**5 DAY, 6 NIGHT ADD-ON HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE TOUR**

**DAY BY DAY ITINERARY**

It has been said that a trip to the Holy Land enhances the experience of reading our Bible in much the same way as viewing a picture in color that was previously only seen in black and white. Come with us to Israel and give “color” to your Bible study time.

**\* Groups of 25 or more will either be provided with a ‘guest pastor’ or you may choose your own. The guest pastor is generally responsible for conducting Sunday religious services, morning prayer and devotional and the communion service at the Garden Tomb.**

\* **Our guide and teacher: Doron Heiliger. (Much in demand for his services, Doron is licensed by the Israeli Minister of Tourism and has worked as a guide for over thirty years. Doron serves as a group tour guide for: David Jeremiah, Hal Lindsey, David Hocking, Liberty University, and Jack Hayford.)** **This tour has been designed to offer the utmost in both inspirational and historical Biblical education.**

**\*** **Our travel agent/tour escort will be Roberta Klein, author of the *Grafted-In* Trilogy. (Dr. Klein holds a travel agent’s Destination Specialty for Israel, issued by the Israeli Minister of Tourism). Our desire is that you will “truly experience Israel, the homeland of our Savior.”**

**INCLUDED IN OUR PRICE:**

**\* ROUND TRIP AIRFARE** from city of your choice to/from Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv.

**\* FULL BUFFET BREAKFAST** every morning and **FULL BUFFET DINNER** every evening

**\* AIRPORT TRANSFERS** while in Israel.

**\* TRANSPORTATION IN ISRAEL** (using modern, luxury class, air-conditioned tourist buses.)

**\* 5 DAYS SIGHTSEEING - ADMISSION TO ALL SITES**

**\* LICENSED ISRAELI GUIDE**

**\* KIBBUTZ HOTELS** (6 night accommodations: 3 at Nof Ginosar on the Sea of Galilee [www.ginosar.co.il](http://www.ginosar.co.il) & 3 at the Ramat Rachel, Jerusalem [www.ramatrachel.co.il](http://www.ramatrachel.co.il)

\*\*\*\* ALL ITINERARIES ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION \*\*\*\*

**DAY 1 –** We fly into Tel Aviv, Israel and arrive in the early afternoon. Upon arrival to Tel Aviv we go through customs and are greeted by our guide. We board a luxury motorcoach for our trip to the Sea of Galilee passing Nazareth and Tiberias. Checking into our hotel, we dine & prepare for a busy day tomorrow.

**Dinner & overnight at Nof Ginnosar.**

**DAY 2 –** Our morning begins with a drive on the north of the Sea of Galilee and allows a brief stop at the **Mt. of Beatitudes**, the traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3-10). We pause for a scripture reading while enjoying the beautiful scenery overlooking the lake. Continuing to the **Upper-Galilee,** we visit **Tel Dan** (Laish in the Book of Judges) which was the northernmost border of the Kingdom of Israel, we explore the source of the Jordan River. We drive to **Caesarea Philippi**, (Banias) the site of Peter’s confession (Matthew 16:13-20). Later we tour along the **Golan Heights**, and drive through Qunetra, the border between Israel and Syria. Returning to the lake, we visit the ancient synagogue at **Capernaum** (settlement on the shores of the Sea of Galilee). This was home to Peter, Andrew, James, John and the tax collector, Matthew. In Matthew 4:13 it is referenced as the home of Jesus and in Luke 4:31-44 it is said that Jesus taught in this synagogue.

 **Dinner & overnight at Nof Ginnosar.**

**DAY 3 –** We drive west to the ancient Roman seaport city of **Caesarea Maritime**. This city, built by Herod the Great, is where Peter met Cornelius (Acts 10:24) and where Paul was both imprisoned and appeared in the theatre before King Agrippa and Festus (Acts 25 &26) before appealing his case to Caesar. It was from Caesarea that he sailed for Rome. We visit the excavations of the theatre, the palace, the harbor and the aqueduct. Next, we stop to visit the remains of a section of ancient aqueduct built by Herod. Originally part of the nearly 14 miles of combined aqueducts used to supply Caesarea, the aqueducts were necessary because Herod chose to build his ‘showpiece’ city in a location lacking a fresh water supply. At **Tel Megiddo** (the Valley of Armageddon in Revelation 16) we visit the excavations and walk through an ancient underground water tunnel. We end our day with a **boat ride on the Sea of Galilee**. Last, we dock at the museum which houses the famed **ancient “Jesus Boat**”.

 **Dinner & overnight at Nof Ginnosar.**

**DAY 4 –** This morning we check out of our hotel and drive south. Our first stop is **Beth Shean** (Beit She’an in OT times/Scythopolis, one of the Decapolis cities, at the time of Jesus) and explore this national park. Continuing south, we pass by **Jericho** (West Bank, Arab city) on our way to **Qumran. W**e see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered and learn about the Essenes. Continuing on to **Masada,** the site of the last stronghold of the Jews during the revolt against Rome, we take a modern tram to the top where we visit the ruins of King Herod’s Palace. Then on to the **Dead Sea**, both the lowest elevation on the planet and the saltiest body of water, we have an opportunity to swim in the mineral rich waters. At day’s end we drive up to Jerusalem.

**Dinner & overnight at Ramat Rachel in Jerusalem.**

**DAY 5 –** From the top of the **Mt. of Olives** (Mt. Olivet), valued for its panoramic view of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount, we pose for a group photo before walking down the **Palm Sunday road** past an ancient Jewish cemetery on our way to the **Garden of Gethsemane** (Matthew 26). We pause to visit both the **Church of all Nations** (where Jesus prayed before his arrest) and **Dominus Flevit** (where the Lord wept and predicted the destruction of the Second Temple). In the afternoon, we cross into **Bethlehem** to visit the **Church of the Nativity** (believed to be the site of our Saviour’s birth),we pass the **Shepherd’s Field** and worship in the cave.

**Dinner & overnight at Ramat Rachel in Jerusalem**.

**DAY 6 – THURS, MAY 9** – We stop at the **Holocaust Museum** before heading for the **Old City of Jerusalem.** We walk the **Jewish Quarter,** City of David, past the **Roman Cardo**. Visit the Western (**Wailing Wall**), the **Temple Mount** (where the Temple stood.) We walk along the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. We next visit **Gordon’s Calvary/the** **Garden Tomb** for a memorable communion service after the guide completes his tour.

**Dinner & overnight at Ramat Rachel in Jerusalem**.

**DAY 7 –** We depart for the airport for our return flight home.