



March 2025 Intensive Explorations in the Holy Land

24-Days in the Holy Land

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Price \$xxxx Based on 10 full paying participants (Land Price only) Includes Galilee, Mediterranean Coast, Judea, Samaria, Negev, Red Sea, Wadi Rum to Jerash & more!

This in-depth Intensive Explorations of the Holy Land is for those who desire a more intense experience than a typical 10-12-day tour. The order of visiting sites is chosen mainly to progress through, first, the Old, and then the New Testament with emphasis on biblical lifestyles. A portion of the tour days will be devoted to lectures, discussions, and other study activities held mainly on the bus and at various sites, with the focus being on the scriptures but also on giving other historical, archaeological, and cultural insights to this land and its people. Added to this unique itinerary is a journey through the Negev, the Red Sea, and Jordan. Field study experiences include special activities that will help participants re-live the times of the Biblical world.

Days 1-2
Sunday-Monday
March 2-3

Depart USA—Arrival to Jerusalem

Arrival at the Ben Gurion International Airport near Tel Aviv. Drive to Jerusalem and pass some biblical sites on the way. Check-in to **the Ecce Homo Convent in East Jerusalem** for three nights.

Day 3
Tuesday
March 4 *Ecce Homo Convent*

Orientation to the Biblical World and Jerusalem Day: Jerusalem Orientation Walks and Rides • The Israel Museum • Knesset/National Menorah • Model City • Shrine of the Book • Begin Studies of Abraham and the Patriarchs

After breakfast and brief orientation meeting, we begin a brief orientation walk and ride thru Jerusalem, its money changers, markets, and transportation systems, to enable participants in their free time to get around the city with much more ease. Buying a *shawarma* or *falafel* sandwich for lunch in East Jerusalem, exchanging money at **Aladdin's**, walking through **the Old City**, and riding the new light rail to **Mahaneh Yehuda** (the West Jerusalem Jewish Market), and walking **King George/Ben Yehuda Streets** is part of our orientation to both ancient and modern cultures in the Holy Land. An early dinner will be provided at our hotel before we depart by bus to **West Jerusalem** and **the Israel National Museum**. On our way, we will pass the **Knesset Building**, where the Israeli parliament meets, walk to the **National Menorah** before our visit to **the Israel National Museum**, which includes the **Shrine of the Book** (the museum of the Dead Sea Scrolls) and the wonderfully re-created **Model City of Jerusalem**, which portrays the city as it looked near the time of Jesus. We return to our hotel for a welcome overnight. (B, D)

Day 4
Wednesday
March 5
Ecce Homo Convent

Introduction to Biblical Lifestyles: Neot Kedumim • Preparations for Negev & Red Sea Trip

Arising early, our studies of Biblical lifestyles begin with a morning visit to the world's only Biblical Nature reserve, **Neot Kedumim**. Its entire purpose is to connect the words and the history of the Bible to the reality of the present. As we walk the nature reserve, expert guides will lead us through an exciting experimental experience introducing us to the day-to-day life in Biblical times. The afternoon will include orientation and preparation for our field trips to the Negev and Arava Rift Valley. Dinner at our hotel in East Jerusalem. (B, D)

Day 5
Thursday
March 6
Hostel Mizpeh Ramon

Way of the Patriarchs • Hebron • Beersheba • Nitzana & Be'erotayim (Kadesh Barnea)

Our focus for the Southern Judea and Negev journeys will be on the life of the prophet Abraham and his family, and the Exodus of the Children of Israel. We begin our study of Abraham by driving south along **the Way of the Patriarchs** and learn where Abraham lived and was buried as we first stop in **Hebron at the cave of Machpelah**. If possible, **visit pottery shops**. Head further south to **Lahav and the Bedouin Museum of the Negev to learn of Bedouin lifestyles**. We then drive to **Beersheba** to see the Old Testament tel and discuss more of the events in the life of Abraham and his family, including the instructions to take Isaac to Moriah to offer him as a sacrifice. We then continue further south to **David Ben Gurion's Kibbutz, Sde Boker**, and his burial site. Our next visit takes us to **Avdat**, an early Nabatean Fortress. Our final stop will be at **Mizpeh Ramon** overlooking the largest crater of Israel. (B, D)

Day 6
Friday
March 7
Hotel Americana Eilat (continued)

The Exodus (continued) • Mizpeh Ramon • Timnah • Tabernacle of Moses Model • Eilat

