

Peace Memorial Church Israel Trip June 2011

Day by day itinerary:

14 Jun 2011. **WELCOME!**

Tue. Arrival in Ben Gurion Airport. Meet, assist and transfer to hotel in Tel Aviv. On the way tour to ancient Jaffa (New Testament Joppa). Dinner and overnight.

15 Jun **CAESAREA-NAZARETH-ZIPPORI**

Wed. After breakfast depart Tel Aviv and drive north on Coastal road to Caesarea Maritima, the seat of government of the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate. Continue to Mt. Carmel and visit the "Place of Sacrifice". Next drive on across the Emek (the Plain of Jerzeel) to Nazareth and on to Zippori for a visit. Drive to our hotel in Ramot or Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

16 Jun. **SEA OF GALILLE**

Thu. Start this day with a boat ride over the Sea of Galilee from Tiberias to Ginosar. Opportunity to see the Galilee Boat (the so-called Jesus Boat). Then drive to the Mount of Beatitudes and the nearby Tel Chorazin. Next visit the "Pilgrim Shrines" on the northwestern shores of the Kinneret including Tabgha with the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves & Fish, the Primacy Chapel and Capernaum. A visit to Bethsaida, the home of the Apostles Peter and Andrew, is also in the program for this day. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

17 Jun. **GOLAN HEIGHTS**

Fri. After breakfast drive to northernmost town of the Israelite period and visit Tel Dan. Then drive on to Banias, the site of Caesarea Philippi. Next we shall go rafting on the Jordan River followed by a visit to the town of Katzrin, with its remains of a synagogue from the Talmudic period. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

18 Jun. **JORDAN VALLEY-JERUSALEM**

Sat. Depart our hotel and stop at a baptismal site on the banks of the Jordan. Then drive south through the Jordan Valley to visit the extensive excavations of Beit Shean and the crusader fortress of Belvoir (the Star of Jordan). Continue driving through the Judean hills to Jerusalem. Check into our hotel in Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight.

19 Jun. **MOUNT OF OLIVES – POOLS OF BETHESDA – YAD VASHEM**

Sun. Begin the day on the Mount of Olives to visit the Chapel of the Ascension, the Paternoster Church and the Chapel of Dominus Fleuit. Walk down the "Palm Sunday Road" to the Garden of Gethsemane. Then enter within the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem to visit the Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church. Walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Holy Sepulchre. Afternoon visit to the Yad Vashem Memorial. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

20 Jun. **CITY OF DAVID– JEWISH QAUATER – WESTERN WALL TUNNELS-**

Mon. **MT. ZION**

After breakfast we shall visit the "City of David" and the Davidson Center. Continue to the Western (Wailing) Wall and Western Wall Tunnels. Continue to Mt. Zion with the Upper Room and the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu which is built over the remains of the Palace of Caiaphas. Nearby are the Roman steps which lead from Mount Zion to the Garden of Gethsemane.

21 Jun. **MASSADA – DEAD SEA - QUMRAN**

Tue. After breakfast drive to the mountain fortress of Massada. Ascent and descent by cable car. Continue to Ein Gedi Nature reserve with an opportunity to swim in the waterfalls of David Stream. Time permitting we shall stop to visit the AHAVA plant at Mitzpe Shalem with an opportunity to bath in the Dead Sea. Continue to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were written over 2000 years ago. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

22 Jun. **HERODIUM – BETHLEHEM**

Wed. After breakfast drive to Herodium for a visit. Then drive to Bethlehem for a visit to the Basilica of the Nativity and the Field of the Shepherds. Free afternoon.

23 Jun. **DEPARTURE**

Thu. Transfer to the airport for departure flight.

***Order of visits is subject to change