



2017 BLESS ISRAEL TOURS 2017

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EVERYTHING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE –KEY WORD: FLEXIBLE

Day 1 – June 1 (Thursday)

Depart USA

- departs JFK

Day 2 – June 2 (Friday)

- Arrive in Israel at Ben Gurion Airport - Tel Aviv and board our tour bus. (IF flights are on time)



- **Caesarea** – site of one of Herod's magnificent and opulent palaces, but most importantly, it is the Mediterranean port from which the Apostle Paul departed on his missionary journeys.
- ***** **If arrive early enough to do – If not – Sat. Morning before Church**



- **Joppa** – short walk through the streets of Old Joppa- Jonah fled the call of God from here. Peter saw the vision that led to his going to Caesarea to share the gospel with Cornelius.





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- Dinner
- **Overnight: Haifa**– Port city located at the base of Mt. Carmel.

Day 3 –June 3 (Saturday)

• **Breakfast at the hotel ~ Check-out and board bus**

- **Caesarea** – site of one of Herod’s magnificent and opulent palaces, but most importantly, it is the Mediterranean port from which the Apostle Paul departed on his missionary journeys.
***** **If did not arrive early enough to do, yesterday – do before Church**
- **Mt. Carmel Assembly:** Attend church service for Carmel Assembly of God... **10:45 AM – 12:00 noon**



- **Mt. Carmel** - Best known for the contest between the Prophets of Baal and the Prophet Elijah in 1 Kings 18:19-20



- **Galilee**
 - **Dinner & Overnight: beside the Sea of Galilee**



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Day 4 – June 4 (Sunday)

• Breakfast at the hotel

• **Tel Dan** - An ancient city and is the source of one of the largest branches of the Jordan River. In biblical times it marked Israel's northern border. It is now located in 100 acres of a glorious nature reserve. This is where the tribe of Dan located.

• **Caesarea Philippi (Banyas)** - "Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asked his disciples this question at this very spot. And Peter said, "Thou are the Christ, the Son of the Living God". And Jesus replied, "Upon this rock I shall build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it". (Matthew 16:16-18)



• **Tel Bental** - Stand atop a volcano that rises 3400 feet above sea level and see the plains of Syria where many modern and ancient battles have been fought.

- **Praying for Israel's north borders**, either at Misgav Am or Metula or Syrian border side view towards Qunetra .

• Dinner & Overnight in Galilee

Day 5 – June 5 (Monday)

• Breakfast at the hotel

• Sail across the beautiful Sea of Galilee



"Jesus Boat" Museum/ Yigal Alon Museum



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- **Capernaum** - The fishing village which served as home during Jesus' Galilee ministry



- Lunch at **St. Peter's Fish** Restaurant ~ You'll have the opportunity to enjoy fish caught in the Sea of Galilee earlier in the morning.



- Afternoon - **Yardenit** - Experience baptism at Yardenit, in the Jordan River, located at the southern tip of the Sea of Galilee (if you want to be baptized, you may rent a gown here/ with the rental comes a certificate).



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- **Dinner & Overnight in Galilee**

Day 6 – June 6 (Tuesday)

- **Breakfast at the hotel**

- **Qumran** - This area is the location of the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found by a young shepherd boy. Legend has it John the Baptist once studied here with the Essenes.



- **En Gedi** - was a source of renewal and strength for David and his men as they fled King Saul. David would replenish in the Living Waters of En Gedi as we replenish in the Living Waters of God's Word. As a deer panteth after the water brooks, so my soul panteth after thee, my God. (Psalms 42:2)
- **Masada** - Once the Palace of Herod, and then a refuge for zealots, it is considered by some the Gamla of the South. Eventually conquered by the Romans, Masada offers a magnificent view of the Dead Sea.
- **Dead Sea** - The warm waters of the Dead Sea with the salt content 28 - 30 times stronger than any ocean is said to offer many medicinal remedies. Jump in and see if you can sink.



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- (Red Sea)
- Spend the evening strolling the beach and enjoying being in the Sea that the Hebrews walked through
- Dinner & Overnight: Eilat (Red Sea)

Day 7 – June 7 (Wednesday)

- Breakfast at the hotel ~

PLAYERS CHOICE (You can choose to go to Petra, Jordan* or Eilat, Israel)

OPTION 1

*** The Excursion to Petra is not included in the cost of the trip. If you choose to go to Petra, the cost is: \$425**

- **Petra** - The city of Petra, capital of the Nabataean Arabs, is one of the most famous archaeological sites in the world. Petra is also known as the rose-red city, a name it gets from the wonderful color of the rock from which many of the city's structures were carved.



