

# In the Footsteps of Jesus

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BETHLEHEM ■ EN GEDI ■ MASADA ■ THE DEAD SEA ■ QUMRAN

11 Days at \$3,495



Ana Vargas

**Join us as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus.** On this unforgettable journey you will watch the sun rise over the Sea of Galilee, visit the Mount of Beatitudes and Capernaum, venture to Nazareth and Caesarea, explore the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane and the Garden Tomb, and float in the Dead Sea.

## **DAYS 1 & 2 | Depart USA & Tel Aviv, Israel**

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, we are met by our guide and taken on a leisurely drive north and inland to the Sea of Galilee. Known as Lake Kinneret to the Israelis, the lake is flanked by mountains and sits 690 feet below sea level. We are welcomed at the Nof Ginosar Hotel, a kibbutz hotel on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee, and our home for the next four nights. Relax by the water's edge, watch the stars twinkle over the sea and get a good night's sleep – for tomorrow is a BIG day!

□ *Nof Ginosar Hotel, Tel Aviv*

## **DAY 3 | Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum & Bethsaida**

We begin this very special day with devotions and a study session on the Mount of Beatitudes. When he was headquartered in Capernaum, Jesus would often go into the hills to pray, and in these hills we not only study the Sermon on the Mount, we spend an hour of private time in this place that Jesus loved so much.

Mid-morning, we descend the hill to Capernaum. Sitting under the trees, we share the story of Jesus driving out the demon from the man who attended his teaching, and we picture the paralytic being lowered through Peter's roof, just 37 yards from where we sit.

After an optional lunch of St. Peter's fish, we drive to the archaeological site of Bethsaida, the ancestral home of Peter and his brother Andrew, where we discuss daily village life during the time of Jesus and the historical and political environment in which he lived.

□ *Nof Ginosar Hotel, Tel Aviv*

## **DAY 4 | Dan & Caesarea Philippi**

We head north to the Upper Galilee to reach Dan, the northern border of Israel. We stroll along the Dan River, one of the headwaters of the Jordan River, reaching the site of ancient Dan with the remains of its altar for the golden calf, built by King Jeroboam in the tenth century BC, when the kingdoms of Israel and Judah split. After an optional lunch we visit Caesarea Philippi where Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29, NRSV).

Before returning to Nof Ginosar, we ascend to an overview of the snow-peaked Mount Hermon, probable site of the transfiguration.

□ *Nof Ginosar Hotel, Tel Aviv*

## DAY 5 | Sea of Galilee & Arbel Cliff

This is a morning of leisure, perhaps strolling along the water's edge, taking pictures, writing in our journals, or spending private time in prayer. We will see a 2,000-year-old fishing boat, which once sailed the Sea of Galilee.

After an optional lunch we drive to the summit of the Arbel cliff for an unforgettable panoramic view of the Sea of Galilee, where we summarize Jesus' Galilean ministry and explore the Jewish tradition in Galilee, which in Jesus' day was a hotbed of Jewish creativity, new ideas and revolutionary thinking.

At dusk we set sail on the Sea of Galilee in a replica first-century fishing boat. Under the stars, we tell the story of Jesus walking on the water and of his calming the storm, just two of many miracle stories associated with Galilee. After our boat ride we head back to Nof Ginosar for dinner.

□ *Nof Ginosar Hotel, Tel Aviv*

## DAY 6 | Nazareth & Caesarea

This morning we head south "up" to Jerusalem. Our first stop is Nazareth, where we visit the Church of the Annunciation, remembering the angel Gabriel's encounter with Mary. From there we move to "the brow of the hill" where an angry mob threatens to throw Jesus down the cliff (Luke 4:14-30). On "the brow of the hill" we have a magnificent view of the Jezreel Valley and Mount Tabor where Deborah and Barak defeat the Canaanites.

Next is Caesarea, the deep-water port built by Herod the Great. After traveling through the Jezreel Valley, we'll arrive in Caesarea in time for an optional lunch by the sea before continuing our tour of the site. Caesarea was the home of the Roman garrison and home of Pontius Pilate. We'll see the port itself, the remains of the hippodrome, Pilate's palace and the fully restored theater where Herod Agrippa (who executed James, the apostle John's brother) "was eaten by worms and died" (Acts 12:1-24).

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**Dr. Bill Creasy**  
Tour Director



Leaving Caesarea, we drive up to Jerusalem. Before checking into our hotel, we stop for our first look at the city and celebrate with a prayer and traditional bread and wine.

□ *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

## DAY 7 | Jerusalem

We begin our Jerusalem pilgrimage on the Mount of Olives at Dominus Flevit, where we look directly across to the Temple Mount with a breathtaking view of the Dome of the Rock, Islam's third holiest site. Here we teach about messianic expectations of the time, and we walk down the path that Jesus took when he entered the city on Palm Sunday. Halfway down the hill we reach the Garden of Gethsemane where we discuss Jesus' initial popularity and ultimate rejection, leading to his trial and crucifixion. Then we visit the Church of All Nations.

