

opened in 2008. It is Israel's main Holocaust remembrance and education center. We will also go to the very moving Children's Memorial, dedicated in memory of the over one million children killed by the Nazis during the war, the Hall of Remembrance, the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles, and the Valley of the Communities.

**WEDNESDAY: TEL AVIV & TRAVEL**

The sun rises this morning on our last day in Jerusalem and in Israel! We have saved some wonderful and amazing sites for you to see on this day, and we'll start at the Machal Monument. This is a tribute to the volunteers who came to Israel from all over the world in the turbulent years of 1947 and 1948, and volunteered their assistance so that Israel might come

into existence. We'll sit by the monument and hear the stories of some of these brave men and women, Jewish and non-Jewish alike, who put their lives on the line to help people in need.

Afterward we'll go to a forest where we will have the opportunity to leave a little bit of ourselves in the soil of the Holy Land. You'll be able to plant a tree there with your own hands in honor or memory of a parent, spouse, or child, leaving behind something alive in their honor or memory. And finally, an under-ground secret factory will be our last stop. This factory operated from 1946 to 1948 and was instrumental in saving the Jewish army during those formative and turbulent years. From there we'll go to a restaurant for dinner, and then sadly, it's on to the airport for our return home.



**THURSDAY: RETURN HOME**

We arrive back in Houston this afternoon filled with thanks to Jenny and Dave Steane for their leadership and superb guidance, and with memories of an experience we will never forget!

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Deluxe Motor coaches, hotel accommodations, daily breakfast and dinner as described in the brochure, gratuities for provided meals, professional tour guide, tips for hotel porters and fully escorted service. The land and air package includes International round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge, taxes and security fees, and overseas transfers.

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE**

Travel insurance; tips for guide and driver; miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers, passports, laundry, lunches, and beverages at meals

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

A deposit of \$500 per person is required (\$300 is refundable).  
 The next payment of \$1700 is due February 15 (fully refundable).  
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 The remaining balance is due July 15. At this date, all deposits become non-refundable. Registrations past this date are subject to late fees as described below.

**LATE REGISTRATIONS**

Any registration received after the final payment date (July 15) will be considered a Late Add, and will incur a late payment fee of \$100. Late registrants may also incur higher fees based on air and land availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

**PRICE INCREASES**

All prices quoted are subject to change due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fee increases

or unforeseen circumstances. You will be notified immediately upon discovery of an increase and will have the option of paying the difference or cancelling with full refund. Current price includes fuel and tax surcharges as of November 15, 2018.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Price is based on double occupancy. If you request a single occupancy, there is a single supplement of \$1450.

**FLIGHT TIMES**

All flight times are subject to change by the airline without advance notice. ODYSSEY\* is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays.

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100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Insurance program provided premium has been paid and the reason of cancellation is insurable.

**PASSPORT**

Passports must be valid to at least May 15, 2020 and beyond.

**FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT**

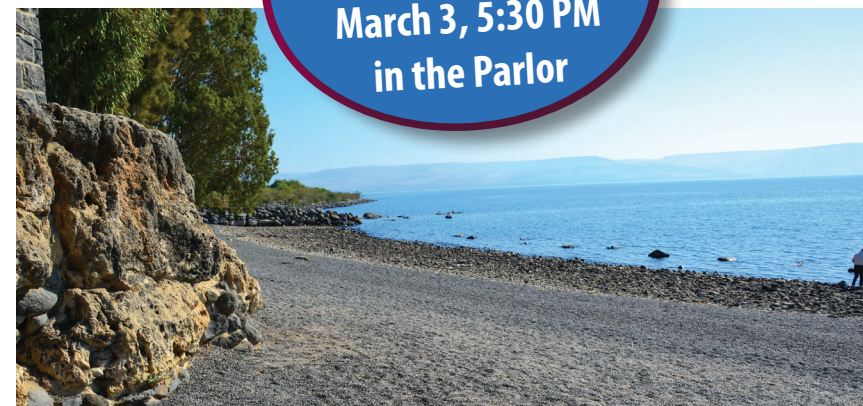
Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing wheelchairs, oxygen, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. If you have questions please contact ODYSSEY\* for more details.

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Registration forms are available at [Israel.mdpc.org](http://Israel.mdpc.org), or from Gena Kooken, and must accompany your first deposit. Send forms to Gena care of MDPC (11612 Memorial Dr., Houston, 77024) or contact her at [gkooken@mdpc.org](mailto:gkooken@mdpc.org) or 713-953-2581.



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In truth, it's impossible to go to Israel and not have it touch your soul and change your life. Most people come back and say that while they've traveled all over the world, this was their trip of a lifetime. It's not hard to see why, when you find yourself walking in the footsteps

of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Jesus, St. Peter, and St. Paul. Every place your foot touches is a walk through history! The opportunity to visit the places you have studied all of your life is an incredible experience. Our planned itinerary is outlined below.

#### **SATURDAY: JERUSALEM**

Kings and prophets, emperors and sultans, presidents and prime ministers, rabbis, bishops, and sheiks have all left their mark on Jerusalem. This morning we'll be both charmed and moved as we stroll through the Old City that has stood here for nearly 3000 years.

We'll drive to the Mt. of Olives for a magnificent panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem. Next we'll visit the Chapel of the Ascension and Pater Noster, before continuing down to the Church of All Nations near the Garden of Gethsemane. We'll enter the Old City via St. Stephen's Gate and pass the Pools of Bethesda.

We then walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which contains the last five Stations of the Cross.

