



## Passion: Holy Land

October 22 - 29 2018

### Day 1: Monday October 22 2018

#### Arrival day

Breathe it in. You've arrived in the Holy Land. Over the next week, around every corner, scripture will come to life. What you once read in black and white, will now be in full color as you stand in the very places where these historic moments occurred. After your arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport, you will drive north along Israel's coastal plains and enjoy stunning views of the Mediterranean and check into your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, you will drive through Tel Aviv, and visit the ancient port of Jaffa and Megiddo. The old city of Jaffa, is where Jonah's journey began, where Tabitha was restored to life, and where Peter's rooftop vision opened up the possibility to minister to the Gentiles. Get some rest, your week is just beginning.

#### Sites:

*Tel Aviv  
Ancient Jaffa  
Megiddo*

### Day 2-4: Tuesday October 23 – Thursday October 25

#### The Galilee and the Jezreel Valley

*Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. Matthew 4:23*

The Galilee region was the center of Jesus' ministry. This is the land where Jesus grew up, showed his power in miracles and where he called the disciples to follow him. Today, this region of the Holy Land is still very untouched and looks much like it would have in the days of Jesus. During your time in Galilee, you will follow in Jesus' footsteps while soaking in the beauty of the land, watching the sunset on the surrounding hills, and walk quaint towns and powerful historic sites that bring the Bible to life. You will sit on hillsides where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount, visit Capernaum and Magdala, and worship on a wooden boat as you sail the very waters that Jesus walked upon. You will also get to experience the Jezreel Valley, which has a long and varied history throughout both the Old and the New Testaments.

#### Sites:

*Mount of Beatitudes  
Capernaum  
Boat ride Sea of Galilee  
Mount Arbel  
Magdala  
Caesarea Philippi  
Mount Precipice / Nazareth Lookout  
Panoramic view over the Jezreel Valley/ Valley of Armageddon  
Mount Carmel*



## Day 5-7: Friday October 26 – Sunday October 28

### **Jerusalem**

*As Jesus approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it. Luke 19:41*

There is nowhere in the world like Jerusalem. History is found in every crevice of this ancient city where three of the world's major religions overlap. The Bible has nearly 800 references to Jerusalem - called "the City of our God" (Ps. 48:1,8) Jesus traveled here as a child to worship in the Temple, and it was here as an adult that He preached and healed the hurting. Ultimately, it was here in Jerusalem where Jesus was crucified, buried and resurrected! For the Believer, your time in this ancient city will light up your heart and set your faith on fire as the story of scripture comes into clear view. You will explore the four quarters of the walled city, wander through the alleyways that kings and prophets once walked and kneel in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus also prayed. You will have time to visit the colorful markets and the ancient Roman roads now filled with shops brimming with Middle Eastern artistry and discover first-hand the collision of Jerusalem's unique mix of past and present, ordinary and extraordinary.

#### *Sites:*

*Mount of Olives*

*View over the Temple Mount and the Old City*

*Garden of Gethsemane*

*The Pools of Bethesda at the complex of the St. Anna Church*

*The Praetorium, Pilate's Palace*

*Church of the Holy Sepulcher*

*Western Wall*

*Southern Temple Steps*

*Hulda Gates, Entrance gates to the Temple*

### **Coastal Plains**

The Apostle Paul was imprisoned in Caesarea Maritima and eventually sailed to Rome from this port, taking with him the Gospel message that would reach the world. Explore the wonders of the past once built along these shores by King Herod, a great builder of the ancient world.

#### *Sites:*

*Caesarea Maritima*

*Via Maris – "the Way of the Sea"*

### **Judean Desert and Dead Sea**

*Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness Luke 4:1.*

The Judean Desert known as the wilderness is bordered by mountains in the west and the Dead Sea to the east and is drastically different than the Galilee region. The desert has provided a refuge and hiding place, solitude and isolation to many including David as he fled from Saul and is the backdrop for many of the psalms he penned. It was here in the wilderness that Jesus fasted for 40 days, and John the Baptist lived and began his ministry. You will travel on to Masada, float in the mineral rich water of the Dead Sea and visit the excavation site of the Qumran caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.

#### *Sites:*



*Masada  
Dead Sea  
Qumran*

### **Valley of Elah**

In the time of the Judges and the Kings, the Valley of Elah formed the border between the Israelite cities in the Judean mountains and the Philistines in the plain. The young shepherd David began his military career in the Valley of Elah, by defeating the Philistine champion Goliath with a well-aimed stone from a slingshot. Here in this valley Goliath met his match!

*Sites:  
Valley of Elah*

## **Day 8: Monday October 29**

### **Departure day**

The Passion Holy Land Experience is coming to a close but we pray you are heading home with a full heart, a new nearness to Jesus, and a deep appreciation for the unchanging and powerful Word of God. Depending on your time of departure, you will have the opportunity to visit one of Israel's incredible museums known as the Shrine of the Book housed in the Israel Museum. The Shrine of the Book is dedicated to the Dead Sea Scrolls, which have been called the greatest manuscript finds of all times. Next to the Shrine is a life size model of Jerusalem in time of Jesus, which helps put everything you have seen and experienced into perspective.

*Sites  
Shrine of the Book Museum  
Israel Museum*