

Crossing Israel Tour 2024 Itinerary

May 30 /Thursday- Depart: Houston > Newark > Tel Aviv

May 31 /Friday- Arrive at Ben Gurion at 10:25 am (approx.), drive straight to the Mt. of Olive for a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem and the Temple Mt., walk down to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of the Americas, then a short bus ride to Mt. Zion: St. Peter Gallicantu Church (Rooster Church), Upper Room, Tomb of David. Then back on the bus to the Hotel, check in, have dinner, and have a good night's sleep.

June 1 /Saturday- Breakfast, and board the bus by 8:15, bus ride to the Old City and the Pool of Bethesda, the Church of St. Anne, and we begin the Via Dolorosa (the stations of the Cross), ending at the Church of the Sepulcher and the Tomb of Jesus. We will lunch in the Old City, and after a stroll through the City, We leave Jerusalem and take a 5-mile ride to Bethlehem to visit the Shepherd's Feild, and the Church of the Nativity. Hotel, dinner, bed.

June 2 /Sunday - We begin this morning, after breakfast of course, with the New Western Tunnel Tour (early morning), then the City of David (including underground tunnels leading to Pool of Siloam), a short drive to the Garden Tomb, where we will experience a special communion together.

June 3 /Monday- After breakfast we will hop on the bus and begin our drive to Masada, the mountaintop fortress built by Herod. This is a magnificent ruin you wouldn't want to miss. We leave Masada and head to Qumran for lunch to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. A short ride and we are at the Dead Sea for a swim, or rather a float in the water, rub some mineral mud on your body wash it off, and have had a beauty treatment for your skin. After a quick shower we head to Jericho to see where Jesus was tempted by the devil, ride a camel and we are on our way back to Jerusalem for dinner and bedtime. You will be ready for a good night's sleep.

June 4 /Tuesday- Today, breakfast, and board the bus for the Friends of Zion Holocaust Museum, the Israel Museum (Shrine of the Book), and the Model of Jerusalem. We will then have lunch and then drive to the Jewish Agency. This is the largest Agency in the world that helps Jews from all over the world to return to the Homeland of Israel. You will visit the building where the first Government of Israel was housed and learn about the History of this wonderful organization completely funded by donation. From here, we head to Beer Sheva, to visit an Absorption Center, where Ethiopian Immigrants, are housed for the first 2 years of life in Israel. There they receive all things necessary to

help them acclimate to their new environment so that life in Israel will be successful and fulfilling for them. Then we head back to Jerusalem for dinner and bed.

June 5 /Wednesday - Breakfast, check out of the Hotel in Jerusalem, and board the bus for Tiberius. On our way, we will stop at Beit Shean, which is one of the oldest cities in Israel. In the Biblical account of the battle of the Israelites against the Philistines on Mount Gilboa, the bodies of King Saul and three of his sons were hung on the walls of Beit Shean. We will then head to Nazareth, to visit the Church of the Annunciation, which was built over the site they believe to be Mary's home, and St. Gabriel Church. Leaving this area we will head to Nazareth Village, where you will walk through a reenactment of the time of Jesus, and visit the local weaver, carpenter, and the old Synagogue. Then we drive to Mt. Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration. Board the bus and head for the Hotel in Tiberius, dinner, and a good night's sleep.

June 6 /Thursday- Today we travel to the Golan Heights, a beautiful drive while we visit numerous Historical sites, which will give you some insight into the Israeli wars that helped to build the Israel we know today. We will drive to Banias-Caesarea Phillipi, boasting to have the largest Waterfall in Israel. Also once the place of worship of the God Pan. We conclude this day with Baptism at the Jordan River. You will then be ready for a nice dinner and bed.

June 7 /Friday- After a good night's sleep and breakfast, we will take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee where we will enjoy sailing as we view the beautiful city of Tiberius while listening to worship music and even joining together in song. We will visit the Mt of Beatitudes, Tagba (the church of the Fish and Loaves), and Capernaum where Jesus lived in Peter's mother-in-law's mother's house for most of His time of ministry in this area. We will have lunch at Hermitage Restaurant for St. Peter's Fish dinner. Then Gideon Spring and Megiddo, before heading back to the Hotel for dinner.

June 8 /Saturday- Check out Hotel Tiberius, drive to Caesarea a coastal city built by Herod, Soreq Caves, and possibly Jaffa, where Simon the Tanner lived, and dinner in Tel Aviva. Ben Gurion Airport for 11:50 pm flight home, Tel Aviv/Newark - Newark/Houston.

June 9/ Sunday - Arrive in Houston approx. 10:30 am.

Disclaimer: Tour day schedules may change due to circumstances out of our control.