#### **SUNDAY: MASADA/DEAD SEA**

We leave Jerusalem and enter the Judean Desert. We're on our way to the Dead Sea, the ancient hill-top fortification of Masada. It was on the summit of Masada, in 73 CE, that Jewish zealots made their last stand against Roman rule. Masada was also the Winter Palace of King Herod, and one can still see the incredible opulence of what he built on a mountain-top in the desert. Today, the remnants of the fortress with its palaces and public baths are testament to a 2,000 year old civilization. This is your chance to swim in the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth, and the saltiest body of water in the world. Due to the composition of the water, you will float like a cork.

#### **MONDAY: JERUSALEM**

We will ride from our Hotel in the new city of Jerusalem some 15 blocks and some 3,000 years to the Walled City of Old Jerusalem. First we'll get an overview of the City and then a brief history lesson as we sit outside the Jaffa Gate, the main entrance into the Old City.

We'll also walk through the newly rebuilt Jewish Quarter to view the Byzantine Cardo and the Herodian mansion. We'll stop for lunch in the Jewish Quarter, then walk to the Western Wall and on to the remains of the Second Temple, destroyed by the Romans in the year 66 A.D. We'll visit the excavations on the Southern side of the Temple Mount and sit on the actual steps that led up to the Temple. From there we'll go to the Church of St. Peter in Galacantu, which is Latin for "cock's crow." This commemorates Peter's triple rejection of Jesus "before the cock crows twice." St. Peter's is also believed to be the location of the High Priest Caiaphas' palace. In the lower level are various caves or crypts, and many believe that Jesus may have been imprisoned in one of these caves or crypts after his arrest.

#### **TUESDAY: JERUSALEM**

Our first visit this morning will be to the new Friends of Zion museum. This was very recently built by Christian friends of Israel. It tells the magnificent story of Christian friends from over the past 200 years who were in the forefront of promoting and campaigning for a Jewish state to return to the land of Israel. The museum is state of the art, and an award-winning presentation. From there we'll go to the Garden Tomb, which is considered by many Christians to be the site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. We'll take a break for lunch and then will be going to Yad Vashem to visit the very moving, new Holocaust museum that was

#### **SUNDAY: TRAVEL**

Today we leave Houston on the beginning of our journey that will take us nearly 15,000 miles and 5,000 years!

#### **MONDAY: TEL AVIV**

What an unforgettable feeling, looking down as we fly in from the Mediterranean for your first view of the land of Israel. You see the hustling, bustling city of modern Tel Aviv, which soon gives way to the gently rolling hills and farms off the coast of the country where Ben Gurion airport is situated. Our bus will meet us at the airport and take us the short ride into Tel Aviv. We'll check into our hotel and have dinner there that evening.

#### **TUESDAY: CAESARIA**

Our first stop will be Independence Hall, where in 1948 David Ben Gurion declared the State of Israel. We'll hear a superb introduction to the history of the past 100 years in the region. We'll head north out of Tel Aviv and drive to Caesaria. The city was built by Herod the Great in honor of his friend and patron, Augustus Caesar. Under Herod, the city became the largest and most opulent city in the entire region. Caesaria boasts an aqueduct, a hippodrome, for chariot racing, and a grand amphitheater in which plays and concerts are still held today. All of which we

will see! And he constructed the largest deep water port on the Mediterranean coast.

From there we'll go up the coast to the Carmelite Monastery. That is built upon the traditional site where Elijah the prophet fought the prophets of the idol, Baal. After a full, first day, we'll then drive to Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee, where we'll spend the next three nights.

#### **WEDNESDAY: GALILEE**

Today we'll visit some of the most important sites in the Galilee. We'll start the day at the Mt. of Beatitudes, which is the traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount. Inside the church hangs the cloak from Pope Paul VI's 1964 visit. Then we'll go down to the Sea of Galilee where we will board a wooden boat designed to be very similar to the wooden fishing boats of Jesus' time. The rhythm of the boat on the water will hearken you back to the time Jesus walked on these very waters. The day is still not over, as we drove to Megiddo, the biblical city called "Armageddon" in the Book of Revelation, where the last battle will take place at the End of Days. Finally, we'll drive to Nazareth, where we will visit the Nazareth Christian Village, an open-air museum that reconstructs and re-enacts village life in Galilee in the time of Jesus.

#### **THURSDAY: GALILEE/GOLAN HEIGHTS**

Today we'll first go to see a boat discovered in the Sea of Galilee from the time of Jesus.

Then we'll visit Tabgha, where Jesus' miracle of the Multiplication of the Fish and Loaves is illustrated beautifully in an ancient mosaic in the Byzantine church that stands there. Our next stop will be Capernaum, known as Jesus' town, and where Jesus taught. From there we'll go up onto the Golan Heights. First we'll look down from the Heights back into Israel. Then we'll cross the Heights and see the Syrian army bunkers left there, and Har Ben-Tal, for an incredible view into Syria, the Golan Heights, and Mt. Hermon.

#### **FRIDAY: JORDAN VALLEY, BETHLEHEM**

Today we leave Tiberias, traveling down through the Jordan Valley, along the Jordan River. Our first stop will be at the Yardenit baptismal site on the Jordan River, where we'll actually go into the Jordan. Then we'll go to see the excavated city of Beit She'an, one of the largest cities of the time. We'll end the day in Bethlehem at the Church of the Nativity, and then travel to Jerusalem.

#### **WHAT'S INCLUDED:**

- Deluxe Hotels
- 9 Full days of touring
- Bountiful Israeli breakfast every day
- Dinner every evening
- Gratuities for all included meals
- Deluxe air-conditioned motorcoaches
- The BEST Tour Guide in Israel
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