

**Day 1: Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> ~Miami**

Depart this evening (11:15 pm) from Miami International Airport on your overnight flight to Tel Aviv (via Istanbul) to arrive at 9:45 pm on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Day 2: Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Tel Aviv**

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met by our Tour Escort who will assist with our transfer. Board our private motorcoach for the drive to Hotel Grand Beach Tel Aviv, our hotel for 1 night. Upon arrival, you will receive a cold plate dinner in your room. (Dinner)

**Your accommodations from 3/28 to 3/29:**

**Hotel Grand Beach Tel Aviv**

**250 Hyarkon Street**

**Tel Aviv Israel**

**[www.grand-beach.hotel-tel-aviv.net/en](http://www.grand-beach.hotel-tel-aviv.net/en)**

**(972) 03 543 3331**

**Amenities Include: Hairdryer, a/c, swimming pool, in-room safe, WI-FI for a fee**

**Day 3: Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Caesarea - Haifa - Mukhraka - Nazareth - Cana - Tiberias**

Today we change the clocks to Summer Time. Following breakfast and hotel check-out, paying any incidentals you may have incurred, we will have a 9:00 am departure from the hotel. Drive to Caesarea, once the capital of this Roman province, and we will see the Roman and Crusader ruins as well as the harbor where St. Paul was taken prisoner to Rome. We continue our journey into the Carmel Mountains, heading for Galilee and Mukhraka where Elijah confronted the false prophets of Baal and where the Carmelite Order began. Then a short drive takes us to Nazareth, the childhood home of Jesus Christ, followed by a visit to Cana in Galilee, the site of the first public miracle where Jesus turned water into wine. We continue to Tiberias where we will check into our hotel. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Your accommodations from 3/29 to 4/1:**

**Hotel Royal Plaza Tiberias**

**Ganei Menorah Blvd**

**Tiberias 23546 Israel**

**(972) 04 670 0000**

**[eng.royalplaza.co.il](http://eng.royalplaza.co.il)**

**Amenities Include: Hairdryer, a/c, in-room safe, WI-FI (for a fee)**

**Day 4: Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Sea of Galilee area**

Breakfast is at our hotel before our 8:00 am departure. There will be a morning narrated boat cruise on the Sea of Galilee, where Christ walked on water. Next, we will tour the holy site of Capernaum, home to St. Peter and where Christ began his ministry.

We will also visit the Jesus Boat Museum in Ginosar. We will travel to the Mount of Beatitudes where Our Lord preached the Sermon on the Mount. A short drive takes us to Tabgha, the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, after which we will visit the nearby Franciscan chapel known as the Church of the Primacy of Peter. A "St. Peter's" fish lunch will be included today. We will return to our hotel at 5:30 pm in Tiberias. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

**Day 5: Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> ~ Tabor - Magdala - Sepphoris - Safed**

After breakfast at our hotel, we will continue our tour to Mt. Tabor, scene of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Afterwards, we will visit the church in Magdala on the shores of Lake Kinneret, famous for its boat-shaped altar. Then we head for Sepphoris where it's believed that the parents of the Virgin Mary, Anna and Joachim, were from. It served as a center of religious and spiritual life in Galilee and took in many Jewish refugees. In the afternoon, we will visit Safed, the city that was the center of Jewish Mysticism, before returning to our hotel at 5:30 pm. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Day 6: Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Beit She'an - Jordan River - Cross to Jordan**

Following breakfast and hotel check-out, paying any incidentals you may have incurred. We will have an 8:00 am departure to start our day with a visit to Beit She'an, a strategically important location on the Jordan River with Egyptian, Greek and Roman history. We then cross the border to Jordan at Allenby Bridge and drive along the Jordan Valley to Petra and our hotel. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Your accommodations from 4/1 to 4/2:**

**Petra Moon Hotel**

**Petra Visitor Center Street**

**Wadi Musa 71882 Petra, Jordan**

**(962) 03 215 6220**

**Amenities Include: Hairdryer, a/c, in-room safe, outdoor pool, WI-FI for a fee**

**Day 7: Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Petra - Madaba - Mt. Nebo - Amman**

After breakfast and hotel check-out, paying any incidentals you may have incurred, we begin the day with a tour of Petra - it's a few minutes' walk to the gates of Petra where horses are waiting to take guests on a short ride to the beginning of the Siq. Walk through the narrow canyon until the first great monument where the Treasury is revealed, and then follow the path to the Roman Theater, and Royal Tombs. Our next visit is at Mt. Nebo where Moses was laid to rest, and where the late Pope John Paul II visited on his first pilgrimage of the millennium. Visit the Sanctuary at Nebo, the memorial of Moses, the presumed site of his death and burial place, and a center for pilgrimages since early Christian times. You will be inspired by the biblical feel from start to finish as you experience this divine tour. Mount Nebo is one of the most revered holy sites of Jordan. The site's association with the last days of Moses is described in moving words in Deuteronomy. The episode of Balak and Balam (2:13-26) also took place here. From here, we drive to Madaba, "The City of Mosaics", to visit

