

Day 1: Tuesday, April 16th ~ Boston

Depart this evening from Boston's Logan International Airport on your overnight flight to Tel Aviv (via Istanbul) to arrive on April 17th.

Day 2: Wednesday, April 17th ~ Tel Aviv - Jerusalem

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 Notre Dame Guest House in Jerusalem. Upon arrival, you will receive a cold plate dinner in your room. (Dinner)

Your accommodations from 4/17 to 4/22:

Notre Dame Guest House

3 Paratroopers Road

Jerusalem, 91204 Israel

www.notre-dame-guest-house.thejerusalemhotels.com/en

(972) 2 376 0451

Amenities Include: Hairdryer, a/c, Public WI-FI subject to a fee

Day 3: Thursday, April 18th ~ Israel Museum - Yad Vashem - Ein Karem - Bethlehem

Breakfast at the hotel, then our first visit is at the Shrine of the Book inside the Israel Museum, to see the Dead Sea Scrolls. We continue on to visit the village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist and to the Church of Visitation where the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth, and proclaimed the "Magnificat". We will visit Yad Vashem which is the memorial that honors both the Holocaust martyrs and the "Righteous Amongst the Nations" - those who have been recognized for their compassion and courage when risking their lives to save the lives of Jews. Continue to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity where Our Lord was born. We will also visit the nearby Saint Catherine's church, built over the Grotto of Saint Jerome who translated The Bible. Then we'll have a chance to visit the Shepherds Fields (where the Angel appeared to the shepherds while keeping watch over their flocks during the night) before driving back to our hotel. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 4: Friday, April 19th ~ Mount of Olives - Pater Noster - Dominus Flevit - Gethsemane - Mt. Zion - St. Peter in Gallicantu

After breakfast, we drive to and ascend to the top of the Mount of Olives to visit the church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught the Lord's Prayer. Enjoy the panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem from the top of Mount of Olives. Walk down Palm Sunday Road to Dominus Flevit and continue to Garden of Gethsemane around the Rock of Agony. This afternoon we will visit the Church of the Dormition on Mt. Zion where Mary fell asleep. Nearby, we will visit the Upper Room, the place of the Last Supper. We will also visit the church of Saint Peter in Gallicantu. Here Peter denied Jesus three times. Return to our hotel in Jerusalem (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 5: Saturday, April 20th ~ Masada - Qumran - Swim & Float - Baptism Site - Jericho - Mount of Temptation

After an early breakfast at our hotel, we will depart the hotel and visit the fortress of Masada, rising 1,200 feet above the desert plain. We'll see the restoration efforts on the remains of buildings dating back to the fourth and fifth centuries A.D. Then, we'll continue along the Dead Sea shoreline to visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Enjoy a real Dead Sea experience: float on the Dead Sea (for a short time) before we continue to drive along the shoreline to Qasr El Yahud, the site of the first baptism on the Jordan River where John baptized Jesus. Then, we'll drive to nearby Jericho to view the Sycamore tree to recall the story of Zacchaeus. We'll also view the Mount of Temptation where the devil tempted Our Lord before we return to our hotel in Jerusalem. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 6: Sunday, April 21st ~ EASTER SUNDAY: Stations of the Cross - Holy Sepulcher, Old City Saint Ann - Pools of Bethesda - Western Wall

This morning we will leave the hotel early and go to the Old City in order to pray the Stations of the Cross, ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher with a visit to the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher. Then we'll return to the hotel for breakfast and to freshen up. Later today, we'll go into the Old City again to visit the Church of Saint Ann and the Pools of Bethesda. We'll also visit the Western Wall before we go back to the hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 7: Monday, April 22nd ~ Beit She'an - Mt. Tabor - Sea of Galilee Boat Ride - Tiberias

After breakfast and hotel check-out, paying any incidentals you may have incurred, we drive north along the Jordan Valley to visit Beit She'an, a strategically important location on the Jordan River with Egyptian, Greek and Roman history. Continue to Mt. Tabor, the Mount of Transfiguration, to visit the place where Jesus was transfigured before his three beloved disciples - Peter, James and John. We'll close the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee before we drive to Tiberias for hotel check-in. (Breakfast and dinner)

Your accommodations from 4/22 to 4/24:

Ron Beach Hotel

Derech Gdud Barack

Tiberias 14101 Israel

(972) 4 679 1350

www.ronbeachhotel.com

Amenities Include: Hairdryer, a/c, safe, WI-FI, outdoor swimming pool, private beach

Day 8: Tuesday, April 23rd ~ Magdala - Mount of Beatitudes - Caesarea Philippi - Capernaum - Church of the Multiplication of Loaves - Church of the Primacy of St. Peter

After breakfast, we will visit the church in Magdala on the shores of Lake Kinneret, famous for its boat-shaped altar. We will then drive to the Mount of Beatitudes and continue our drive north to Caesarea Philippi. This is where Jesus asked "Who do people say that I am?" We then drive back to the Sea of Galilee and visit Capernaum, the town where Jesus was a guest at the house of St. Peter during his public ministry. We will also visit the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves

and Fish as well as the nearby Church of the Primacy of St. Peter. Return to our hotel in Tiberias.
(Breakfast and dinner)

Day 9: Wednesday, April 24th ~ Cana - Nazareth - Mt. Carmel - Caesarea - Tel Aviv

After breakfast and hotel check-out this morning, we will make our way to Cana of Galilee to visit the wedding church where Jesus performed his first miracle (changing water to wine). From there we continue on to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation. Then our journey will take us to the Carmel Mountains where Elijah confronted the false prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:17-46), and where the Carmelite Order began. We then travel up the coast to visit Caesarea (Acts 8:40, 9:30), and visit the Roman theater and Crusader ruins, where the Romans held Paul prisoner. Lastly, we will drive to Tel Aviv and check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.
(Breakfast and dinner)

Your accommodations from 4/24 to 4/25:

Dan Panorama Hotel

10 Kaufman Street

Tel Aviv, 68109 Israel

<https://www3.danhotels.com/TelAvivHotels/DanPanoramaTelAvivHotel>

(972) 052 508 2820

Amenities Include: Hairdryer, safe, Free WI-FI, pool, fitness room, spa (additional cost)

Day 10: Thursday, April 25th ~ Tel Aviv - Boston

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 Boston on Turkish Airlines (via *Istanbul*) with meal (on long-haul flight) and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.

PLEASE NOTE: SCHEDULING IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE