

Joyco Tours- Sample Itinerary

Journey In The Footsteps of Christ

Day 1 –

Tel Aviv

Departure from your North America Gateway to Tel Aviv – Israel “The Land of the Bible”, relax and enjoy your overnight flight, meals will be served on board.

Day 2 –

Tel Aviv

Welcome to Israel! Upon arrival into Tel Aviv - Ben Gurion International Airport, you will be met and assisted by our airport representative. Transfer to Tel Aviv – Israel largest and modern city with short distance to Jaffa, check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. Your hotel is conveniently located near the shore of the Mediterranean Sea and close to Tel Aviv City Center, Shopping and attractions, and Famous Promenade Sidewalk's with outdoor Shopping stores, Restaurants, and Coffee shops. If your time permits visit the Artistic Neighborhood of Neve Tzedek.

Overnight in Tel Aviv at GRAND BEACH HOTEL, Buffet Breakfast and Dinner included.

Day 3 –

From Tel Aviv to the Sea of Galilee, Mediterranean Coast and the Valley of Armageddon Caesarea / Mt. Carmel / Megiddo / Nazareth / Sea of Galilee / Tiberias

In the morning visit to the Old Town Jaffa, walk through the narrow passages of Old Jaffa, believed to be the oldest Port City in the world, see St. Peter Church and take a spectacular view of Tel Aviv Shoreline from Jaffa Hilltop. St. Peter came to Jaffa (Joppa) from Lydda to raise Tabitha (Dorcas) from the dead (Acts 9: 36. 42). While in Jaffa, the apostle stayed at the house of Simon the Tanner. The Church of St. Peter marks the traditional site of Peter’s vision of the Great Sheet. Depart Tel Aviv and drive north along the coastal plain to Caesarea Maritime (Acts 9.30 Acts 10 24-48) which was the center of early Christians, and capital of Judea under the Romans. Visit the excavations of this ancient city, the Roman theatre and aqueduct, here where Paul made his defense before Festus and King Agrippa prior to his final journey to Rome (Acts 25 & 26). We'll stop at Mount Carmel (Muchraka), where Elijah issued his challenge to the False Prophets. We continue and enjoy a breath taking panoramic view of Haifa Bay and the Western Galilee region. Continue to Megiddo (1 Kings 4.28, 9, 15, 2 Kings 23, 29 & Revel. 16.16),

identified as the site of Armageddon (Revelation 16), see the remains from Solomon days view the site where the Battle of Armageddon will be fought. Visit the archaeological excavations at Megiddo, including the well preserved water supply system. Continue along the Jeze visit the town of Nazareth (Luke 1.26, 4.16-29, Matthew 2.23) we will take a beautiful view from the top of Mt. Precipice, also known as Mount of Precipitation, or Mount of the Leap of the Lord. It's believed to be the site of the rejection of Jesus, described on (Luke 4:29-30), continue to the Church of Annunciation if time permits, we drive to Cana of Galilee where Jesus performed his first public miracle, the turning of water into wine at the wedding feast (John 2.1-11), and the Lower Galilee region to the beautiful Sea of Galilee to the town of Tiberias. The hotels situated right on town's center and the Shores of the Sea of Galilee make it possible to walk along the shores of the Sea of Galilee and explore the town of Tiberias.

Overnight Sea of Galilee at LEONARDO CLUB HOTEL, Buffet Breakfast and Dinner included.

Day 4 –

Sea of Galilee, the Upper Galilee and the Golan Heights

Sail on the Sea of Galilee / Jesus Boat / Golan Heights / Upper Galilee / Caesarea Philippi / Yardenit

We begin by boarding a wooden boat and sail on as the disciples did 2000 years ago. We'll dock at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar and visit the "Ancient Jesus Boat" the remains of a 2,000 years old boat that was discovered in 1986. This boat was used at the time of Jesus and his disciples. We will drive to the beautiful Golan Heights. Visit Banias- ancient Caesarea Philippi (Matt. 16. 13 and Mark 7.27) where Jesus said "On this rock I will build my Church". Continue to the Hula Valley and the Upper Galilee, returning to the Sea of Galilee with a visit to Yardenit - the Baptismal site on the Jordan River.

Overnight Sea of Galilee at LEONARDO CLUB HOTEL, Buffet Breakfast and Dinner included.