St. George Church where there is a clear map of the Holy Land (including Israel, Palestine & Lower Egypt). Then we drive to Amman to check into our hotel. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Your accommodations from 4/2 to 4/3:**

**Geneva Hotel**

**Abdulla Ghosha Street**

**Amman, Amman Governorate 11185 Jordan**

**(962) 06 585 8100**

**[www.genevahotel-amman.com](http://www.genevahotel-amman.com)**

**Amenities Include: Hairdryer, a/c, in-room safe, WI-FI (for a fee)**

**Day 8: Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> ~Allenby Bridge - Qasr El Yahud - Jericho - Bethlehem - Jerusalem**

After breakfast and hotel check-out, paying any incidentals that you may have incurred, we drive to Allenby Bridge and cross the border to Israel. Our next stop will be Qasr El Yahud, also known as Bethany Beyond the Jordan, the traditional site of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. Next stop is Jericho, the ancient Canaanite city destroyed by the power of God and the oldest known inhabited city in the world. Here, we will visit their excavations and enjoy a splendid view of the Mount of Temptation, where Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan. Finally, in Bethlehem, we'll visit the Church of the Nativity which stands upon the site where Jesus was born. There will be time to shop before transferring to Jerusalem and checking into our hotel. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Your accommodations from 4/3 to 4/8:**

**Yehuda Hotel**

**Derech Haim Kulits 1**

**Givat Massuah Jerusalem, Israel**

**(972) 02 632 2777**

**[www.byh.co.il](http://www.byh.co.il)**

**Amenities Include: Hairdryer, a/c, in-room safe, Free WI-FI**

**Day 9: Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Palm Sunday Route - Via Dolorosa**

After breakfast at our hotel, we will start our day with a visit to the Mount of Olives to walk the Palm Sunday route beginning with a visit to the Pater Noster Church, where the universality of the Catholic Church is evident in the tiled mosaics of the Lord's Prayer in many languages. *[Please Note: The bus will drop the group on the top of the mountain and will come to pick everyone up from the bottom, next to the church.]* We will visit the Chapel of the Ascension from where Jesus ascended into heaven. Continuing down the Mount of Olives, we will visit Dominus Flevit, the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed his last prayer before being arrested. We continue on to the Cave of Betrayal and the Cave of Assumption of Mary to Heaven. Entering the walls of the City of Jerusalem, we will visit St. Anne's church and the nearby Pool of Bethesda. Continuing our walk, we see the Ecce Homo arch where Pilate proclaimed, "Behold the man...". Then we continue along Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow) through the Old City and pray along the Stations of the Cross as we walk the same

path Jesus took. We will also visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher which commemorates where Jesus was crucified and buried before returning to our hotel. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Day 10: Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Masada and Dead Sea**

After breakfast in the hotel, we begin our drive to Masada and ascend to the cliff-top fortress by cable car to inspect the ruins of Herod's palace and fortification which later assisted the Zealots when they resisted the Romans. We will descend by cable car. Next, we will visit the Qumran site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were unearthed, and stop at the Dead Sea with time for a swim in the mineral-rich waters. The Dead Sea water is known to have healing properties and the water is warm enough to swim in year-round. Afterwards, we return to our hotel. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Day 11: Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Wailing Wall - Mt. Zion - St. Peter in Gallicantu - Bethany - Garden of Gethsemane**

After breakfast and hotel, we begin the day with a visit to the Wailing Wall, the most holy place of the Jewish faith. We exit at the Mount Zion gate to visit the Upper Room, the location of the Last Supper and the Dormition Abbey where we believe the Blessed Mary died. We continue on to St. Peter in Gallicantu, where Peter denied Christ three times. We continue our day with a visit to Bethany, home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Lastly, we go to Gethsemane for a visit to the Garden of Gethsemane before returning to our hotel. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Day 12: Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Ein Karem - Chagal Windows Yad Vashem**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we will visit the village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and to the Church of Visitation where the Blessed Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth, and proclaimed the "Magnificat". This afternoon we will visit Yad Vashem, the National Holocaust Museum, at 2:00 pm (estimate). We'll stop in the monastery that commemorates the biblical story of the disciples on the Road to Emmaus and how they came to recognize the Risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Day 13: Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Jerusalem - Miami**

After breakfast and hotel check-out, paying any incidentals that you may have incurred, we transfer to the airport in Tel Aviv to board our return flight to Miami on Turkish Airlines (via *Istanbul*) with meal (on long-haul flight) and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.

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