After an optional lunch, we enter the Old City through the Damascus Gate and follow Jesus along the Via Dolorosa, or the Way of the Cross. Not a quiet devotional time, the "Way of the Cross" takes us through busy markets, crowds of people and marked indifference. We smell the marketplace and the crowds as we proceed station-by-station to Golgotha. After our visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, we try our hand at bargaining for olive wood and other items in the colorful market. In late afternoon we head back to our hotel for dinner.

□ *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

## DAY 8 | Jerusalem & Bethlehem

Today we visit the Western Wall, (or the "Wailing Wall"), the holiest site in Judaism. Here we join the men and women of Jerusalem as they offer prayers to God. Be sure to have your own prayers ready for this very special place. As Solomon says in 2 Chronicles 6:32-33, "As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel, but who has come from a distant land because of your great name and your mighty hand and your out-stretched arm – when he comes and prays toward this temple, then hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and do whatever the foreigner asks of you."

From the Western Wall we move on to Herodium, a fortress built by Herod the Great on the outskirts of Bethlehem. It is a superb archaeological site, and it will be a great adventure exploring it together.

We then enter Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, where we have an optional lunch, visit the Church of the Nativity and have time to do some olive wood shopping!

From Bethlehem we return to our hotel for dinner at 7:00 PM.

□ *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

## DAY 9 | Jerusalem

This morning we visit the newly reopened Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. The Israel Museum is one of the finest museums in the world, and we will spend the entire morning exploring its biblical contents, as well as examining close-up the actual Dead Sea Scrolls, and the model of Jerusalem depicting the Second Temple period.

Afternoon and evening are at leisure to follow your own interests in Jerusalem. Perhaps you will choose to explore the markets and shop in the Old City, or partake in an optional excursion.

*Your first option will be to visit Yad Vashem, a memorial complex dedicated to the Martyrs and Heroes of the Holocaust. The complex's Holocaust History Museum, opened in 2005,*

## JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy access to the holiest sites in the world
- Stay at a working kibbutz on the shores of the Sea of Galilee
- Cruise on the Sea of Galilee aboard a replica 1st Century fishing boat.
- Take a guided walk along the 'Palm Sunday Road' on the Mount of Olives
- Pray at the Western Wall
- Ride the cable car up the steep walls of the fortress of Masada
- Enjoy a 'Group Float' in the salty, Dead Sea
- Relive the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls at the caves of Qumran
- Learn about the history of each site with daily tours narrated by local experts
- Savor private reflection time at the Garden of Gethsemane
- Take a special guided visit to the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are exhibited



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The second, or additional, option will be to explore the Western Wall Tunnel. Here, you will have a rare look at a portion of the Western Wall which runs beneath the Old City. The tunnel exposes nearly 1,600 additional feet of the Western Wall. The excavations of the tunnels, begun in the 19th century, reveal the various methods of construction and activities that took place in the area. At the conclusion of the tour, your local guide will take you through some of Jerusalem's shops and you will return to the hotel in time for a later dinner.

Dinner is in the Inbal dining room at 7:00 PM.

□ *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

### DAY 10 | En Gedi, Masada & the Dead Sea

We depart Jerusalem and descend to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth, arriving at Ein Gedi, a lush oasis, which serves as David's hideout when he is on the run from King Saul. Here we retell the story of David sparing Saul's life (1 Samuel 24) and we hike up the dead-end canyon to a beautiful waterfall. If we're lucky, we'll see the ibex mentioned in scripture, and the conies that live among the rocks.

Next, we visit Masada, where the Jews make their last stand against the Romans after the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. We ride the cable car to the top of the fortress built by Herod, explore the archaeology, and enjoy a panoramic view of the Dead Sea framed by the mountains of Moab to the east.

At the end of the day we check into our resort by the shores of the Dead Sea. Once we check into our hotel, we have a "group float" in the healing waters of the Dead Sea. Tonight we have a special treat: dinner in the desert by moonlight with the Bedouins!

□ *Isrotel Hotel & Spa, Dead Sea*

### DAY 11 | Qumran, Jerusalem & Depart for Home

On our last day we visit Qumran, a retreat center of the Essenes who were copying the Dead Sea Scrolls. We return to Jerusalem to tour the southern wall excavations.

We will conclude our tour at the Garden Tomb, one possible site for the tomb of Jesus, and one which gives us a good idea of what Jesus' tomb looked like. Here, we bring our Israel Logos Bible Tour to an end with an ecumenical service in the garden.

After our dinner celebration, our tour comes to a conclusion. Never again will we read the Bible in black & white; we will read it in living color and Dolby® sound!

If you have a flight back to the US leaving this evening, or in the early hours of the following, you will be taken to the airport for your flight. If you are staying in Tel Aviv, you will need to take a taxi to your hotel from the airport. Guests extending their stay in Jerusalem will depart from the restaurant at the conclusion of the farewell dinner.

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### Jordan

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