

11 Days Thursday 24th October to Sunday 3rd November 2024 Led by Rev's Steve, Rod, and Ruth Ingrouille

Galilee & Regions - Dead Sea & Masada - Bethlehem & Jerusalem.







THE DATES Thursday 24th to Sunday 3rd November 2024

Day 1. Thursday 24th Oct.

London to Galilee Outward Flight

Meet at London Luton airport and check-in for the morning flight to Tel Aviv, Israel.

A snack and full in-flight services will be offered en-route.

On arrival, travel by private coach north to Galilee and to the hotel for room allocation and the evening meal.







Day 2. Friday 25th Oct.

The Sea of Galilee

An opportunity to look at the life and ministry of Jesus around the Lake with the final section of the Jesus Trail.

Sailing Galilee -

Embark for a private sail with a service of Holy Communion on board.

Mount Arbel -

A high vantage point overlooking the Sea of Galilee.

The 'Jesus Boat Museum'

Located in a high-tech kibbutz museum is this well preserved first century boat.

Mount of Beatitudes -

Ascend the mount with its fine panorama of the Sea and where Jesus taught.

Tabgha/Mensa Christi -

To the Church of the Loaves and the Fish, commemorating the feeding of the Five Thousand, and then to St. Peter's Primacy Church (Mensa Christi) right on the edge of the lake, where Christ made breakfast for the disciples.

Capernaum -

Continue to the town that was the basis of Jesus' Galilean ministry.









Day 3. Saturday 26th Oct.

Lower Galilee Nazareth & The Jezreel Valley

The best part of the day visiting the home of the Holy Family and regions that Jesus knew.

Mount Tabor -

To the summit associated with the Transfiguration of Christ. There are fine views of Mounts Gilboa and Gilead from the viewing balcony outside the Church.

Nazareth -

Visit the town and a short walk to the Church of the Annunciation (built over the location of the village in Jesus' day).

Sisters of Nazareth -

See their excavations, including a 1st century house - possibly the childhood home of Jesus - and a rolling-stone tomb (believed to be of St Joseph).

Valley of the Doves -

A stroll into the valley on the old Roman road from Capernaum to Nazareth that Jesus and his disciples would most probably have used.





Day 4. Sunday 27th Oct.

Upper Galilee Golan & Hermon

By coach to the northern borders of Israel where Jesus visited synagogues and travelled with the disciples.

Magdala -

A visit to the fishing village lakeside home of Mary Magdalene.

Bethsaida -

On to the village home of Peter, Philip and Andrew located by the Jordan River. Extensive excavations show something of the prosperity of the village.

Caesarea Philippi -

At the slopes of Mount Hermon and source of the Jordan river (Banias). A major city in biblical days and in the region where Peter made his confession, 'You are the Christ'.

Dan, the Biblical Capital -

To this nearby nature reserve on the borders of Phoenicia – once the northern capital where the tribe of Dan settled. Here, Abraham rescued Lot, and later Jeroboam erected the Golden Calves







Day 5. Monday 28th Oct.

To Jerusalem Samaria & Judea

Farewell to Galilee, then by coach south through the great Jordan valley to ascend to Jerusalem.

Samaria (Sebaste) -

Follow the ancient Patriarchal route in central Samaria to visit the capital of the divided Kingdom high in the rolling hills of Samaria.

Jacob's Well -

Stop by the old well (Sychar) where Jesus met the 'woman of Samaria' and a chance to draw water from the 135 feet deep well.

Shilo -

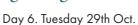
Further south, stop to see where the Tabernacle rested and reflect on the dramatic biblical story of Eli the Priest and Hannah.

Jerusalem -

South to Mount Scopus for a first view of the Old City, from the northern approaches. Then to the hotel for room allocation and the evening meal.







Jerusalem Old City Jericho & The Jordan

A few hours on foot in and around the Old City, then by coach to Jericho.

Ophel Excavations -

By the southern city walls and the original Temple access. See the ancient Temple steps and Temple Gates, Mikvah Baths, location of the Temple Pinnacle.

An area that Jesus knew well and often walked.

Western Wall -

On to the nearby Western Wall to witness Jewish traditions and prayers.

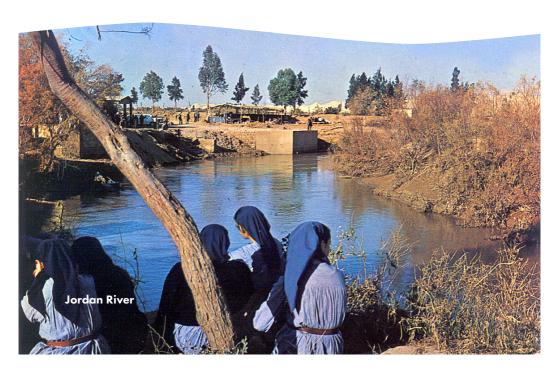
The Jericho Road -

An optional morning walk through Wadi Kelt to Jericho – those not walking will go by coach to Jericho to wait and relax there.

Late lunch in Jericho.

Bethany Beyond the Jordan -

To the Jordan river where John baptised.







Day 7. Wednesday 30th Oct.

Dead Sea Regions Masada & The Scrolls

By coach to the lowest point on the earth's surface with a chance to 'float' in the unique waters of the Dead Sea.

