



## 10 Day Holy Land Pilgrimage

Day 1 – May 25

Airport/Jerusalem

Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, participants will be met and transferred to our hotel in Jerusalem. The rest of this day will be free to rest. Dinner will be served at the hotel.

Day 2 – May 26

Jerusalem/Mount of Olives/ Shrine of the Book

After a night of rest and a hearty breakfast, this exciting day will begin with a drive to the top of the Mount of Olives (Matthew 24:3) for a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem. We will visit the Chapel of the Ascension, the Church of Pater Noster and Dominus Flevit. We walk along the Hosanna Road to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Church of All Nations, which stands over the Rock of the Agony where Jesus was betrayed by Judas (Matthew 26:36-57). Continue to see the Pillar of Absalom, the Eastern (Golden) Gate and the Pinnacle of the Temple, then on to the Gibon Spring, Pool of Siloam. After lunch, we drive to Mount Zion, where we visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu (on the site of Ciaphas' House), the Upper Room (Luke 22:14-20), the Tomb of King David and the Dormition Abbey. Afterward, we tour the new part of Jerusalem – Hebrew University, the Shrine of the Book that houses the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Model City of the Holy Land, then continue on to Ein Karem (the birthplace of John the Baptist), and return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.



Day 3 – May 27

Masada/Qumran/Jericho/Jerusalem



This morning we drive via the Judean Desert to the Dead Sea – the lowest point on earth. A beautiful new road takes us south along the shores of the Dead Sea to Masada, truly a remarkable piece of history. On the way we view Ein Fescha, a green oasis in the middle of the desert. Then we ascend to Masada by cable car to visit the magnificent ruins of the fortress where from 70-73 A.D. the Jewish defenders made the last stand of the Judean revolt against Rome, and where the remains of storehouses, cisterns and a 6<sup>th</sup> Century Byzantine church are still on view. After lunch at Ein Gedi we return alongside the Dead Sea to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We will visit the remains of the community center of the Essenes and the Caves of the Scrolls. Then we proceed to Ancient Jericho (where the walls came tumbling down) with a commanding view of the Mount of Temptation and Elisha's Fountain. Here we will see the Inn of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), and continue on to Bethany, the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (John 11:1-46). We return for dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem.

After breakfast we will visit the Old City, starting with a visit to the Temple area of Mount Moriah. We will visit the Al Aqsa Mosque, the Western (Wailing) Wall and the Dome of the Rock, which is built on the ancient site of Solomon’s Temple (Genesis 22:9-14) and over the Rock of Sacrifice where Abraham offered up Isaac (Genesis 22), and the ceremonial sacrifice of animals took place. We walk through the Old City bazaars to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Then we will drive to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity and the birthplace of Jesus, and Shepherds’ Fields (Luke 2:1-20). Afterward we will check into the Orient Palace Hotel in Bethlehem, to start our first day for the Christ at the Checkpoint Conference.



Second day of Christ at the Checkpoint Conference

Third day of Christ at the Checkpoint Conference

Fourth day of Christ at the Checkpoint Conference



Today is the last day of the Conference, so after lunch the bus will drive us up to Galilee. On the way we will visit Caesarea, the Roman city of Herod where sites include Crusader fortifications and the Roman aqueducts and amphitheater. Driving through the Jezreel Valley we will see Mount Carmel – the biblical site of Elijah’s contest with the prophets of Baal (I Kings 18), then we continue on to our hotel in Galilee for dinner and overnight.

After breakfast we board our boat for a morning devotional service on the Sea of Galilee. After our cruise, we continue to the ruins of Capernaum (John 6:24) to visit the ancient ruins of the 1<sup>st</sup> Century synagogue where Jesus preached (Matthew 4:13-17). We will view the Mount of Beatitudes – site of the “Sermon on the Mount” (Matthew 5-7), followed by Tabgha – the chapel dedicated to the multiplication of the loaves and fishes (Mark 6:34-44). After lunch we depart to Bethshean and continue to Dothan, Samaria, and then on to our hotel for dinner and overnight.



Today we transfer to the Tel Aviv airport for our flight home. If time permits, we can make a quick visit to Nazareth before heading to the airport.

This tour is offered in partnership with GEMM Tours.



#### HOTELS:

May 25-28	In Jerusalem: Caesar Hotel or similar	3 nights
May 28 – June 1	In Bethlehem: Orient Palace Hotel	4 nights
June 1-3	In Tiberias: Restal Hotel or similar	2 nights

#### COST:

US\$1,670.00 per person sharing double room

US\$350.00 per person for single supplement

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- Airport assistance arrival and departure
- Accommodation for 9 nights at the above mentioned 4 star hotels
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Christ at the Checkpoint Conference registration and lodging
- Transportation in a deluxe motor-coach all the way
- Professional English speaking guide all the way
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in this itinerary
- Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
- Hotel porters
- Pilgrims Maps and Hats

#### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Lunches and drinks
- Tips in general (To guides, drivers...)