



Holy Land Experience:

Join Crossroads Baptist Church, in association with Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, as we journey to the Holy Land. This tour will provide a deep spiritual experience for you, as well as, many opportunities to create a personal connection with the Bible and your faith. *Walk* the streets where Jesus walked and *experience* the places where the great stories of the Bible took place.

\$2699 per person /double occupancy. (Airfare not included.)

Go to www.premierisrael.com/crossroads to make your reservation.

Day 1: Thursday, June 27, 2019

Galilee

- **Morning Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport**
- Visit historic **Caesarea Maritima**, the Roman Capital of Judea, where Peter followed God's leading to visit Cornelius (Acts 10) and where he proclaimed the gospel to the Romans (Acts 24-26).
- "So King Ahab sent all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto Mount Carmel. And Elijah came unto the people" (1 Kings 18:20, 21) Visit the Muchraka on **Mount Carmel**, where the Prophet Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. View the valley of Jizreel.
- **Check-in: Gai Beach Hotel Tiberias** (or equivalent)
- Dinner

Day 2: Friday, June 28, 2019

Galilee

- Look out from **Mount Arbel**, on the road from Nazareth to Capernaum. A sheer cliff rises majestically above the Sea of Galilee with a magnificent view of the Golan Heights and Mount Hermon.
- Visit **Magdala**, an ancient village, where according to tradition Jesus' follower Mary Magdalene lived.
- "Then Jesus came from Galilee down to the Jordan to be baptized" (Matthew 3:13). Visit the **Jordan River** where John the Baptist baptized Jesus.
- Walk where Jesus walked around the **Sea of Galilee**. Board a wooden boat, fashioned after the ancient fishing vessels, to sail across the Sea of Galilee.
- Dinner

Day 3: Saturday, June 29, 2019

Galilee

- Visit the **Mount of Beatitudes**, the place where Jesus delivered the famous Sermon on the Mount.
- Visit the **Tabgha Church**, known as the site of the Miracle of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes.
- Journey to **Capernaum** (John 6:24) to visit the first century synagogue where Jesus preached and healed the epileptic boy (Matt. 4:13-17, Mark 9:14-29).
- Visit to Baniyas, the site of **ancient Caesarea Philippi** on the feet of Mount Hermon, where Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" (Matthew 16:13)
- Dinner

Day 4: Sunday, June 30, 2019

Galilee

- “On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and Jesus and the mother of Jesus were there” (John 2:1). Visit **Cana** where Jesus performed the miracle of turning water to wine at a wedding. Visit the ancient center of Cana of Galilee and the Catholic Church that was built on the site of the miracle.
- Visit a **Nazareth Village**, a hands-on experience that transports guests to life in a Jewish village in Galilee two thousand years ago.
- Visit **Mount Precipice**, the traditional site where an angry mob attempted to throw Jesus off the cliff after His bold proclamation in the Nazareth synagogue (Luke 4:16-30).
- Dinner

Day 5: Monday, July 1, 2019

Jerusalem

- Check-out
- Visit the base of the **Mount of Temptation**. “Again, the devil took him (Jesus) to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” (Matthew 4:8)
- See Tel e-Sultan, the site of ancient **Jericho**, the oldest city in the world where layers of over 20 civilizations have been found.
- Visit to **Masada**, situated on the top of a mountain overlooking the desert panorama to the west and the Dead Sea to the east. The thrilling story of the site reveals the courage of the Jewish defenders of Masada and their battle against the conquering Romans.
- Swim and float in the **Dead Sea**, bathing yourself in the mineral rich water and mud
- **Check-in: Dan Jerusalem Hotel** (or equivalent)
- Dinner

Day 6: Tuesday, July 2, 2019

Jerusalem

- “And the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city” (Ezekiel 11:23). Drive to the tip of the **Mount of Olives**, known as the site from where Jesus ascended to heaven after His resurrection. Panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem from Mount of Olives and descend the “**Palm Sunday Road**” to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed on the night of His betrayal.
- Visit the scenes of Jesus’ prayer to His Father in the **Garden of Gethsemane**.
- “And Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now, there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep’s Gate a pool called Bethesda (...) a great number of sick, blind, lame, and paralyzed people were lying in these walkways.”(John 5:2-4). A visit to **Bethesda**, where Jesus healed the lame man. Visit to the **St. Anna Church**, a 12th century church built on the site of the Bethesda pool.
- Walk the **Via Dolorosa**, the traditional path that Jesus went before He was crucified, passing by the **Praetorium**, ending in the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, built on the site where the crucifixion of Jesus on **Golgotha** is marked.
- Visit the **Garden Tomb** (Gordon’s Calvary). This ancient cemetery is a moving site in which to recall the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. Spend time in these peaceful garden surroundings in prayer, song and fellowship.
- Dinner

Day 7: Wednesday, July 3, 2019

Jerusalem

- Visit the **Temple Mount**. This is the place where both the First and the Second Temple stood and where Jesus as a young boy studied, following Luke 2:41-52. In current times, it is the third holiest place in Islam.
- Visit the Davidson Center which includes excavations of the Herodian Temple as it stood prior to its destruction by Roman troops in the year 70 AD. See the **Hulda Steps and Gates** through which Jesus entered the Holy Temple.
- At the **Israel Museum**, see a **Model of Jerusalem**, as it was prior to its destruction by the Romans in 66 AD, and looked like at the time of Jesus. See the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls, the greatest manuscript of all time.
- Visit the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Center** including the Avenue of the Righteous and the Children's Memorial. This is an introduction to modern Israel and the Jewish people in Yad Vashem, Israel's main Holocaust remembrance and education center.
- Dinner

Day 8: Thursday, July 4, 2019

Bethlehem

- Visit **Bethlehem**, the city where King David and Jesus were born. Visit the Church of the Nativity, a combination of two ancient Byzantine churches and the **Grotto of the Nativity** where tradition states that Jesus of Nazareth was born.
- Drive through the **Elah Valley**, also called the valley of the Terebinth, the place where David fought Goliath.
- Visit the **Old Center of Jaffa** where Jonah's journey, Tabitha's restoration to life, and Peter's conversion of the gentiles all began. Tour Jaffa's narrow alleyways and enjoy the view of the Mediterranean Sea.
- **Farewell dinner** in Jaffa
- **Transfer** to the airport
- **Departures**

** Itinerary and accommodations are subject to changes*