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Israel Tour: January 20-29, 2022

Day 1 – WED, JAN 20, 2022: DEPART FROM US

Depart from the US to Tel Aviv. Dinner and breakfast will be served during the flight.

Day 2 – THURS JAN 21, 2022: ARRIVE IN ISRAEL, JAFFA – TEL AVIV

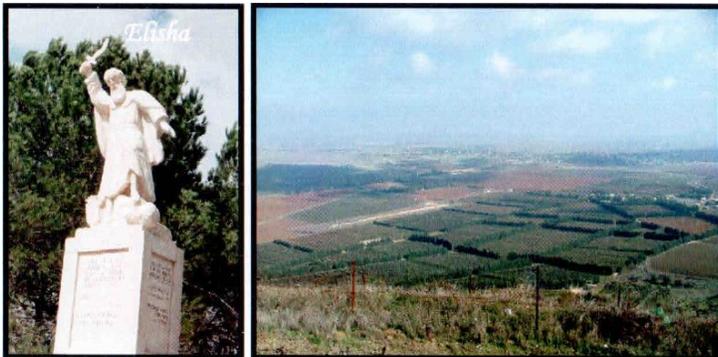


Yael representatives will meet our group at the airport and walk us through customs.

We'll tour the charming city of **Jaffa** and visit the square where the **Church of Saint Peter** resided.

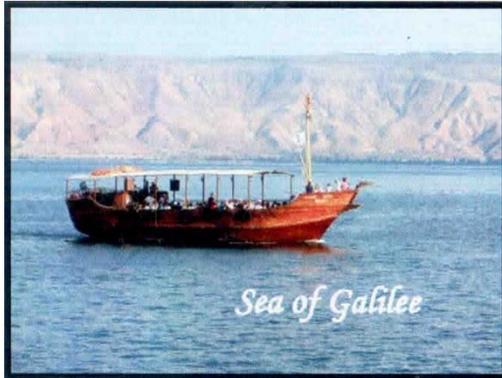
We'll then travel to the hotel in Netanya for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 3 – FRI, JAN 22, 2022: CAESAREA, CARMEL, MEGIDDO (ARMAGEDDON), NAZARETH, TIBERIAS



This morning we drive north to **Caesarea** to visit the Crusader Fortress built upon the ancient city of Caesarea, named after Augustus Caesar, who imposed the tax that brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Here we will visit an ancient Roman Amphitheatre, where the group can experience the acoustics of a structure built in the days of Christ. Continue to Mount Carmel where Elijah issued his challenge to the False Prophets. Continue to Megiddo, the Site of Armageddon. Then, we will travel to Nazareth, where Jesus spent the silent years of his life. From Nazareth the road winds down to Tiberias and the beautiful Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight in the Galilee.

Day 4 – SAT, JAN 23, 2022: SEA OF GALILEE, JORDAN RIVER, CAESAREA PHILIPPI



On this day, we will **sail on the Sea of Galilee**, visit the **museum of the ancient boat** at Kibbutz Ginosar, then on to visit **Magdala**, with its first century synagogue, a complete first century city and remains of a once prosperous fish processing industry. Complete with shops, marketplace, residential areas, and wharf. This is a city where Jesus himself visited and taught.

Visit **Capernaum**, the town of Jesus, visit **the Church of Multiplication** in **Tabgha** (where the Lord performed the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes), and visit the **Mount of Beatitudes** (where Jesus taught “The Sermon on the Mount”). We’ll continue to Caesarea Philippi where Peter confessed Christ: “You are the Christ, the son of the living God.” (Matthew 16:15-16).

Return back to hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 - SUN, JAN 24, 2022: YARDENIT, BEITH SHEAN, GIDEON'S SPRING, JORDAN VALLEY, JERICHO



Today we bid farewell to Galilee. We’ll begin our day with a visit to **Yardenit**, the traditional baptismal site on the Jordan River. We will then drive south to the city of **Beit Shean** - one of the earliest and most important cities in Israel from the time of the Canaanites. It was here that the Philistines impaled King Saul's body to the city wall - we will view its magnificent excavations. Then on to **Gideon’s Spring**, where the Judge Gideon selected 300 warriors to go into the battle with him against the Midianites (Judges 7) We continue down the **Jordan Valley** past Jericho, the first city conquered by the Israelites in the Promised Land, to Jerusalem.

Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 6- MON, JAN 25, 2022: JERUSALEM, BETHLEHEM



Our morning starts on the **Mount of Olives** with breathtaking panoramic views of Jerusalem. The day continues with visits to the sites that will help us understand the Lord's prophecy about Jerusalem: The **Chapel of Dominus Flevit**, where Christ prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem (Luke 18:41), The **Garden of Gethsemane** (Luke 22:39-53) and The **Church of the Agony** (Church of All Nations), the site where it is said that Judas betrayed Jesus. In the **Kidron Valley** we'll visit the tombs of Absalom, Zachariah. We will proceed to visit the

sites on **Mt. Zion**: the Gallicantu Church which was built over the ruins of the **Palace of Caiaphas**, the High Priest before whom Jesus was brought for trial (Mark 14: 53-65). We'll visit the **Tomb of King David**, and enter into the **Upper Room** – the site that commemorates Jesus' last meal with his disciples. We end by visiting the **Church of Nativity** in **Bethlehem**, the birth place of Christ. Dinner & overnight stay in Jerusalem.

