

Family Media / Israel Trip 2011

Day 1 *Tuesday, September 20*

Arrival at Ben Gurion airport in the early morning of Wednesday September 7 and transfer to your hotel in Jerusalem for short overnight.

Day 2 *Wednesday, September 21*

We start the day by ascending the Mount of Olives and from there we will see the whole city of Jerusalem. We walk down the Mount of Olives to the church of Dominus Flevit, the Lord Wept. We arrive at the garden of Gethsemane with the 1000 year old trees, and the Church of all Nations. We then enter the old city via the Lions gate. We will visit the church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda. We walk through the market along the Via Dolorosa, under the arch of Ecce Homo. We will then visit to the Garden tomb and have a Holy Communion.
Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 3 *Thursday, September 22*

We start the day with a visit to the Western (Wailing) wall, the Holiest place for the Jewish people. We will continue walking along the Jewish Quarter We walk through the market along the Via Dolorosa. Then we will visit Mount Zion with the room of the last supper and the tomb of King David. We will visit the church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. We will then visit to *Hineni*, a project where victims of terror attacks are getting treatment and support.

Time will be given for shopping.
Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 4 *Friday, September 23*

We will visit to the Holocaust memorial museum Yad Va'Shem. We will stop to see the Menorah in front of the parliament building (Knesset).

In the afternoon we will visit Bethlehem where we visit the shepherd's fields and the church of the Nativity.

We will be back in Jerusalem to welcome the Shabbat at the Western Wall.
Dinner and overnight in our hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 5 *Saturday, September 24*

Today we descend to the Dead Sea area through the Judean desert. We visit the fortress of Masada, the Biblical oasis of Ein Gedi and "float" on the Dead Sea. After a short visit to Qumran where the Dead Sea scrolls were found, we go up to Jerusalem. Time will be given for shopping at the Dead Sea area.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 6 *Sunday, September 25*

We will depart Jerusalem and travel up north via Jericho. Stop at the **Yardenit** traditional baptismal site on the shores of the Jordan River where you may renew your baptismal vows. We visit the Holy sites around the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes and the traditional place of the miracle of loaves and fishes. Then we visit the Golan Heights, and one of the sources of the river Jordan and Banyas; Biblical Caesarea Philippi (time permitting). We end our day with a boat ride over the Lake.

Dinner and overnight in Tiberias.

Day 7 *Monday, September 26*

We travel to Nazareth Village where we will learn more about life in the time of Jesus in the Galilee. We visit the Church of Annunciation and Mary's well. We will have some shopping time at Nazareth.

Later, we visit Mount Tabor (Sanctuary of the Transfiguration of Christ), we also visit Cana where Jesus performed His first miracle.

Dinner and overnight in our hotel in Tiberias.

Day 8 *Tuesday, September 27*

Afterwards breakfast, we travel to Megiddo, Biblical Armageddon. We will continue to Mount Carmel where we visit the traditional site where the Prophet Elijah's altar was. We continue to Caesarea Maritime where Pontius Pilatus had his headquarters. We end our day with city tour of Tel Aviv.

Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv.

Day 9 *Wednesday, September 28*

After breakfast, we drive westwards via the coastal plains to Savyon, where we will meet **Rabbi Broodman**. Later we will visit the old port of Jaffa, the house of Simon the tanner. You will have free time for shopping.

We will end this special tour with a farewell dinner, and on to the airport for your flight back home.