



Dear Friends,

On behalf of Iowa Catholic Radio and myself, I'd like to invite you to join us for our winter/spring tour to Jerusalem and the Holy Land for a time of worship and devotion in the places Jesus walked and ministered. We will be in the footsteps of Jesus! The Bible will come alive to you as we travel this ancient land! We will worship as we sail on the Sea of Galilee where Jesus invited Peter to walk on water, dip our toes in the Jordan River, and go to the Upper Room. We will also go into Jericho and see where the walls fell, as well as Bethlehem where the shepherds visited the King in the manger, and MUCH more! Everywhere we go, there will be time for scriptures and prayer, as we worship the Lord in HIS land!

A priest will be joining us and we will celebrate daily mass in the land of Jesus! It will be my privilege to be your host in Israel and Jerusalem, and I will be with you every step of the way! This trip is ALL inclusive! That means EVERYTHING is included in the price. This trip includes air fare, all hotels, 3 meals a day, all tips, tour guides, daily transportation and entrance fees! We have worked to make this an affordable and GREAT tour!

I'm looking forward to you joining us, and don't forget....*it makes a difference who you go with!!*

~Barbara Heil

Itinerary: (subject to change)

Day 1: USA to Israel

We begin our journey as we depart for our flight to Israel. Shalom!

Day 2: Israel

We are greeted at the airport by our guide and board our bus to drive to Tel Aviv to see the ancient port of Jaffa where Jonah boarded ship and where Peter had his vision. Then we are off to our hotel for a much needed night's sleep!

Day 3: Ceasarea, Mt Carmel/Nazareth/Galilee

We begin the day at the ancient Roman seaport of Ceasarea where Paul was imprisoned before going to Rome. We ascend Mt. Carmel where Elijah fought with the prophets of Ba'al, overlooking the Valley of Armageddon. From there we will go to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, to see the Church of the Annunciation, and Mary and Joseph's house. Leaving, we head to Nain where Jesus raised the widow's son before continuing to Tiberius on the shores of Galilee where we check into our hotel that will be home for the next couple of days.

Day 4: Sea of Galilee / Capernaum/ Ceasarea Philippi

We start the day with a morning boat ride on the Sea of Galilee for a time of prayer and worship! We will cross to Magdala, the home of Mary Magdalene where we will see the recently excavated synagogue where Jesus preached, and continue to Capernaum, seeing the home of Peter and the headquarters of Jesus' ministry. We will continue to the site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes and then to the place where Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" We then drive north to Ceasarea Philippi where Peter declared Jesus was the Christ. Returning to the Galilee, we will stop in Jordan Park to dip into the waters of the Jordan River. We will stop at the Sea of Galilee and the Mount of Beatitudes, the site of the Sermon on the Mount before returning to our hotel.

Day 5: Galilee/Cana/Mt Tabor/Jordanian border/Jerusalem

After an early breakfast, we begin the day with prayer at the Mt of Beatitudes if not the day before. Then we head to Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle of turning water into wine, and where we can renew our wedding vows! From there we drive the winding road up Mt Tabor with its spectacular view of the Galilee region, and where Jesus was transfigured before his disciples. We will drive south through the Jordan Valley, to Jericho and where we will view the wilderness where Elijah, John and Baptist and Jesus spent so much time. We will view the mountain of Temptation, and see where the walls of Jericho fell. Next we will enjoy a Biblical Feast dinner at Genesis Land before making our ascent into Jerusalem, the City of the Great King!

Day 6: Jerusalem/Mt Zion

After another great Israeli breakfast, we ascend the Mount of Olives to marvel at the spectacular view of the Holy City of Jerusalem. We will walk to the Chapel of the Lord's prayer, and to the chapel of the Ascension. From there we will continue to the Church of Dominus Flevit, also known as Tear Drop Church, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. We go down the hill to the beautiful Church of All Nations and the Garden of Gethsemane for a time of prayer where Jesus endured his agony and was arrested. From here we cross the Kidron Valley and continue to Mt. Zion, just outside the City walls, to St Peter in Gallicantu, the home of the High Priest where Jesus was imprisoned, and where Peter denied the Lord. We walk to the Upper Room where the Holy Spirit descended! And then King David's tomb. At sundown we will visit the Jewish quarter of the Old City and the Western Wall, part of the wall of Solomons Temple, to observe Shabbat, (the sabbath) and where you may wish to write your prayers on a slip of paper to insert into the stones.

Day 7: Dead Sea/Masada/Jericho

Descend from Jerusalem to the Judean Desert toward the Dead Sea, going by the Inn of the Good Samaritan. We continue to Masada, where Herod built his magnificent fortress and where the Jewish Zealots took their last stand after the destruction of the temple in 70 AD. From there we go to Ein Gedi, the caves where David hid from Saul. We will stop for lunch at a resort on the Dead Sea so you can dip into the waters. Next stop is the Qumron caves where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered. We will stop for mass in Bethany to see where Lazarus was raised before continuing to our hotel.

Day 8: Jerusalem

Today we enter the Old City of Jerusalem and spend time at the Western Wall, the holiest place of the Jews, where the great temples of Solomon and Herod once stood. We then go up to the Temple Mount and see the place Abraham would have sacrificed Isaac, where Jesus ministered, and where the ancient Jewish temples stood. We continue our walking tour to the Pool of Bethesda, St Anne's Church (the birthplace of Mary) and then the Chapel of Flagellation, and the Ecce Homo as we walk down the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We'll enjoy a beautiful lunch on the rooftop in the Old City and then have some time to shop and explore before going to the Israel Museum where we view a model of ancient Jerusalem.

Day 9: Jerusalem/Bethlehem

In the morning we cross into the West Bank into Bethlehem, where God became flesh. We will visit Shepherds field and the Church of the Nativity, where St Jerome and St Catherine are buried. We will drive through Ela Valley where David fought Goliath on our way to Ein Karem and the Church of the Visitation and then enjoy our farewell dinner and freshen up before heading to our overnight flight home, bidding farewell to the Holy Land!

Day 10: Home

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