### Day 2. Jerusalem: Mt. of Olives, Kidron Valley, the Holyland Model

After breakfast ascend the Mount of Olives to have a wonderful panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem with the Temple Mount.

Drive to the Garden of Gethsemane, the place where Jesus was arrested (Matthew 26: 36-58), to see the old olive trees and visit the Basilica of the Agony.

Proceed along the Kidron Valley for a panoramic view of the Tomb of Absalom, the Tomb of the priests' family B'nei Chanzir and the Monument to Zechariah. Visit the Town of David and the Pool of Siloah.

Drive to the garden of the Holyland Hotel to see the Model of Jerusalem as it was at the time of the Second Temple.

Visit the Israel Museum with its Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea scrolls are kept, then see the Menorah in front of the Knesset - the Israeli Parliament.

Return to the hotel for overnight.

### Day 3. Jerusalem: Old City and Mount Zion

After breakfast drive to the Lion's Gate and walk into the Old City to visit the Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda (John 5: 1-15).

Proceed through the Via Dolorosa walking along the Stations of the Cross from the remains of the Antonia to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

After the visits, walking through the colorful bazaar reach the Jewish Quarter, visit the Cardo (a Roman's street) and the excavated Herodian Quarter.

Walk to the Wailing Wall - the holiest place for the Jews - and drive to Mount Zion to visit the Room of the Last Supper (Cenacle) and the Tomb of King David.

Return to the hotel for overnight.

### Day 4. Abu Gosh / Emmaus (Latrun) /Beersheba / Kfar Anokdim

After breakfast drive to Abu Gosh, the biblical Kiryat Ye'arim, from where King David brought the Holy Shrine back to Jerusalem. Driving via Emmaus (Latrun) (Luke 23: 39-44) proceed to Beit Shemesh and the Elah Valley, where David fought with Goliath.

Proceed to Beersheba, the city of Abraham, to visit Abraham's Well where Abraham and Avimelech swore not to fight against each other any more.

Drive through the Silots' Valley, North-East of Arad, to Kfar Anokdim for a typical dinner in a Bedouin-style tent - to be hosted at a feast as it was at the time of Abraham.

Proceed to the hotel in the Dead Sea area for overnight.

### Day 5. Ein Gedi / Qumran

After breakfast drive along the shores of the Dead Sea to the oasis of Ein Gedi, where David was hidden from King Saul (Samuel I, 23: 29 and Samuel I, 24: 1).

Walking tour in the Nahal David till the waterfalls and then back to the bus to drive to Qumran, the city of the Essens, where the Dead Sea scrolls were found in a cave by a shepherd.

After a short break, possibility to "dip" and "float" in the salty water of the Dead Sea, the world's lowest place. Drive through the Jordan Valley to Tiberias for overnight.



The Tower of David

### Day 6. Galilee

After breakfast, boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus walked on the water (Matthew 14: 22-23). The ride will end at Ginnosar, where we shall visit the Ancient Boat from the time of Jesus that was found nearby. Drive to the Mount of Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 7) to visit the heptagonal church built by the Italian architect Berluzzi.

Proceed to Tabgha to visit the Church of the Loaves and the Fish (Matthew 14: 14-34).

Driving along the North shores of the Sea of Galilee we shall reach Capernaum - the town of Jesus - where he lived in the house of Peter performing from there his miracles and healings (Matthew 4: 13, Matthew 8: 14-15). Stop near Beit Saida (John 1: 45) and visit Gerase (Matthew 5: 1-20). Return to the hotel for overnight.

### Day 7. Banyas / Druze Villages / Tel Dan

After breakfast drive to the Golan Heights. Climb the Mount Bental, with a view of the Golan Height to Mount Hermon and into Syria.

Through the Druze villages reach Banyas, the ancient Caesarea Philippi (Matthew 16: 13-20) one of the main sources of the Jordan River, then on to Tel Dan, the capital city of the Dan tribe (Judges 18: 27) and to the Dan Springs. Dan was also ordered the "Judge of the Sons of Israel" - see the Blessing of Jacob (Genesis 49: 14).

Return to the hotel for overnight.

### Day 8. Mount Tabor / Gideon Springs / Mt. Gilboa / Yardenit

After breakfast drive to Mount Tabor, the site of Transfiguration, to visit the Catholic Church (Matthew 17: 1-8). From the rooftop of the church we can enjoy a beautiful view of the Lower Galilee and the Plain of Jezreel.

Proceed to the village of Nain, where Jesus resurrected the son of the widow (Luke 7: 11-17). Drive on to Gideon Springs, where Gideon gathered the sons of Israel to fight the Medianates (Judges 7: 1).

Proceed up to Mount Gilboa, where King Saul and his sons were killed by the Philistines (Samuel II, 1: 21) and on the way back to the hotel stop at the Yardenit Baptismal site.

### Day 9. Nazareth / Megiddo / Muhraka

After breakfast drive to Nazareth - via Cana - to visit the Church of Annunciation (Luke 26: 28). Then through the Jezreel Plain on to Megiddo, named also Armageddon - the place where the last battle of mankind is due to take place (the Apocalypse of St. John) - to visit the Museum and this 5,000 year old city with the Gates from the times of King Solomon, the old Canaanite temples and the water tunnel from the time of King Ahab.

Proceed to Mount Carmel to visit the Monastery of the Muhraka, where Elijah fought with the Baal priests. From the roofs of this Monastery we have a beautiful view of the Jezreel Plain.

Return to the hotel for overnight.

### Day 10.

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for departure flight.

**\* visit subject to availability.**