Day 5 –

Jesus early Ministry along the Sea of Galilee, Jordan River

Mount of Beatitudes / Tabgha / Capernaum / Beath Shean / Dead Sea

Today will visit early Jesus Ministry around the Sea of Galilee, visiting Mount of Beatitudes (Matt, 5, 6, 7, 8) where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount, see the famous Chapel, constructed in 1939 by the noted architect Antonio Barluzzi and enjoy the view. Visit Tabgha - the site of the Feeding of the 5,000 and Primacy

of Peter (Matt, 13, Mark, 33, 45, & John 21), Church of Multiplication with its 4th Century Mosaic floor, Capernaum (Matt, 4.13, 13.54,17.24,Luke 7, Marl 1.2, John 4.46.54) where is believed to have been Jesus' home and the center of his ministry, here we can stand in what is left of the Synagogue in which Jesus Ministered, and where he performed many Miracles, and it's in Capernaum where Peter's mother-in-law lived and was healed. Through the Valley of Beth Shean to the ancient city of Beth Shean (Mark 5.20, 7.31), view the archeological site. It was here that after defeating Saul and his sons on Mount Gilboa, the Philistines hanged their bodies on the walls of Beit Shean, continue through the Jordan Valley past the city of Jericho and arrive to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth. Check in at the hotel located at the shores of the Dead Sea, enjoy optional spa treatments and a massage, float on the salty water of the Dead Sea or enjoy a swim in your hotel pool.

Overnight in the Dead Sea at ROYAL RIMONIM HOTEL, Buffet Breakfast and Dinner included.

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Dead Sea, Masada, Ein Gedi, Qumran, Judean Desert, Jerusalem

Today on your Holy Land tour will visit the 1500 feet mountaintop fortress of Masada famous for being the last stronghold of the Jewish rebellion against the Romans. We will ascend to Masada by cable car and discover the first century Synagogue, King Herod's Bathhouse and other sites atop of Masada, descend and continue to the Oasis of Ein Gedi, where David hid in a cave when running from Saul (Samuel 23), it was here that David composed several of his Psalms, next visit to Qumran where a cache of ancient Biblical texts the Dead Sea Scroll were discovered in 1947. Continue to the Golden City of Jerusalem, and proceed to a panoramic view of Jerusalem from Mt. Scopus, and take time for prayer. Continue to the hotel conveniently located within walking distance from the Old City Jerusalem.

Overnight in Jerusalem at GRAND COURT HOTEL, Buffet Breakfast and Dinner included.

Day 7 –

Old Jerusalem, Temple Mount in Jesus times, Mount of Olives / Kidron Valley / Garden of Gethsemane / Western Wall (Kotel Tunnels) / Pool of Bethesda / Church of Holy Sepulcher / Via Dolorosa / Christian Quarter

From the top of Mount of Olives where the Lord ascended into heaven (Acts 1) we will have a view across the Kidron Valley to the Eastern Gate where the prince

of Peace will enter (Ezekiel 44). We pass by Pater Noster Church and visit Dominus Flevit where "The Lord wept" as he beheld the Holy City. Through Palm Sunday Road proceed down to the Gethsemane where you will see 2,000 year old Olive trees that date back to the time of Christ. Then to the Western Wall- The holiest site in Judaism and one of the original walls that retained the Temple. We will visit the Western Wall Tunnels running along the base of the Western Wall will lead us through the Second Temple era and reveal the amazing construction of the Temple Mount, water supply and Roman street where our Lord was led to judgment. Continue to St. Anne Church and the Pool of Bethesda. We will walk the "Stations of the Cross" – the Via Dolorosa to visit Judgment Hall of Pilate all the way to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Matt, 27, 33.57, 28.10). In the afternoon you will enjoy time to shop in the Colorful Bazaars (markets). We'll join the prayer at the Western Wall, return to the Hotel for Shabbat Dinner. Overnight in Jerusalem at GRAND COURT HOTEL, Buffet Breakfast and Dinner included.

Day 8 –

Jerusalem Old and New City

Mt. Zion / Upper Room / King David Tomb / Jewish Quarter / Ein Kerem / Bethlehem / Church of the Nativity / Shepherd's Field / Garden Tomb
Drive to Mt. Zion, visit the Upper room (Luke 22), Lord's Supper, visit King David Tomb, and walk through the Jewish Quarter. Drive through the New City pass the Israel Parliament (Knesset) and continue to Ein Karem, the Birthplace of John the Baptist (Luke 1.39-80), visit Church then Continue to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity (Luke 2: 1-7). Visit the Shepherd's Field (Luke 2:8-20), where an angel appeared to announce the birth of Jesus. In the afternoon visit the Garden Tomb, to celebrate the resurrection with a time for prayer (Luke 23). Enjoy a evening farewell Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight in Jerusalem at GRAND COURT HOTEL, Buffet Breakfast and Dinner included.

Day 9 –

Enjoy a Free Day in Jerusalem later in the day transfer from your hotel in Jerusalem to Ben Gurion International airport according to your flight departure time

After Breakfast, and by 12 noon, check out from your hotel and store your luggage at the hotel storage room to enjoy free day in Jerusalem, your hotel is located within walking distance from the Old City and the center of West Jerusalem. You can visit again the Holy sites and the colorful Bazaars, Ben Yehuda

Street with Shopping stores, restaurants and Coffee shops, Mahaneh Yehuda Market, with authentic Jerusalem Restaurants, and food markets. Explore on your own the newly renovated ISRAEL MUSEUM and SHRINE OF THE BOOK. Your transfer from the lobby of your hotel to Ben Gurion International Airport will depart 4 hours prior to flight departure.