



## HOLYLAND *6 Days / 5 nights*

### Day 1: Arrival

Meet & assist at Queen Alia International airport drive to Sheikh Hussein Bridge and after passport formalities we proceed to Nazareth Check in at hotel dinner & overnight.

### DAY 2: Sea of Galilee/Mt.of Beatitudes/Capernaum/Cana/Nazareth

After early morning breakfast we start by taking a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee. Later drive up to Mount Beatitudes to visit the octagonal church commemorating the eight beatitudes. Continue to Tabgha one of the most important sites of Christ's ministry in Galilee where He did much of His preaching. Then on to the site of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes to visit the Church built in the 1980s over the spot from which Jesus Christ fed 5000 followers with five loaves and two fish. We will also visit the Church of the Primacy of St Peter nearby to the east on the lakeside. The black basalt Franciscan chapel is built on the site where Jesus is said to have appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection.

We then drive to Capernaum on the northern shoreline of the Sea of Galilee to visit the site where Jesus preached healed the sick and performed many miracles.

In the afternoon we drive to the Church of the Wedding in Kufur Cana in the Galilee built by the Franciscans to commemorate the first miracle of Jesus where he turned water into wine at the wedding feast. Continue to Nazareth, the town where Jesus grew

up. Our visit will begin with the Basilica of the Annunciation, built over Mary's House walk across the courtyard to St. Joseph's home and workshop.

Later drive to Yardenit to visit the Baptismal sight.

Return to our hotel in Nazareth in the evening for dinner and overnight.

### DAY 3: Mt. Tabor/Haifa/Caesarea

After breakfast & check out we start by driving to Mt. Tabor to visit the sight of the Transfiguration. Later drive to Haifa and visit Mt. Carmel Stella Maris and the Bahai Hanging Gardens.

Drive to Caesarea by the shores of the Mediterranean Sea visiting the ancient Roman Aqueducts & Crusaders' Sight.

Drive to Bethlehem check in dinner and overnight

### DAY 4: Jerusalem

We start our day after breakfast by driving to the Mount of Olives visiting the Mosque of the Ascension, the Church of the Paternoster where Christ had taught the Disciples the Lord's Prayer and enjoying magnificent views of the Dome of the Rock and Old City.

Proceed on foot through the Palm Sunday road to the chapel of Dominus Flevit meaning "The Lord wept", visit the Church of all Nations also known as the Church of the Agony built over the rock in the garden of Gethsemane on which it is believed Christ prayed the night before he was arrested.

After visiting the Garden of Gethsemane we proceed on foot to visit of the beautiful Crusader church of St. Anne's where Anne & Joachim the parents of the Virgin Mary lived have our box lunch in the Bethesda Gardens.

After lunch we go through Ecce Homo Arch that spans the via Dolorosa for the 14 Stations of the Cross linked with events that occurred on Christ's last fateful walk. The last five Stations are all within the Holy Sepulcher church.

The Roman Emperor Constantine the Great built the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on what was thought to be the sepulcher of Jesus in 326 – 335, near Calvary. According to Christian legend, the Tomb of Jesus and the True Cross were discovered at that site by the Empress Helena, mother of Constantine, in 325.

We then proceed through the Jewish old quarter to the western Wall (Wailing Wall) and view Al-Aksa Mosque.

Return to the hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

## Day 5: Jerusalem/Western Wall/Al-Aksa Mosque/Bethlehem

After breakfast we drive to Jerusalem to visit the Dormition Abbey, Room of the Last Supper Tomb of David and St. Peter in Gallicantu.

Drive to the Dead Sea for a dip and then to Jericho to visit the Sycamore tree and Mount of Temptation.

We then return to Bethlehem and visit the Shepherds' Fields where according to tradition the Angels appeared to shepherds to announce the birth of Jesus.

Proceed to the Church of the Nativity, the birth place of Jesus Christ. We will visit the Church of St Catherine built on the site of the 12th Century Augustinian Monastery, the Manger Crusader's Cloister and the Grotto of St. Jerome.

The Milk Grotto a few minutes walk from the Manger Square is

considered sacred because tradition has it that the Holy Family took refuge here during the Massacre of the Innocents before their flight to Egypt.

Just off the Manger Sq. in an old Palestinian house the Arab Women's Union mounted a small and interesting museum with typical embroidery Silver jewelry old photographs oil lamps and other items of a by gone Era. Traditional hand made embroidery is on sale here.

Return to Hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

## DAY 6: Madaba/Mount Nebo/Amman

After breakfast & check out transfer to Jordan from Allenby Border crossing.

Drive to Mount Nebo which rises at the end of the long chain skirting the Dead Sea and offers spectacular views of the Jordan River. It was from here that Moses saw the Promised Land just before he died. Visit the old Church on top of the mountain drive to the City of Amman stopping in Madaba to visit the Churches of the Moabite city. The main attraction is the fabulous mosaic map housed in St. George's Church in the town centre.

Carry on to Queen Alia International Airport for flight back home.