Masada -

Drive down from Jerusalem and along the shores of the Dead Sea, to ascend 400 metres by cable car to the summit of Masada mountain. Here Jewish Zealots withstood the Roman army after the Fall of Jerusalem.

Qumran Caves -

Continue for a lunch break and site visit at the caves of Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found by a shepherd boy in 1947.

Dead Sea -

To the shores at Kalia beach with time to relax and 'float' in its unique medicinal waters.





Day 8. Thursday 31 st Oct.

Easter Journey Olivet to Calvary

The day part on foot and part by coach tracing the Gospel account from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection.

Bethphage -

Visit the little church in the village – the start of the 'Palm Sunday' route that Jesus took. See an example of a first century tomb.

Mount of Olives -

From an observation point there is a breathtaking panorama of the Old City and time to hear something of its history. Then walk down the hillside to **Dominus Flevit chapel** commemorating Jesus weeping over the city. Arrive at the **Garden of Gethsemane.**

St. Peter's Church -

Visit the Church on Mount Zion (built over the location of the High Priest's Palace) with its underground cave-prisons and old Hasmonean steps leading down to Gethsemane.

The Via Dolorosa -

Stop at the **Pool of Bethesda** where the lame man was healed. Visit the Crusader Church of St. Anne with its unique acoustic. **The Judgement Hall** and the 'Lithostrotos' where Pilate tried Christ. Then walk through the bazaars to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**.





Day 9. Friday 1st Nov.

Jerusalem Old City Bethlehem & Regions

The day mainly by coach with an early morning walk in the Old City and visits in and around Bethlehem.

Holy Sepulchre (Optional) - leave the hotel at 06.20)

Begin the day by walking to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre before the crowds arrive! A chance to kneel at the place of crucifixion and enter the Cupola built over the site of the Empty Tomb.

Holy Communion at Garden Tomb -

The Garden is set in a tranquil location just outside the city walls with a 1st century rolling-stone tomb.

Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation -

Stop here for lunch - hear and see something of the work of the Centre.

Bethlehem -

On to visit the Church of the Nativity, built over original cave-dwellings from Gospel days. Then to the Shepherds' Fields outside Bethlehem, associated with Ruth and Boaz, Samuel and David, and, of course, the birth of Christ.







Day 10. Saturday 2nd Nov.

The Mediterranean Judea & Joppa

Farewell to Jerusalem, then west through the Judean hills to the shores of Joppa - with stops along the way.

The Israel Museum -

Displaying an impressive model of Jerusalem, built on a scale of 1-50 with the Temple on view. The Dead Sea Scrolls, housed in a jar shaped building to replicate where they were found.

Emmaus -

Where Jesus walked with the disciples - visit the Crusader Church commemorating the event.

Kiryat Ye'arim -

Close by, call at the Saxum visitor centre, designed to give Christian pilgrims an easier and more modern way to understand the history of the Holy Land.

Joppa -

Time in the Old City to see the house of 'Simon the tanner' where St. Peter received his roof-top vision and a stroll by the harbour area.

Dinner & Overnight in JOPPA





Day 11. Sunday 3rd Nov.

Joppa/London Home Coming

THE MORNING:

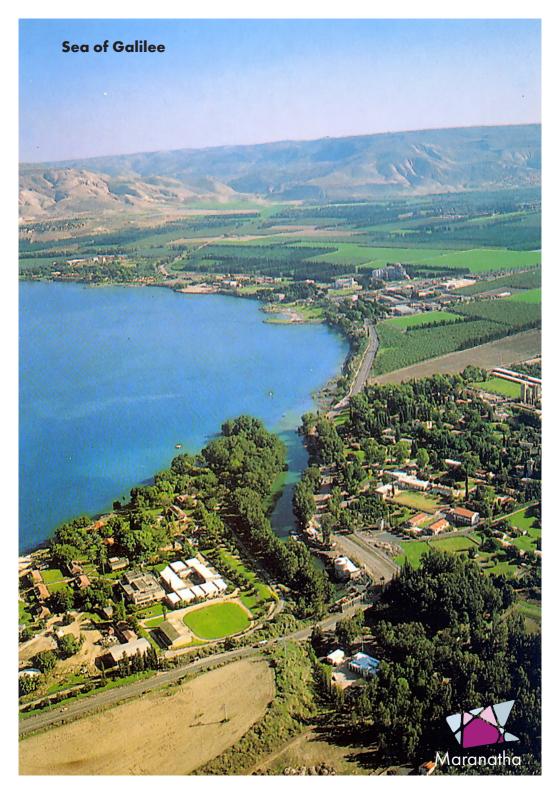
Opportunity to visit the local markets for some last minute shopping or relax at the hotel.

THE AFTERNOON

To Ben Gurion airport for the return flight to London Luton airport.







Projected Flights

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 TEL AVIV / LUTON

 Flight:
 LY312
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 LY313

 Depart:
 09.45
 Depart:
 16.15

 Arrive:
 16.35
 Arrive:
 19.40

Planned Hotels

GALILEE Nof Ginosar

Lakeside setting with landscaped grounds and pool.









JERUSALEM Ambassador Boutique Hotel

Near the Old City with roof-top terrace.







JOPPA Ruth Daniel Residence

Centrally location near the Old City Markets