- **You will be spending the night near Petra.**



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- **Border crossing at Aqaba** – Situated on the Red Sea, Aqaba is a beautiful port city of Jordan. We will cross into Jordan early in the morning so we can get an early start to Petra.
- **Dinner & Overnight: Eilat (Red Sea)/Petra**

OPTION 2 Stay in Eilat enjoying the sea, city, and sights.

The cost of snorkeling, parasailing, scuba diving, etc. is not include in the cost of the trip.

- **Red Sea** for a day of snorkeling, swimming, and beach fun. You may choose to go to the Aquarium, parasail, snorkel, scuba dive, swim, or just be a beach bum for the day.



- **Eilat's** location made it strategically significant during the many historical periods in which it served as a port – starting in the days of King Solomon (who built a large fleet of ships which he sent to Ophir), through the Nabataeans, the Romans, the Arabs, and the Crusaders, all of whom ruled the Land of Israel.
- **Dinner & Overnight: Eilat (Red Sea)**

Day 8– June 8 (Thursday)

• Breakfast ~ Check out of hotel and board bus

- **Party coming from Petra will be back on Israel soil this morning.**
- One more dip in the **Red Sea**
- **Timna Valley Park~ The model of the Tabernacle in the wilderness** A life-size replica of the biblical tabernacle, a tent that God is said to have instructed Moses to build in order to have a transportable sanctuary during the Exodus from Egypt to the Holy Land, was constructed in recent years in the park.



- **Negev Desert** ~ Israeli desert agricultural research has concentrated on developing new technologies that enable farmers to use brackish (salty) water for agricultural irrigation, something which had never been done before in any other place in the world. The Negev Desert has very little fresh



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water but an almost unlimited underground supply of brackish water, now used extensively for agriculture. Since brackish water is abundant in most desert areas of the world, the Israeli techniques have broad international applications.

- **Dinner and Overnight at Retreat in the Desert (Hatseva)**



Day 9 – June 9 (Friday)

- **Breakfast ~ check-out and board bus**

• **Archeological Dig at Bet-Govrin National** ~ The people who lived at Beit Govrin thousands of years ago left behind plentiful testimony to their existence both above and below ground. Among the sites are a Roman amphitheater and Beit Govrin National Park, Tel Mareshah, which was fortified by Solomon's son Rehoboam (2 Chron. 11:8).



- **Jerusalem overlook** ~ a view of the old city of Jerusalem.

- **Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem**

Day 10 – June 10 (Saturday)

- **Breakfast at the hotel**



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- **Mt. of Olives** - The first stop will be the Mt. of Olives where Jesus ascended into heaven. Take a moment to reflect back to that day and time while your eyes gaze upon the panoramic view of the Holy City. The presence of God is all about, cast your eyes toward the Eastern Gate, and envision the triumphant return of our Lord in all His glory.
- **Garden of Gethsemane** - Pray among the olive trees as the Lord did nearly 2,000 years ago. What an impact this very night has had on the world when the Son of God submitted to the will of his Father.



- Via Delarosa ~ the way of the cross.
- **Garden Tomb** - As Jesus was led through the Damascus Gate, he struggled toward Golgotha (Gordon's Calvary), where He was crucified for all sinners. He was buried in the Garden Tomb, from which he arose after the third day. Victory over hell, death and the grave is ours, because He has risen.



- **Pool of Bethesda** – where Jesus healed.



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After Dinner:

- **Rabbi Tunnel** - This tunnel runs underground along the base of the Temple Mount. We will have a wonderful tour and learn how the stone were crafted and moved into place to create the amazing foundation of Temple Mt.
- **Western Wall at night**



Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 11 – June 11 (Sunday)

- **Breakfast at the hotel**
 - **The Israeli Museum** with the Jerusalem Miniature from the days of King Herod and The Shrine of Books (the Dead Sea Scrolls presentation).
- **Yad Vashem** – The home for the Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes. While heading to our next destination we will pass by the Government Center and the Knesset – Israel’s Parliament
 - **City of David** - The story of the City of David began over 3,000 years ago, when King David left the city of Hebron for a small hilltop city known as Jerusalem, a tour through the City of David brings visitors face to face with the personalities and places of the Bible. This is the only place on earth where the only guidebook needed is the Bible itself.



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- **Hezekiah's Tunnel** ~ Built during the time of King Hezekiah. Walk through, exiting at
- **Pool of Siloam** ~ Site of healing of blind man.



- **Temple Mt.**
- **Davidson Archeological Park**
- **New City**
- **Dinner & Overnight: Jerusalem**

Day 12 – June 12 (Monday)

Breakfast at Hotel ~ Check out and load bus.

- **Samaria**
- **Shilo**



- **Bethlehem**
- **Depart for Ben Gurion Airport –late flight**
- **Dinner at Airport – on your own**



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Day 13 – June 13 (Tuesday)

- depart TLV
- Arrive in USA/JFK