After a very early breakfast, we will head south along through **the Ramon crater** and discuss suggested sites of the Exodus and Mount Sinai. We will head south to **the copper mines of Solomon at Timnah**. Also, here is the famous **reconstruction of the Tabernacle of Moses**. **The Tabernacle Project** is the only life size model of its kind in Israel. It has been researched extensively and built according to specifications given to Moses on Mount Sinai. Our evening dinner and overnight will be at **Eilat**, the most southern city and only Israeli port on **the Red Sea**. (B, D)

Day 7
Saturday
March 8
*Wadi Rum
Bedouin Camp*

Eilat • Underwater Observatory Marine Park • Snorkeling • Cross the Border to Aqaba, Jordan • Wadi Rum Bedouin Camping

Our morning will be reserved for enjoying the **beautiful coral reefs** or just sleeping in and savoring a late breakfast. We will visit the **Underwater Observatory Marine Park in Eilat**. Even for those who like shallow waters and are novices at snorkeling, the abundance of multi-colored tropical fish and corals will be astounding. Across the Jordanian border is the port city of **Aqaba**, located near the ancient port of **Etzion-geber** which was used by the Queen of Sheba in the days of King Solomon and possibly part of the journey of Lehi and his family. From the beaches of Eilat and Aqaba, we will be able to **see four national borders – Egypt and the Sinai, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Israel**. We will have an afternoon departure across the **Yitzhak Rabin Terminal/Wadi Araba Border Crossing** for an overnight in **Wadi Rum**, known also as **the Valley of the Moon**. Wadi Rum is described by Lawrence of Arabia as “Vast and Echoing”, Wadi Rum is an outstanding desert landscape. Sheer sided mountains of sandstone and granite emerge from open valleys to reach heights over 1700 meters; and narrow canyons cut deep into the mountains, often concealing ancient rock drawings. It is a star-gazing capital. After having a **traditional Bedouin dinner**. Our accommodations are at a **Bedouin overnight camp**. (B, D)

Day 8
Sunday
March 9
*Old Petra Village
Resort*

Wadi Rum Bedouin Camp • Camel Trek • Wadi Musa • Petra Visitors Center

After early breakfast, a **morning Camel Trek**, and a **lecture on "Bedouin Families and Culture"**, we depart for **Wadi Musa**, meaning **“the Valley of Moses”**, which is a town that is set within a valley that surrounds the ancient city of **Petra**. Most people recognize Petra for **the Treasury**, but there is so much more to see. There are three ways into and out of Petra. Included in the ticket is a horse ride. Another one is by riding a motorized 6-8-person cart (additional fee). The other method is going on foot, which is highly recommended (not a difficult walk) and allows for a scenic and memorable experience. Four hours of hiking and exploring this 3rd Century BC “Wonder of the World” will complete a very strenuous but rewarding day. Our dinner and overnight will be at **the Old Petra Village Resort**. (B, D)

Day 9
Monday
March 10
Dead Sea Resort

Wadi Musa • Karak Castle • Madaba • Mount Nebo • Bethabara • Dead Sea

After another early morning breakfast, we travel north along **the Kings Highway**, passing the ruins of **Shobak castle**, we go northwestward to visit **Al- Karak Castle**, one of the largest crusader castles in the Levant. Along the Kings Highway we will pass many of the biblical cities and locations from the days of the Patriarchs through the Exodus of the Children of Israel. After our visit, we journey north along the King’s Highway through the biblical lands of **Moab and Edom** (tribal inheritances of Rueben). Our next stop is the **city of Madaba** where the **oldest mosaic map of the Holy Land** is displayed on the floor of **the Church of St George**. A short distance from Madaba we visit a **mosaic factory** before heading to a mountain peak in the Jordanian western mountains, **Pisgah and Mount Nebo** where Moses made his last stopping place before departing the tribes of Israel and entrusting their leadership to Joshua. After taking in the panorama of modern Israel and the Palestinian Territories and reviewing the events on this mountain we will travel down from the mountains to the Great Rift Valley of the River Jordan and **Dead Sea**. This was the region of **Perea** where the small tributaries of the Jordan River flow. Here we will visit the crossing point of the Jordan River at **Al-Mughtas or “Bethany beyond the Jordan”**, the probable site of **Bethbara** where the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist occurred. Here also, is where it is believed that Joshua and the children of Israel, Elijah and Elisha, Joseph and Maty, and Jesus and His disciples crossed. We will reminisce about those events, before going south to our resort hotel on a private **Dead Sea beach**. (B, D)

