

## Israel Tour 2018

### **Tuesday, June 6:**

Depart USA for Tel Aviv, Israel

### **Wednesday, June 7:**

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport you will be met by Jim & Pam after you clear customs. There may be someone with a sign in the customs area that says Jim King Group or SarEl Tours. We will travel by deluxe air-conditioned bus to **Renaissance Hotel in Tel Aviv** on the shores of the **Mediterranean Sea**, where we will enjoy a buffet dinner, followed by a brief orientation meeting.

### **Thursday, June 8:**

After a delicious Israeli buffet breakfast, we begin our journey driving north to visit **Caesarea by the Sea**. A new opportunity that has come to us is the opportunity to visit an **Israeli military base** and have **lunch with IDF soldiers** today. We will be making a special presentation to them. Next, we drive past **Megiddo** (site of Armageddon). If time permits we will visit **Nazareth Village**, a very close replica to what Nazareth was during Jesus' childhood. From there we will drive through the area of **Cana of Galilee** where Jesus turned water to wine on the way to our hotel, **Leonardo Plaza Tiberius**, on the **Sea of Galilee** for three nights.

### **Friday, June 9:**

Today will be spent in the Golan Heights and region north of the Sea of Galilee. We will visit **Banias (Caesarea Philippi)** where Israel fell into the depths of Pagan worship and where Peter confessed Jesus as "Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt. 16:13-19). Our day includes visits to **Dan Nature Preserve**, **Mt. Ben-Tal** (looking into Syria and Lebanon) **Kfar Haruv** (known as the Peace Lookout). Our day will conclude with a beautiful **boat ride on the Sea of Galilee**, where we will worship together.

### **Saturday, June 10:**

Today is the Sabbath in Israel. The morning will be spent in worship with **King of Glory Church in Haifa**, a Messianic congregation with whom we partner in ministry. After service we will drive to **Mt. Carmel** where Elijah called down fire from heaven. The day ends with a **Jordan River** baptismal service.

### **Sunday, June 11:**

We will check out of our hotel after breakfast and drive to **Mount of Beatitudes** overlooking the Sea of Galilee, and **Capernaum** (the home town of Jesus during His ministry years). Then on to **Beit Shean**, the most magnificent archaeological site in Israel. We continue our drive through the **Jordan Valley**, past the ancient city of **Jericho**. Much of this journey will be right along the border of the nations of Israel and Jordan. We may even stop for a camel ride. We will then enter the glorious city of Jerusalem, stopping for a beautiful overview of the city from Mt.

Scopus. We then check in to our hotel for four nights, **Leonardo Plaza Jerusalem**, and enjoy our first dinner in Jerusalem.

**Monday, June 12:**

After breakfast we board our bus for the Dead Sea. Our day starts at **Masada**, where we ride a cable car to see the ancient historic fortress. We visit **Ein Gedi**, where David hid from King Saul. It is here that many of the Psalms come alive. Before returning to Jerusalem you will have opportunity to swim (or float) in the **Dead Sea**.

**Tuesday, June 13:**

Today begins at the **Mt. of Olives and the Palm Sunday Path to the Garden of Gethsemane**. We then enter the splendid **Old City of Jerusalem** to visit the **Western Wall** (Wailing Wall), the **Upper Room**, **Caiphas' House**, and more

**Wednesday, June 14:**

After breakfast we visit the **City of David**, the **Via Dolorosa** (Way of the Cross), the **Temple Mount** (if open), Also, **St. Ann** (Pool of Siloam), and **Ecce Homo** (Pilate's judgment hall). Of course there will be some shopping here as well.

**Thursday, June 15:**

Our day begins at **Yad Vashem** (the Holocaust Museum). Although very moving, many feel this is a 'must see' for all who visit Israel. We then visit the **Israel Museum** and the **Shrine of the Book** where you can see part of the **Dead Sea Scroll**. We will stop outside the Knessett for pictures and then conclude our day with a **Communion service at the Garden Tomb**. This evening we will enjoy a **Farewell Dinner** provided by our host tour company.

**Friday, June 16:**

After breakfast today is a 'boxed breakfast' as some of the group leaves on a very early departure flight. You will arrive home spiritually refreshed from your visit to the land of Jesus today.

**Important Note:** The above itinerary is subject to change. It is intended to give you a general overview of our tour. **This itinerary does not include everything you will enjoy.** The primary emphasis above concerns the spiritual aspect of this marvelous country. Our guide is also well versed about the miracle of the return of the Jewish people and the restoration of the state of Israel. Many modern day topics (military, politics, education, and other cultural aspects) will be interwoven into the commentary for a very enlightening experience.