



ISRAEL TOUR SEPTEMBER 2019
INSIGHT CHURCH
Day by Day Itinerary

Sep. 09 **ARRIVE IN ISRAEL**

Mon. Arrival in Ben Gurion Airport. Meet, assist and transfer by special motor coach to our hotel in Netanya. Dinner and overnight.

Sep. 10 **Caesarea – Carmel – Megiddo – Nazareth – Sea of Galilee**

Tue. We begin our day driving northwards to the ruins of the ancient city of Caesarea Maritima which was built by King Herod and later became the seat of government of the Roman governors including Pontius Pilate who sat in judgment on Jesus Christ and sentenced him to be crucified. Visit the extensive excavations of the site including the harbor, the Crusader City, the theatre, the hippodrome and the Roman aqueduct. We continue and drive by Mt. Carmel, where the Prophet Elijah challenged the Priests of Baal (1 Kings **18:17-40**). Our next stop is at Megiddo, the Armageddon of the Book of Revelations. Christian tradition has it that the final great battle of the world will be fought here. Next we continue to Nazareth, a town in the hill country of Galilee where Jesus grew to manhood. We continue and drive through Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first miracle at the wedding feast (John 2:1-11). We arrive in our hotel in the late afternoon and check in for dinner and overnight in the Galilee

Sep. 11 **Sea of Galilee**

Wed. The Sea of Galilee is rich in memories of the three years of Jesus' Ministry around its shores. We begin this day with a visit to the so-called "Jesus Boat" a fishing boat of the kind used by the disciples of Jesus. We then take a boat ride from Nof Ginosar to Capernaum, where Jesus dwelt after he left Nazareth and did many signs and wonders, to visit the ancient synagogue and the nearby House of Peter. We drive on around the shores of the Sea of Galilee to visit the Mt. of Beatitudes, Korazim (or Corozaim), which was a small Jewish town, which Jesus used to visit and to preach to its inhabitants, who refused to listen (Mat. 11,21). Before ending this day we shall stop at baptismal site at Yardenit by the River Jordan. Dinner and overnight.

Sep. 12 **Golan Heights**

Thur. This morning we drive up to the Golan Heights passing by Katerin "the town of the Golan" which was established in 1974 and continue on to Mt. Bental from where there is an observation point over the whole region and onto the ghost town of Kuneitra. Next we stop at the Banias, the location of Caesarea Philippi where the Apostle Peter made his great confession of faith in Jesus as the Christ, before continuing to Tel Dan, which was the north most town in biblical Israel (hence the saying "from Dan to Beersheba"). Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Sep. 13 **Jordan Valley – Jerusalem**

Fri. This morning we drive southwards through the Jordan Valley and along the slopes of the Gilboa Mountains, on the slopes of which, Saul, first king of Israel, and his son Jonathan, were killed in a battle with the Philistines about 1010 B.C. and arrive at the Spring of Ein Harod. At the waters of Ein Harod, Gideon collected his people to fight the Midianites, about 1050 B.C. as described in the book of Judges (Judges 7,7). Next we visit the excavations of the ancient Israelite city of Beit Shean. In New Testament times it became one of the 10 cities of the Decapolis. After the visit to this extensive site, we continue and drive along the Jordan Valley to Jericho and up through the Judean Hills to Jerusalem. Before checking into our hotel we stop at the "Tayelet" promenade for a breathtaking view over the Old City of Jerusalem, Mt. Zion and the Mt. of Olives. Dinner and overnight.

Sep. 14 **Mt. of Olives – Gethsemane – Old City – Mt. Zion**

Sat. We begin this day after breakfast, driving to the top of the Mount of Olives, for a majestic view over all of ancient and modern Jerusalem, the center of the biblical world. We walk down the "Palm Sunday Road", via the Chapel of Dominus Flevit where Jesus wept over Jerusalem to the Garden of Gethsemane where he prayed on the night of his betrayal (Lk. 22:40-46). Next we shall enter within the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem, walking from the Pools of Bethesda and along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Continue to Mt. Zion for a visit to the Upper Room, the Tomb of King David and the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. Dinner and overnight.

Sun. 15 **Jerusalem – Western Wall – City of David - Bethlehem**

Sun. This day begins with a visit to the Western (Wailing) Wall the most holy shrine for the Jewish people. We shall visit the Western Wall Tunnel and walk via Robinson's Arch to the Garden of Ophel where archaeological excavations have revealed many remains of the Herodian period which include the steps known as the Hulda Steps leading up to the Temple Court. Then visit the excavations at the City of David. In the afternoon we shall drive to Bethlehem where Jesus was born and visit the Basilica of Nativity and the Field of the Shepherds. Returning to Jerusalem we visit the Garden Tomb and Gordon's Golgotha.

Sep. 16 **Massada – Dead Sea – Ein Gedi**

Mon. This morning we depart from Jerusalem, driving through the Judean desert and along the shores of the Dead Sea to visit the Mountain fortress of Massada, the site of the last Jewish resistance against the Romans in 73 AD. Ascent and descend by cable car. Next there will be an opportunity to bathe in the waters of the Dead Sea – the lowest spot on the face of Earth. We drive to Ein Gedi National Park where David hid when pursued by King Saul (1 Samuel 24). Short hike to the waterfall in the park. Drive pass Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were written over 2000 years ago returning to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.



Sep. 17 **Israel Museum – Yad Vashem – Shilo**

Tue. We start this day with a visit to the Israel Museum where we shall see the Model of Ancient Jerusalem which gives an excellent view of Jerusalem of Jesus' days and the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed. We shall continue with a visit to the Yad Vashem Memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. We continue to biblical Samaria. We drive to Tel Shilo where the Ark of the Covenant stood and which is associated with the High Priest Eli, Hannah and her son the Prophet Samuel. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

Sep. 18 **DEPARTURE**

Wed. After breakfast, we set off from our hotel and drive to Ben Gurion Airport for our homebound flight.