Day 10
Tuesday
March 11
*Amman Hotel
(continue)*

Dead Sea • Wadi Al-Yabis (Elijah's Spring) • Jerash • Jabbok River • Amman Citadel

After breakfast and a morning **float on the Dead Sea**, we depart northward along **the Jordan Valley** to then climb east up the mountains of the **Dome of Gilead** as mentioned in the Old Testament. The region of Gilead is where the prophet **Elijah’s homeland** was located. Climbing the eastern mountain road up **Wadi Al-Yabis**, we will stop at the spring called **Cherith**, where Elijah, in hiding, was fed by a raven. Here we will see a nearly two millennia old Olive Tree and a centuries old flour mill. From this spot we will pass through the hills of **Ajloun** to the city of **Jerash**. Jerash was one of the Greek-Roman cities of **the Decapolis**. We will marvel at its magnificent ruins that are some of **the best-preserved of Greco-Roman cities** in the world. As we then head south to the **capital city of Amman (ancient Philadelphia)**, we will stop briefly at **the Zarqa River**, known in Old Testament times as **the Jabbok River**. We will dip our fingers in the Jabbok River near **Penuel** and recall that the patriarch Jacob at its banks wrestled with an angel all through the night and was renamed “Israel” by the Lord. If time permits, we will tour **the Amman Citadel**, location of the **Jordan Archaeological Museum, Temple of Hercules**, and other significant sites at the Citadel. We will view below the Citadel **the Roman Theater** and **the Odeon** before entering the open-air market or **Suk**. After this eventful day we will arrive at our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 11
Wednesday
March 12
Ecce Homo Convent

Amman • King Hussein/Allenby Border Crossing • Jericho • Masada • Qumran • Judean Wilderness • Jerusalem

After breakfast we prepare to **depart the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**. If time did not permit the visit to **the Amman Citadel**, we will make a visit at its site before heading to **the King Hussein/Allenby Border Crossing** for entry into Israel. After this entry we will go south past the waters of the Dead Sea directly to the **Palace/Herodian Fortress of Masada**. We will ride the tram to the top or some may choose to climb the hill. We will explore the ruins there. The tram will return us to the bottom (or others may hike down) where we will explore the museum and learn more of the history, especially the Jewish tragedy of their 1st Century revolt against Rome. Time permitting, we will see **Ein Gedi**, where David hid from Saul. We will also visit **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, and learn more of their history and content. Departing **the Dead Sea Rift Valley**, we pass through the Judean hills to Jerusalem. We detour near the **Old Roman Road of Jesus' day** to view the Judean wilderness and take a walk to see **Kozeba or St. George's Monastery** across **Wadi Qelt**. Upon arrival in Jerusalem, we check into the *Ecce Homo Convent* for an early dinner. (B, D)

Day 12
Thursday
March 13
Ecce Homo Convent

Jerusalem • Old City • Holy Mount • City of David • Hezekiah's Tunnel

Our day begins with an early morning **walk through the Old City** to visit the **Temple Mount**, which is located atop Mount Moriah—the place where Abraham took Isaac to offer him as a sacrifice. It was also the site of the temples of Solomon and later Herod; today it is occupied by the magnificent **Dome of the Rock** and the **El Aksa Mosque**, making this city the third most sacred site in all the world of Islam. We'll visit **the Western Wall** to observe Jewish worship and **Bar Mitzvahs** and **the Ha Kotel Excavations**. We then climb the stairs to the Jewish Quarter to visit **the Temple Institute and the Wohl Archaeological Museum** before having some free time to shop and enjoy lunch. Departing through Dung Gate we go to the excavated **City of David**. Here we will watch a movie of the history of this important Old Testament site. We then walk down to see more ruins and then down to **Warren's Shaft and into Hezekiah's Tunnel**—the ancient water system carved through the hill at the time of Isaiah. We'll continue to **the Pool of Siloam**, site of one of Jesus' miracles (John 9). If the **Cardo Parva** is newly open, we will ascend the very street that existed in Christ's Day that leads back to the southern wall of the Temple Mount and visit **the Davidson Center** to learn more about the Holy Mount at the time of Jesus. After we return to the hotel, we may have some free time before we eat dinner. We will have a class this evening about "The Ministry of Christ and the Days of Herod the Great". (B, D)

