

DAY 1
Departure from Philadelphia, PA, Newark, NJ or New York JFK. Meals will be served on board.

DAY 2
Arrival Tel Aviv Ben Gurion International Airport over the Mediterranean coastline, visible from both sides of the plane. Shalom, you are in Israel and will be assisted with Immigration and Customs by Epic Tours and their ground associates. Arriving around seven in the morning, transfer by deluxe coach to tour Jaffa, Caesarea and Mt. Carmel. Drive along the Mediterranean coast to view the stately, ancient ruins of Caesarea. Visit the Roman amphitheater where Paul stood trial. Cornelius, the first Gentile of the Church-age was saved as he met Peter here. Continue to Haifa to see Elijah's Cave and enjoy the view from Mt. Carmel. Continue to the hotel for dinner and overnight on the shores of the Sea of Galilee in Tiberias.

DAY 3
After a sumptuous Israeli breakfast buffet on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, drive to the Valley of Jezreel, the prophetic future site of Armageddon. The archaeological site of Megiddo is one of Solomon's chariot cities where twenty civilizations can be observed stacked up in the ruins. Continue to Nazareth, Mary's Well and Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle. A breathtaking view of the Sea of Galilee returns us to the land where Jesus walked. Dinner and overnight on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

DAY 4
After another great Israeli breakfast buffet, step aboard the boat for a calm cruise on the sea and an incredible worship service. Disembark at Ginosar for a trip to Korazin, an authentic site where our Lord preached as recorded in Matthew 11:21-24. In Capernaum, we visit the home of the Apostle Peter where Jesus healed his mother-in-law. A few footsteps away, we visit the ancient synagogue where Jesus taught. Continue to Tabgha, the site of the multiplication of the fishes and loaves. Lunch time provides an opportunity to enjoy St. Peter's fish. A short bus ride takes us to the Mount of Beatitudes where we hear the words of Jesus on the mount where he first spoke them. Complete the day at the Jordan River Baptismal site where many will chose to be baptized. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5
Leaving Galilee, drive to Beit Shean to visit one of the best preserved Roman Amphitheaters in Israel. Extensive excavations have uncovered eighteen layers of civilization. Ancient Beit Shan is where King Saul's body was nailed to the wall. Continue south toward Jericho, observing the city from the coach. Travel along the site of Qumran and view the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered by a shepherd boy. Continue south toward Masada through the wilderness of Judea where you will ascend by cable car to the fortress built by King Herod the Great. See the remains of Herod's Palace, the Apartments, Baths, Storehouses and cisterns. It was here the Jewish Zealots made their last stand against the Roman Legions from 70-73 AD. Descend from Masada with a stunning view of the Dead Sea. Continue north toward Ein Gedi where David hid from King Saul. After leaving the lowest point on earth (1360 feet below sea level), again passing Qumran to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Leaving the lowest spot on planet earth, continue toward Jericho, and then, ascend to Jerusalem, the City of God. Relax at the hotel with a spectacular Israeli buffet dinner and try to absorb your first night in Jerusalem.

DAY 6
The first day in Jerusalem begins with a drive to the Mount of Olives where the New Testament comes alive. A breathtaking view of Jerusalem from the Garden of Gethsemane places the Biblical events in perspective. Visit the Church of All Nations and pray in the Garden of Gethsemane with a grand view of the Eastern Gate and the Kidron Valley. After lunch, arrive at Mount Zion. Visit the room of the Last Supper, the site of the Upper Room, the Tomb of King David and the House of Caiaphas. If time permits, proceed to the Knesset (the Israeli House of Parliament) and to the Shrine of the Book to view the Dead Sea Scrolls. Visit the Holy Land Model to view Jerusalem as it was in the time of Christ. Return to the hotel for dinner.

DAY 7
Today, visit to the Garden Tomb and Gordon's Calvary where Jesus was crucified, buried and resurrected. A Communion service is available for our group as we overlook the Tomb. Proceed to the Holy City. The walls enclose many of the Holy sites. Walking through the Dung Gate, we approach the Temple area on Mount Moriah. Visit the Western Wall, and then up to the Dome of the Rock enclosing the Rock of Sacrifice. Exit the Temple Mount at the Eastern Gate and walk through the colorful bazaars in Old Jerusalem. After lunch, visit the Church of Saint Anne, the Pool of Bethesda, the Lithostrotos and Pilate's Judgment Hall. Continue through the old city to meet the coach for the return to the hotel.

DAY 8
Begin the tour of old Jerusalem with a visit to the Temple Institute where preparations are being made for the Third Temple. Garments and Instruments can be seen and the lecture is informative. Continue through the Jewish Quarter of the city to see Nehemiah's Wall that was fortified by the Jews during the first Temple period (586 B.C.) After lunch, drive to Bethlehem; visit the Shepherd's Fields, the Church of the Nativity, and the fields of Boaz and Ruth. Board the coach for our border crossing at the Allenby Bridge. After clearing immigration and customs, transfer into a deluxe coach to begin the tour of Biblical sites in the country of Jordan. After a twenty minute drive, arrive at the hotel, a five star resort and spa on the shores of the Dead Sea.

DAY 9
After breakfast, drive to Jerash to visit the incredible Roman city built over 2000 years ago. Arrive in time for a re-enactment of chariot races and gladiators at the Hippodrome (visit the website www.jerashchariots.com). Travel to Madaba, the Biblical Medeba for a visit to a church built over the 6th century mosaic map of the Holy Land. Drive to Mt. Nebo to view the mountains of Israel and the Promise Land as Moses did just before he died. Continue south for dinner and overnight on the Dead Sea at the hotel. Relax with a swim/float in the Dead Sea.

DAY 10
Leaving the Dead Sea, travel on the Kings Highway, the path of Moses and the children of Israel on their way to Caanan Land. Drive toward Kerak via Wadi El Mujeb, the Grand Canyon of the MiddleEast. View the magnificent Crusader fortresses. Their history goes back long before the Crusaders; the earliest remains are Iron Age, shortly after the Exodus, when this was part of Moab and its doom was prophesied by Isaiah (16:7), who mentions its 'raisencakes', presumably a local speciality. Continue on to Petra for a day of touring the Red Rock City, considered to be the eighth wonder of the world, a complete city carved in colored sandstone. Enter the Nabatean city of Petra on foot, by horseback or horse-drawn carriage to experience the breathtaking Treasury, the Palace of Justice and other amazing and spectacular sites. After passing back through the Siq, the natural gorge, board the coach to return to the hotel on the Dead Sea.

DAY 11
We will request a late check-out so you can enjoy a swim in the Dead Sea, rest and relax at the hotel. We will have mid-afternoon departure for your transfer across the border to Israel and continue to Ben Gurion International Airport. Breakfast will be provided but you will be on your own for lunch and dinner. The airport at Tel Aviv has an array of restaurants while you wait for departure shortly after midnight.

DAY 12
After clearing security, at Ben Gurion International Airport, we will board the flight to USA.

NOTE: Sequence of sites visited may be adjusted to accommodate local opening and/or closing time limitations as well as flight changes as dictated by the airlines (arrival/departure). Epic Tours reserves the right to change the itinerary or omit sites based on schedule requirements or local conditions.