Day 7 – TUES, JAN 26, 2022: JERUSALEM



Our day will begin with an exciting tour to the site where much of the Bible was written, the **city of King David**. Here Archeologists found **King Hezekiah's** 2,700 year-old water tunnel, one of the wonders of early engineering, and the seal impression of Gemariah, son of Shaphan, possibly the scribe of King Zedekiah (Jeremiah 36:10). Continue to the **Pool of Siloam** where Christ healed the blind man by sending him to wash his eyes (John 9). In the Jewish Quarter, we'll explore the Roman Cardo, the Madaba Map, the **Western Wall** and the **Davidson Center**

(with its amazing virtual model of the Second Temple). We will view the **Temple Mount**, and we'll hear about the traders driven out of the Temple by Jesus, which took place on the **Southern Temple Steps** (Luke 19:45-48). Continue to **Bethesda** where Christ healed the paralyzed man (John 5). Our journey through the **Via Dolorosa** (The Way of the Cross) stations. We'll walk through the old city market to the **Damascus Gate** and the **Garden Tomb** we'll have a communion. Dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem.

Day 8–WED, JAN 27, 2022: LAZARUS TOMB, DEAD SEA, MASADA



After learning the amazing story of **Lazarus**, whom the Lord raised from the dead, we'll continue to the **Judean Desert**. Our first stop will be at the **St. George Monastery** crosses. This stop is important for understanding the water system of the Judean Desert and monasteries. We'll continue to **Qumran** to hear the amazing story of the **Dead Sea Scrolls** discovery. We will try to answer questions such as: Who wrote the scrolls? Who were the Essenes? How did they live and why there? Then to

Masada to learn about the dramatic story of almost one thousand men, women and children who chose suicide rather than becoming Roman slaves. We'll visit the archeological finds and enjoy the palaces, bathhouses, walls and the remarkable view of the **Dead Sea**. We'll proceed to **bathe in the Dead Sea** and to enjoy the sun and the famous mud.

Dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem.

Day 9–THURS, JAN 28, 2022: SHILOH, JERUSALEM, FAREWELL DINNER



After breakfast we'll depart the hotel, and drive to the ancient city of **Shiloh**. Shiloh was an ancient city in **Samaria** mentioned in the Hebrew Bible. It is located in the **West Bank**, to the west of the modern Israeli settlement town of Shilo and to the north of the Palestinian town of Turmus Ayya. Relative to other archeological sites, it is south of ancient Lebonah and 10 miles north of Beth El.

Shiloh was the major Israelite worship center before the first Temple was built in Jerusalem. Shiloh was established by Joshua, son of Nun, approximately 3,500 years ago, as the spiritual capital of Israel. The Tabernacle was placed there, and Jews from all over the land came to worship at the location (Joshua 18:1). The Tabernacle stood in Shiloh for over 350 years according to Jewish tradition, and its remains can still be seen today.

We will then proceed to **Israel Museum** to visit the miniature model of the city of Jerusalem as it appeared in the time of the Second Temple before the great rebellion and its subsequent destruction. Afterwards, we will get to see the **Shrine of the Book**, which houses the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls. We will get to enjoy some shopping at the colorful markets of Jerusalem. We will end our trip with **our farewell dinner**. Overnight at the hotel in Jerusalem.

Day 10-FRI, JAN 29, 2022: ARRIVAL HOME

We return home full of rich and unforgettable memories.

4-STAR HOTELS

- Netanya or Nazareth (1 Night)
- Sea of Galilee/Tiberias (2 Nights)
- Jerusalem (5 Nights)

TOTAL PRICE: \$4,000 (BASED ON 2 PEOPLE PER ROOM)

***SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT (ADDITIONAL): \$800**

FULL PAYMENT DUE: NOV 1, 2021

***PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE**

REGISTRATION FORM AND DOWN PAYMENT DUE: FEB 1, 2021

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION (SBA)

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Flights (Atlanta-Tel Aviv-Atlanta)
- 8 Nights Hotel Stay
- Daily Buffet Breakfast & Dinner
- 1 Lunch @ St. Peter's Restaurant
- Deluxe Motor Coach Travel
- Local Israeli Tour Guide (English Speaking)
- Entrance Fees
- Tips & Gratuities
- Travel Insurance (Secondary Medical)
- Yael Adventures Souvenir Kit

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Lunch Meals
- Beverages
- Snacks
- Souvenirs
- Baptism Fee
- Trip Cancellation Insurance