Day 13
Friday
March 14
Ecce Homo Convent

Shephelah • Valley of Elah • Beit Guvrin • Lachish • Jerusalem

Our day will begin with a 6:00 a.m. breakfast in order that we may leave early to some of the heavy traffic. After breakfast we will board our motor coach and travel southwest from the hill country of Judah to the valleys of **the Shephelah**, where many of the Old and New Testament events occurred. Our first stop will be **the Sorek**, where Samson (from **Zora**) and Delilah (from **Timnah**) were born. We will stop for a recounting of these and other stories from the book of Judges at the ancient Tel of **Beth Shemesh**, where the Ark of the Covenant was delivered from the Philistines. Traversing the low hills (Shephelah) our next stopping point is in **the Valley of Elah**, where David met the mighty Philistine, Goliath. We, too, will use a sling to try our luck at hitting a target. The high ruins of **Azekah** loom over us as we recount these significant events. Continuing across the Shephelah we pass below the hometown of Micah (**Maresha Gat**) in route to visit the Bell Caves and the Sidonian-Idumean city of **Maresha**. (The Herodian family came from here.) The ancient fortress of **Lachish** is our final stop in the Shephelah. We will travel back towards the edge of the Shephelah and pass by the ruins of **Gath** and **Ekron**. These sites have been excavated with the help of BYU faculty and students. The final valley of the Shephelah in our travels will be **the Aijalon**, where Joshua commanded the sun and moon to stand still for the children of Israel. Passing **Beth Horon**, we mount the Benjamin Plateau and pass the ancient site of **Gibeon** for our final stop at **Nebi Samwil** (traditional burial site of the Prophet Samuel and place where Solomon prayed for wisdom) on the northern outskirts of Jerusalem. From here we can see nearly all **the Benjamin Plateau**, where geographically 67% of Old Testament recorded events occurred. We return to our Jerusalem Hotel. (B, D)

Day 14
Saturday
(Sabbath)
March 15
Ecce Homo Convent

Jerusalem • BYU Jerusalem Center • Bethlehem • Shepherd's Field

After breakfast, we transfer to the **Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies (BYU)** on the Mount of Olives for a tour of the gardens and facilities before attending Sabbath Services with the Jerusalem Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After services, we head to **Bethlehem** for a lunch meal before visiting the **Church of Nativity on Manger Square**. Then we travel to the **Catholic Shepherd's Fields** for our own testimony meeting. We return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 15
Sunday
March 16
*Sisters of Nazareth
Hospice*

Jerusalem • Jericho • Shiloh • Nablus • Sebastya • Nazareth

Our visits will depend on current safety conditions. After an early breakfast, we will visit **Old Testament Jericho at Tel es-Sultan**. Leaving Jericho, we will drive up **the Jordan Valley** and then proceed north past where Abraham first entered the Promised Land and, later, his grandson Jacob. Our first stop will be at **Shiloh**, where the Ark of the Covenant was kept in the Tabernacle for many years and discuss the Prophet Samuel. We will then proceed to **Nablus**, or **ancient Shechem (Tel Balata)**, where Abraham built his first altar to worship the Lord (Gen. 12:1-7). We will view **Mount Gerizim** and **Mount Ebal** and discuss how the Lord taught the children of Israel about the blessings or cursing they would receive depending on their obedience (Deut. 27, 28). We will then visit the **Samaritan Museum**, followed by a visit with **a Muslim woman to learn more about her religion**. If time allows, we will drive to **Samaria** to discuss the later history of the Northern kingdom. We will next visit **Jacob's Well**, not only to discuss Jacob, but also to see where the Savior had His insightful discussion with the woman at the well (John 4:5-42). We continue our journey north through Samaria to Herod Antipas' Capital of Samaria, **Sebastya**, where some traditions place the beheading of John the Baptist. From this point we go further north and cross the **Jezreel Valley (Armageddon)** to climb **the hills of Lower Galilee** to the hometown of Mary and Jesus, **Nazareth** – where our accommodations and meals will be with **the Sisters of Nazareth Hospice**. (B, D)

