

Interest Meeting 7/21/2024

# MAKE THE BIBLE COME ALIVE!

You may have been walking with Jesus for many years, discovering Who He is in the pages of the New Testament, and as you travel to Israel, you will feel like you are going home. You are walking in the steps of our Savior. You are also able to look at and imagine different scenes from the Old Testament. A trip to Israel is a spiritual pilgrimage.

### 6 Reasons to Consider Going to Israel:

- 1) To rejoice at the historical veracity of our faith. Our faith is not myth or legend. It is rooted in a real time and place. It involves a real people and real events. This trip should strengthen the Bible's truthfulness to you.
- 2) To worship our God in the place where He chose to walk and move. We know that God is everywhere, but He specifically chose this place. He "tabernacled among us" (John 1:14). This is where the fire fell from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, the place where healings and miracles occurred, and, of course, where our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was crucified and rose again!
- 3) To reflect on the love of God for you, as you think about the lengths that He went through to show Himself to us and die on the cross for our sins so that we might have eternal life.
- 4) To focus on our spiritual journey today. Often the hectic pace of our lives keeps us from hearing God's voice clearly in our own hearts. Let this time be an opportunity to detox/fast from the noise of our world and seek Him in a new and meaningful way. (See Jeremiah 9:23-24 and Philippians 3:7-10)
- 5) To reenact our faith through special baptisms and communion. You will get the opportunity to be water baptized in the Jordan river. You will also get the opportunity to partake and participate in communion as a church family. You will never forget these experiences.
- 6) To build new friendships with God's people from your church. This is an opportunity where each of us will share this memory forever. Take time to get to know those traveling with you. Use mealtimes and bus travel times to connect and hear each other's stories. Pray now that God will help you make lifelong friendships.











# **Itinerary** (from Aliyah Tours Website)

# Day 1: Trans-Atlantic Flight

Depart from North America to Tel Aviv, Israel. Meals will be served in flight.

# Day 2: Arrive in Tel Aviv/Netanya

You will arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv. Time permitting, we'll see some sites such as Jaffa. Then we'll head to your hotel in Herzliya, where you will enjoy dinner and a good night's sleep.

#### Day 3: Head North and to the Galilee

After a great Israeli Breakfast, we'll continue to maritime Caesarea and to Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18) to hear about the Prophet Elijah. At noon, enjoy a typical Israeli lunch such as Falafel. Your next stop is Megiddo, Biblical Armageddon (1 Kings 9:15, Rev 6:16). From there onto Nazareth. Then dinner and accommodation at the Sea of Galilee.

# Day 4: A Day in Galilee

After breakfast, visit the Mount of Beatitudes and go on a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Then to Capernaum and then Yardenit (Baptismal site).

# Day 5: Depart Galilee for Qumran/Salt Sea

Departing the Galilee to visit Beit Shean. Then via Jordan Valley to the Qumran and to the Dead Sea.

# Day 6: Masada and En Gedi

Climb by cable car to visit Masada (Herod's fortress and last point of Jewish resistance against the Romans) and Ein Gedi (David's hideout from Saul).

# Day 6 (cont.): Ascend to Jerusalem

On our way to Jerusalem, ride camels through the desert to Abraham's tent for lunch. Then onto the city of gold, Jerusalem, where we will view the old city from Mount Scopus, and the Western Wall. Spending the remaining nights in Jerusalem.

### Day 7: Tour Old City of Jerusalem!

Mount of Olives, Palm Sunday Pary to Garden of Gethsemane, Holy Sepulcher, Upper room, Caiaphas' House, Jewish Quarter and more time for shopping.

#### Day 8: New City of Jerusalem

View of Knesset, Israel Museum and 2nd Temple Period Model, City of David, Southern Steps of the Temple, Rabbis' Tunnel, Western Wall, Jewish Quarter.

# Day 9: Final day in Jerusalem

The Garden Tomb - Afternoon free for shopping, visit the Old City, if desired. Farewell Dinner at the Hotel.

# Day 10: Leaving Jerusalem

Return Flight to North America with many great memories and a lot of pictures!