Day 16
Monday
March 17
*Sisters of Nazareth
Hospice*

Mount Tabor • Nazareth Village • Sepphoris • Nazareth Churches • Nazareth

After an early breakfast, we will depart **Nazareth** for the **village of Dobariya**, where we will take taxis to the top of **Mount Tabor**, the **traditional site of Christ's transfiguration**. Here we spend time discussing the many events that may have happened here. Returning to Nazareth, proceed to **the Nazareth Village** to step back in time in a wonderful re-creation of first Century life in a small Galilean village. **Lunch will be a First Century style** served at Nazareth Village. After lunch our journeys take us to **Sepphoris, capital of the Galilee region in Roman times** and probable site of work for the carpenter Joseph and his young son Jesus. Returning to Nazareth we will walk to **the Church of the Annunciation** and the **Church of Saint Joseph** which is situated a few yards from the entry to our accommodations at the Sisters of Nazareth Convent and Hospice. (B, L, D)

Day 17
Tuesday
March 18
*Ein Gev Holiday
Resort*

Mount Arbel • Magdala • Nof Ginnosar • Sail on the Sea of Galilee to Tiberias • Capernaum • Mount of Beatitudes • St. Peter's Primacy

Passing through **the Galilean Hills** we will pass through **Kfar Khanna** (Cana), traditional site of Jesus' first recorded miracle, pass by the **Horns of Hittin**, and travel to **Mount Arbel** for a panoramic view of **the Sea of Galilee**. Passing down through the high Galilean hills we come to **Magdala**, and stand in an actual synagogue where the Savior and His apostles taught in. After our tour of the ruins and church of Magdala we take a short ride to **Nof Ginnosar** to see their small museum and a **First Century fishing boat** like the ones Jesus and His apostles used. From here we will board **a boat to sail the Sea of Galilee** to **Tiberias**, one of the four sacred cities of Judaism and, in modern times, the only city on the Sea of Galilee. We will take a stop at the **Tiberias markets** for picnic lunch foods, before going north along the western shores to stop at We will then head to the northern shores to visit the site of ancient **Capernaum**, Peter's home which served as the headquarters for Jesus' Galilean ministry. Here there are more events mentioned in the gospels than any other location. We will drive to the probable location of **Bethsaida**, the birthplace of Peter, Andrew and Philip. Near here is where the feeding of the 5,000 took place. We continue to **Chorazin** to visit the ruins of the third and last city that Matthew (11:21-24) lists for which Jesus upbraided and cursed where "because they repented not". Our final stop in the afternoon is the **Mount of Beatitudes** to study the Sermon on the Mount. We arrive at Ein Gev Holiday Resort for the next two nights on half Board. The late afternoon and evening will be spent swimming, relaxing before and after dinner. (B, D)

Day 18
Wednesday
March 19
*Ein Gev Holiday
Resort
(continued)*

Kursi • Bethsaida • Tel Katzrin & Golan Museum • Hula Valley • Hazor • Banias • Bental • Golan Heights

After breakfast, we will drive north into **Upper Galilee** past the site of the casting of devils into swine, **Kursi** where the 4000 were fed with the multiplication of loaves and fishes by Christ, where our first stop will be at the ruins of the **Talmudic village of Tel Katzrin** and the **Golan Museum**. In the Hula Valley we will pass the Old Testament ruins of **Hazor**, an ancient Canaanite citadel conquered by Joshua. We will continue to **Tel Dan**, the ancient northern limits of Israel ("from Dan to Beersheba") to see some Old Testament ruins, including a gateway that dates to the time of Abraham, and one of the headwaters of the Jordan River. Here we will follow the paths of the rain forest-like park. Our next visit is the ruins of **Banias, ancient Caesarea Philippi**, at the foot of **Mount Hermon** to discuss the sacred events of Matthew 16 and see another source of the Jordan River. We drive up to **the Golan**

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Day 18-Wed.
March 19

Day 19
Thursday
March 20
*Nahsholim Seaside
Resort*

Day 20
Friday
March 21
Ecce Homo Resort

Day 21
Saturday
(Sabbath)
March 22
Ecce Homo Resort

Day 22
Sunday
March 23
Ecce Homo Resort

Days 23-24
Monday-Tuesday
March 24-25
Departure Days

Heights, home of most of the Druze population of Israel as well as the scene of fierce fighting between Israel and Syria in 1967 and again in 1973. Our view from **Mount Bental**, a former IDF fortification, will be impressive. We will return to Ein Gev Holiday Resort, where we will enjoy an evening including a short class and swimming and prepare for departure from the Galilee region the next morning. (B, D)

Megiddo • Mount Carmel • Mukhraqa • Haifa • Dor (Nahsholim)

After breakfast, we will travel south around the Sea of Galilee and past **Hamat Tiberias** and the modern city of **Tiberias**. Passing through Tiberias, we climb the Galilean hills to **Mount Arbel** for our last view of the Sea of Galilee and the Golan Heights before crossing the Nazareth Hills. We will pass **the Horns of Hittin** and have a view across the **Beit Netofa Valley** to the site of **Cana**, where Jesus turned the water to wine. We next visit some important Old Testament sites starting with **Megiddo**, the fortress overlooking the historic **Jezreel Valley**. This site also gives us pause to discuss some future events and then travel to **Mukhraka** where Elijah had his confrontation with the priests of Baal (1 Kings 18). We then drive up on **Mount Carmel** for a breathtaking view of the city from **Kaiser's Watch** and recount the important LDS Church historical events which took place in this area. We will view some of the beautiful **Baha'i gardens** and their temple. The day will end with a visit to the **Old German Templar Cemetery**, where two LDS missionaries and some Church members are buried. We leave the city and drive south along the Mediterranean Coast to the ancient port of **Dor** at **Nahsholim Seaside Resort** with its private beach on the **Mediterranean Sea** coast for dinner and overnight. Some who are energetic and not tired from the day's travels may choose to walk along the private **Mediterranean beach** or swim in its waters. (B, D)

Tel Dor • Mediterranean Coast • Caesarea • Jaffa • Jerusalem

After an Israeli kosher breakfast, some may choose an **early morning swim** while others visit the ancient site of **Tel Dor**, where it is recorded that some of the cedars of Lebanon for Solomon's Temple were delivered by the Phoenician king Hiram of Tyre. Today **Kibbutz Nahsholim** is the headquarters of the **Underwater Archaeological Excavation Society of Israel** and houses **HaMizgaga - Museum of Archaeology and Glass**, a unique museum, which we will visit. Following our check-out from the guesthouse, we will travel south to **Caesarea Maritima**, the eastern Mediterranean capital of the Roman Empire for 600 years and a city where Peter and Paul were held in prison. The Roman theater, hippodrome, and aqueducts will spark our interest. We continue south to Tel Aviv, and if we have not done so earlier, visit Jaffa to recount the experiences of Jonah and Peter. Our dinner and overnight will be once again at our hotel in East Jerusalem where our first night began on our journeys. (B, D)

Jerusalem • Footsteps of Jesus (Day 1)

These next two days will prove to be an unforgettable experience as we begin to tread the footsteps of the Savior, reviewing the last events of His mortal ministry. We begin our day with a drive to the ancient village of **Bethany**, where we will visit the **Tomb of Lazarus** and the traditional site of the home where he lived with his sisters, Mary and Martha. We will stop at the **Mount of Olives** village of **Bethpage** where Jesus' disciples prepared a colt for His Triumphal ride into Jerusalem. Our next stop is a visit to **Mount Zion** and the **Upper Room**, where a Passover meeting was held with Jesus and the Twelve and the sacrament was introduced. We Return to the Mount of Olives and **the Garden of Gethsemane**. In the Garden of Gethsemane, centuries old olive trees will remind us of the sacred account of our Savior's suffering and arrest. We will walk up to the Orson Hyde Gardens for a special review of the Atonement. (B, D)

Jerusalem • Footsteps of Jesus (Day 2) • Last Hours of the Savior's Life • His Resurrection

Our experiences of this day will begin with a drive to Mount Zion, the traditional site of the house of Caiaphas, the high priest, at **St. Peter's in Gallicantu**, where the Savior was illegally tried after His arrest in Gethsemane. We enter **Lion's Gate**, through which we walk to **the Pool of Bethesda** area to discuss the events in John 5, before going on to the general area of the **Antonia Fortress**, where Jesus was sentenced to be crucified. Following a portion of the Vis Doloroso (Way of Sorrow), we will then turn and pass through Damascus Gate. we will walk to **Gordon's Calvary or Golgotha**, the place of the Crucifixion—and conclude at the **Garden Tomb**, where many believe the body of Christ was interred and from which He rose on that Easter Sunday so long ago. The remainder of the day will be for packing and enjoying our stay in the Holy Land. (B, D)

Tel Aviv • Final Destination

Late evening departure from Ben Gurion Airport and arrival day at destinations. If time permits stop at Nicopolis (Emmaus for ½ hour meeting). (B)